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Dear Mr. Dalton,

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, has asked me to reply to your letter of September 28 concerning the case of Solomon Mahlangu.

While it remains true that the essential elements of the Government's general policy regarding representation do not seem to be present in this case, we instructed our Embassy to approach the South African Government on humanitarian grounds and to bring to the attention of South African authorities the concern of many Canadians about the unduly harsh sentence imposed on Mr. Mahlangu. We further expressed our hope that clemency would be granted. We were informed only that the South African authorities believed that all available evidence had been considered by the court and that the judicial process had taken its course. It remains to be seen whether the interventions on behalf of Mr. Mahlangu, including those of Canada, will have the desired effect.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allan N. Lever'.

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