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I have today received the attached letter from Mrs. Mandela. It is meant not only for me but for all those who cooperated with the Special Committee and the Centre against Apartheid in keeping alive the cause for which Mr. and Mrs. Mandela and many others have suffered extreme privations.

I hope Mrs. Mandela is on your Christmas and New Year list!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'E. S. Reddy'.

E. S. Reddy

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM MRS. NOMZAMO WINNIE MANDELA,
ADDRESSED TO MR. E. S. REDDY,
DIRECTOR OF CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID

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Our dearest friends,

At the completion of my third year in exile, I have reflected a great deal about those who have made it possible for me to pull through the experience without a flinch, because I knew that I had a pillar on which I could lean, pillars which gave me the necessary morale and strength to maintain our dignity in our blistering inferno of racial hatred.

I have tried the best I could to communicate with all such friends, one of which is you.

When you didn't hear from me, you must always know that it was because of a situation which is not of my making.

This is just a note to thank you for making it possible for me to know that I belong to a family of mankind and that I am convinced more than ever before that one day my husband and I and my people will express this gratitude in a befitting manner.

Have a happy X'mas and know that in turn I shall one day attach some significance to X'mas because you made it possible for me to think there is reality in life and that such reality will come to the masses of my people.

Your solidarity means so much to me.

Yours in the brotherhood of man and love to each member of your family.

Yours always,

Nomzamo Winnie Mandela