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Dear Prime Minister,
I have been instructed personally to pass to you here the text of a letter from the Honourable P.W. Botha, Prime Minister of South Africa, addressed to you in London at the time of your departure for Australia.

The letter, telegraphed to me, reads:

"The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister,
LONDON.

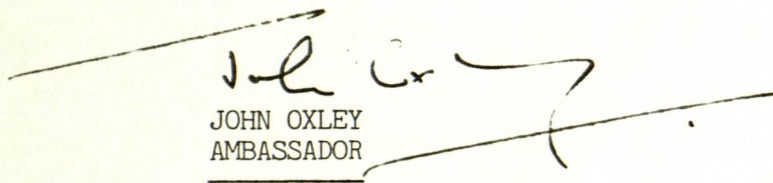
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The Foreign Secretary's remarks do not contribute to better relations between our countries. If the British representative chooses to harangue South Africa in a public forum for its internal policies, in a fashion perhaps more appropriate to a colony, he should be aware that he exposes the United Kingdom to public attack on controversial aspects of its own internal policies.

Yours sincerely,

P.W. BOTHA"

I remain, Prime Minister, respectfully and sincerely yours,


JOHN OXLEY
AMBASSADOR

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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LONDON

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