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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your encouraging telegram during my visit to South Africa. It came at an opportune time.

In addition I want to thank you for "On the Democratic Idea in America" by Irving Kristol, that came during my absence.

We had an overwhelming reception in South Africa from both blacks and whites. All the meetings were thoroughly integrated. I stayed in hotels and ate in restaurants where blacks were welcome.

I continue to follow all of your activities with tremendous interest, admiration and prayer. I have marveled at your restraint as the rumors fly about Watergate. King David had the same experience. He said: "They accuse me of things I have never even heard about. I do them good but they return me harm" (Psalm 35:11-12).

King Solomon once said: "A good man thinks before he speaks; the evil man pours out his words without a thought" (Proverbs 16:28).