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SOUTH AFRICA: MANDELA'S RELEASE

We need to be ready with another statement for the press as soon as Mandela is released. I attach a text which has been agreed by the Prime Minister, which we should hold in reserve.

You will wish to know that she is also sending messages about the way forward to a large number of EC and Commonwealth Heads of Government, as well as to President Bush and Prime Minister Kaifu.

Charles Powell

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c: Mandela (MJ)