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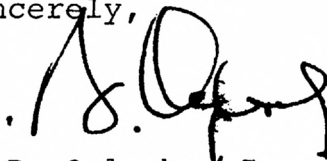
Dear Mr. Crockett:

Thank you for your October 11 letter to the President expressing your serious concern over the situation in South Africa, and urging Administration assistance in pursuing the release of political detainees Nelson and Winnie Mandela.

Let me assure you that the President and his foreign policy advisers have been apprised of your deep concerns with respect to this situation. In addition, we have asked that your request for an official inquiry be given careful consideration. You should be hearing again as soon as the necessary review has been completed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the President

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