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photograph taken during the conference in Cambridge in April
i 1991. I was over-joyed to hear from you and, the photograph
i recalled so vividly the circumstances in which we met.
Indeed that was a very good conference and James Curry did
- a good job compiling and editing the papers that were
, presented there. The book: AFRICA: THIRTY YEARS ON, is
3 very well bound and should be useful reference material
for every University Library, and Researchers on the
continent.

Had I received your letter before the 20th May I would have
arranged to see you during the. 4 days I was in London
about the 8th June, or alternatively I would have contacted
i you by phone. But that now is behind us and it is
' unfortunate that we couldn't take advantage of my presence
in London.

I was in Europe for a 3 weeks holiday mixed with business,
and during that 23 weeks news about South Africa was very
difficult to come by. British papers carried in big block
letters across pages: WORLD NEWS and there was not a word
about South Africa. I then remarked: According to the
British Media South Africa is not part of the world. Of
course I was proved wrong within a few days. The Boipatong
shock reverberated throughout the world and then the
breakdown of relations between the Nationalist Party
Government and the ANC as well as the collapse of CODESA.

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Dear Helen

Thanks ever so much for yours of 23 June 1992 and our
The People Shall Govern!

At the time of writing the negotiations have not yet been brought on track but efforts are being made at the highest level by business and religious leaders to get things moving again. I hope the government. will realise its errors in rejecting the opportunities at CODESA 2 when the ANC then bent backwards to meet the government.

I realised while I was in Europe that governments were telling the people that apartheid was a thing of the past in South Africa. That approach on their part was quite understandable, but. when the Anti-Apartheid Movement also fell into the trap and some of its supporters started losing interest, that was dangerous and we will have to do everything tx) get the people to realise that apartheid is still a long way from dying. We require all our friends to put in a lot of effort to pressurise the Nationalist Party Government to move towards democracy in the country. I am happy that people like you are so clear about the task that yet lies ahead for all freedom-loving peoples throughout the world. Racism (apartheid) must be destroyed.

By the way in May last I launched my latest publication after last years' LEARNING FROM ROBBEN ISLAND: This is THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION IN SOUTH AFRICA - SHORT HISTORY. This will also be available in the United Kingdom from James Curry.

My phone no. during office hours as well as my fax no. and address are as shown above. My phone no. at home after office hours is 444849 (041). I do hope that someday we will meet here or elsewhere.

Very best wishes

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