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Dear Jerry,

Thanks very much for your fax, which I received today. I'm delighted that I may get the chance to interview Mr Mandela, and I should also very much like to meet Mr Thabo Mbeki.

I spoke to Eileen McClelland this afternoon, and plan to write something on the Nelson Mandela Reception Committee next week. I realise how busy yOu must be, so please don't reply to this fax, and I shall keep in touch with developments through Eileen. Howgver, I'll let you know if I decide to go to South Africa on a reporting trip, which seems quite likely.

Meanwhile, thanks again fer all your help, and I hope to see you again soon.

Best wishes.

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