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DEAR FRIENDS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE TONIGHT.

I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE WITH YOU BUT CIRCUMSTANCES  
HAVE MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE.

I SHOULD BE WITH YOU IN TORONTO TONIGHT, AND TOGETHER:  
WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING. WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING MY RELEASE  
FROM JAIL. WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING A VICTORY OVER RACISM.  
WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING THE END OF APARTHEID, WE SHOULD BE  
CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF A FREE, DEMOCRATIC AND NON-RACIAL  
SOUTH AFRICA.

INSTEAD THAT CELEBRATION IS DELAYED. INSTEAD SO MUCH  
WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE.

MANY OF YOU CAMPAIGNED HARD FOR MY RELEASE FROM JAIL.  
WHEN I WALKED OUT OF PRISON IT WAS YOUR VICTORY AS MUCH AS  
IMINE. BUT MY RELEASE DID NOT MEAN THE END OF APARTHEID. THE  
SCARS OF APARTHEID RUN DEEP IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE RELEASE  
OF ONE MAN DOES NOT MEAN ALL THE PEOPLE ARE RELEASED FROM  
THE BURDEN OF THIS RACISM. THE WALK TO FREEDOM IS STILL LONG  
AND HARD. '

YES A START HAS BEEN MADE.. YES WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE  
SOME CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT OUR PEOPLE, MORE THAN EVER,  
NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT.

WHILE THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IS NOW TECHNICALLY  
UNBANNED INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA IT BEARS THE SCARS OF A SYSTEMATIC  
CAMPAIGN BY A SERIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO WIPE  
IT OFF THE FACE OF THE POLITICAL MAP. THIS CAMPAIGN HAS RANGED  
FROM MASS ARRESTS, TO OUTRIGHT MURDER. TO PROPERLY REPRESENT  
THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE 'PEOPLE WE NEED RE-BUILDING FROM THE  
GROUND UP. AT THIS STAGE OF THE STRUGGLE, HELPING THE ANC  
FULFILL ITS MANDATE INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA BECOMES AN EVEN HIGHER  
PRIORITY. -

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPACT OF YOUR EFFORTS AGAINST  
APARTHEID. IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN CANADA WHO HAVE HELPED  
FORCE THE ARCHITECTS OF APARTHEID TO RETHINK THEIR POLICIES.  
WE HAVE COME THIS FAR, LETS FINISH THE JOB.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT... YOUR COMMUNITY  
GROUPS, YOUR SCHOOL BOARDS, YOUR UNIVERSITIES, YOUR MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENTS, YOUR CHURCHES, YOUR TRADE UNIONS.. ALL OF YOU: '  
WHO HAVE STOOD UP WITH US AGAINST THE CRIME OF APARTHEID.  
UNTIL OUR PEOPLE ARE FREE, PRESSURE ON APARTHEID AND  
ALL ITS SUPPORTERS, MUST BE MAINTAINED. ONLY THEN CAN THE  
TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICA INTO A JUST SOCIETY TAKE PLACE.  
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, MY FRIENDS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

FOR NOW, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR TONIGHT'S CONCERT  
.... TO THE ACTORS WRITERS MUSICIANS AND TECHNICAL WORKERS  
.... TO THE RELEASE MANDELA COMMITTEE... AND THROUGH YOU 555  
TO ALL CANADIANS WHO CONTINUE TO HELP US FORGE A NEW SOUTH  
AFRICA.

MAYIBUYE I AFRIKA.