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Dear Mr. Mbeki,

I have asked Barbara to pass on these materials to you in the hope that you will hand them to Oliver Tanibo at your convenience.

I had hoped to give them to him when he was recently in Washington, but the snowy weather prevented me from attending any of your functions.

I was very pleased with the outcome of your visit to Washington, D.C. I think American policy makers are beginning to appreciate the ANC's role in the South African struggle. At the same time, there remains a lot of educational and political work to be done. American journalists especially do not have a clear understanding of the South African scene, and I hope the ANC will expand its presence and visibility in Washington as a way of building support for your efforts and countering the negative images created by the propaganda of the right.

If I can be of any assistance, I would be glad to be of help.

Sincerely yours,

April 1, 1987.

Dear Dr Edgar,

Thank you very much for your letter dated February 27 which Barbara passed on to me together with the one addressed to the President, as well as the Mda-Lembede photograph. We will hand the latter two to the President as soon as he returns. I am certain he will be most pleased to see the photo. I do not know how you manage to dig up such gems!

Sorry to have missed you in Washington. Our own feeling is that the visit to the US was fairly successful and came at the right time.

It does seem that the governing circles in the US have atlast come to understand that they have to approach the ANC with some seriousness. I agree with you that a lot of educational and political work remains to be done. We count on you to assist us in this process. In the end the truth must triumph. I am certain we shall be coming back to you with some more concrete results.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
THABO MBEKI.

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