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Dear Mr. Minister:

I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to me and my delegation at Mt. Etjo. The experience of working with four other delegations under the spectacular conditions you organized will long be remembered.

I have just received word here in Lusaka that leads me to question whether the hard work you and your colleagues put into achieving a solution which captured the high ground for South Africa may not be in jeopardy. I refer to the Administrator General's announcement that SWAPO guerrillas turning themselves in at assembly points will be thoroughly interrogated about possible arms caches, and their activities in Namibia, before being allowed to return to Angola. If true, this represents a condition not discussed, agreed to or implied at Mt. Etjo.

Mr. Minister, in addition to jeopardizing the delicate balance so painstakingly achieved among the parties, such a move (if true) risks losing South Africa much of the sympathy and understanding your government has gained from its handling of the crisis SWAPO provoked.

I urge that you impress upon the Administrator General the need to reconsider this unhelpful announcement, and adhere strictly to the procedures actually agreed to with the UN (and refrain from introducing new elements) so that those procedures produce results and assure the continued solid support of Luanda and Havana. I am sure you will share my view that the solidarity of the Joint Commission must be maintained.

With my personal best wishes,

Sincerely,

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