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ON THE OCCASION OF THE HONORARY DEGREE AWARD BY HAVERFORD COLLEGE, PHILADELPHIA

* The President, Mr. Robert Stevens, the College Board of Managers, friends from the International Community, ladies and gentlemen, the Religious Society of Friends, the Quakers who founded this College in 1833, I humbly thank you for conferring upon me this honor which I will now have a duty to measure up to under the most difficult conditions in the history of my troubled land.

* It is only logical for me to ask myself who am I to deserve such honor particularly as the racist laws of my country are such that every sphere of our lives has suffered gross individual erosion of democratic freedoms which are characteristic of a normal free society, i.e., through which free activities an individual engaged in a liberation struggle can prove his worth.

Haverford College is the Oxford or Cambridge of the United States, an outstanding academic institution intellectually in your land. It is with great pride that I on behalf of my people the fellow freedom fighters inside South Africa and those in exile, and above all the women, who are more oppressed than any community in my country and on behalf of whom I humbly accept this award. I thank you and assure you I shall continue my humble contribution side by side with all who cherish freedom.

May 17, 1982