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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. 7458/81

Dear Prime Minister

I had delivered to me in Melbourne your letter about the speech made by Lord Carrington on behalf of the ten members of the European Community at the United Nations General Assembly. I cannot accept your description of the passage in question, which represents the considered views of the ten governments concerned. But I am concerned that there should be no misunderstandings between us on questions of great importance to both our countries. John Leahy, who is presently on leave in London, will be returning to South Africa at the end of October. He would be glad to call on you then to give you any background to the position of the Ten which you thought useful and to discuss ways in which we might improve our bilateral relations. This might also be an opportunity to carry forward the discussions on Namibia to which we both attach such importance.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable P.W. Botha, D.M.S., M.P.