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To: The Office of
Mr. Nelson MANDELA,
President of the ANC,
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Date: 7 November, 1991

Re:

Subject: Request by Mr. Björn EKBLOM, Ambassador of Finland,
for an appointment with Mr. MANDELA at the earliest
possible opportunity

Mr. Björn EKBLOM, Ambassador of Finland, assumed office on 1 October, 1991. He is the first full-fledged Ambassador of Finland to the Republic of South Africa. The Government of Finland decided this year to raise the level of our diplomatic representation as a step towards the normalization of the relations between Finland and South Africa. Behind this political decision is the trust in the irreversibility of the process of transition towards a new South Africa.

Ambassador Ekblom would very much appreciate getting an opportunity at your earliest convenience to meet with Mr. Mandela, to whom he would convey a message from the Prime Minister of Finland, Mr. Esko AHO.

Embassy of Finland

Finland has learnt that comrade President will be visiting the Nordic Countries in March or thereabouts and requests that Finland be included in tour arrangements.

DIA has informed the Ambassador that cde Mandela not available for appointments presently.

In the circumstances can comrade Deputy President receive the Ambassador of Finland.

Benny

DIA.

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