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Dear Mr. Nelson Mandela:

Let me first of all express our heartfelt congratulatory message to you upon your awaiggd freedom. We were very much impressed of your release.

We represent Japan's'sole public broadcasting corporation named,4 Japan Broadcasting Corporation, which has the Inost credibility in. Japan as well as the having the only nationwide network around the country. . Especially in our department of News, we are proud of the high quality programs we have been able to provide our audience.

Both the Japanese government and our organization strongly believe that the Apartheid system will be abolished.

And in that connection we would like to take the liberty of requesting you to accept our interview.

In the speech you made to the public right after your release, you had called on the other countries to continue their sanctions against the South African government. As you know, Japan's trade volume with South Africa in 1987 was No.1 in the world, and in 1988 decreased to second position. Although we Japanese realize that Apartheid system is not a desirable thing, since we are so geographically far from you, we do not know what specific measures we can take to be helpful for your cause.

Prime Minister Thatcher of Great Britain said that now that Mr. Mandela is freed, there is no need for further economic sanctions.

And in Japan there are some debate Engt the economic sanctions further disadvantage the poor black AfricansAthan of the White population.

. (go we would like to meet you in person to confirm these matters.

We would like for you to take this opportunity to appeal to our Japanese audience how best we could assist the South African population.

And we would like to be a partner in promoting further movements towards abolishing the Apartheid system which is now becoming the focus of our attention. 5 '

We would request that you grant us about 20-30 minutes for the interview. We believe it will give a d impact to the whole of the Japanese society if this is realized. We believe that a timely and early execution of such an interview will be quite effective.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding this matter.

Respectfully'Yours,

Shin Nimura, Reporter . Emi Komiya, Producer for News .