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CDE NELSON MANDELA  
POLSMOOR PRISON  
PRIVATE BAG CAPE TOWN  
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DEAR COMRADE NELSON MANDELA

WE EXPRESS OUR CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASSION OF YOUR SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

IT PAINS US TO REALISE THAT THIS REMARKABLE DAY YOU MEET IN A PRISON CHAMBER WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN THROWN BY THE RACISTS MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO. BY YOUR DETERMINATION AND COURAGE, BY FIRM ADHERENCE TO THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM YOU HAVE CHALLENGED THE DISGRACEFUL SYSTEM OF APARTHEID.

YOU HAVE BECOME A SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE TOWARDS THE RACIST TYRANNY, HAVE SHOWN TO THE ENTIRE WORLD AN INFLEXIBLE ASPIRATION FOR LIBERTY BY THE OPPRESSED SOUTH AFRICA'S PEOPLE THEIR DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY. YOUR COMRADES IN THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATIONS OF THE COUNTRY ARE CARRYING OUT THE JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE CREATION OF SUCH A SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, BLACK OR WHITE WOULD LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY. WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS.

THE SOVIET PEOPLE RESOLUTELY DEMAND YOUR RELEASE, COMRADE MANDELA, RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIGHTERS AGAINST APARTHEID IS INVARIABLE.

I FIRMLY SQUEEZE YOUR HAND.

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