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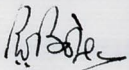
The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M P
Prime Minister
LONDON

Dear Prime Minister

The South African Government learned with severe displeasure of the uncalled for remarks by Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington at the United Nations in connection with the internal policies of the Republic of South Africa. The South African Government is shocked that the Government of the United Kingdom should associate itself with a derogatory and counter-productive statement of this nature by the Ten.

The Foreign Secretary's remarks do not contribute to better relations between our countries. If the British representative chooses to harangue South Africa in a public forum for its internal policies, in a fashion perhaps more appropriate to a colony, he should be aware that he exposes the United Kingdom to public attack on controversial aspects of its own internal policies.

Yours sincerely


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