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Dr. Oliver Tambo
African National Congress
Lusaka, Zambia
Africa

Dear Dr. Tambo:

Let me introduce myself. My name is Don Frederick, and I live in Weaverville, California, U.S.A. I am very involved in the field of international diplomacy in a very quiet but profound way.

I consider myself a diplomat that recognizes all peoples and their right to exist within their cultures and political expressions.

This letter is an attempt to assist you and the black peoples of Southern Africa.

Approximately, one month ago I saw you on U.S. television, i.e., Ted Koppels, A.B.C. - TV's, Nightline. I was extremely impressed with you, your intelligence, presentation and wisdom.

I mentioned the program to a friend that I correspond with in Moskow, U.S.S.R., in that;

"He (Dr. Tambo) is a key player in the solution of South Africa; we should listen in detail and heart to what he is saying. Also, his, Dr. Tambo's mind is the connecting link that so aptly connects the disparity between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S."

"Dr. Tambo feels the soul of humanity. Let us both listen to what his heart is saying. We both might learn something."

"My friend, you and I have altered the future of the human race already. Let us continue. Let us all quickly move to stop doing what we have been doing, and move into a new future."

When I hear something to the effect, in regards, to South Africa being compared to that of a zebra and the injury of the white part brings a death to the black part, my soul is sickened.

I have raised a sickly child to health and I am pleased. It has put me to extreme tests. Now that my child is healthy I am seeing a sick world almost dying. I am trying to do for the world what I have done for my child; because if I don't my child will not have a world to live in, in the future.

When any child dies because of a man's greed or racial ego that is wrong; and I will try to find a way to stop him.

The tide of humanity is turning against P.W. Botha's regime and in favor of your side doctor. As you so aptly put it on Mr. Koppel's "Nightline".

"People are going to be people; no matter what, they shall evolve into what their mass conscience dictates in the end".

Why should the Black Africans suffer any longer? They should not. Why should everything be destroyed only to be replaced by more suffering. If the A.N.C. were to disregard Mr. Neo Mnumzana's rhetoric that I heard on Mr. Koppel's Nightline program; change its position slightly and incorporate and assimilate South Africa's economic system, I believe you would be extremely successful in your endeavors without the loss of life and bloodshed.

Yourself, Nelson Mandela, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu I see as the future Simon Bolivar's of Africa. Help your people prosper and let them evolve as their conscience dictates.

Apparently there is a vast wealth, (financially) involved. As I see it; this is why the likes of Mr. P.W. Botha are so desperately trying to hold on. Use this knowledge to your advantage.

Yes, apartheid should die, help that happen, but, no, your people and their prosperity should not die, also let that not happen.

Remember in your difficult days ahead, that, I truly admire and respect you.

In a moment of personal tranquility and solitude listen to John Lennon's song; "Imagine", you would enjoy it.

Your friend,

Don Frederick