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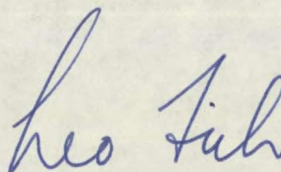
Dear Dr. Slabbert,

The news of your resignation from the leadership of the Progressive Federal Party and of your seat in the House of Assembly has to me, like to so many thousand others, caused shock, dismay and a great sense of loss. Compounding that loss for the Party, for Parliament and for all people of goodwill in the country is a concomitant sense of disillusionment in the State President's professed dedication to political reform for the country and indeed, in the sincerity of his public statements. May your decision prove to be constructive.

You may recall that I wrote to you on the 24th January asking you to address a group of my classmates of some years back at the Harvard Business School, during their visit to South Africa in November this year. The purpose of this letter is to forestall any thought you may have that the invitation was extended to the Leader of the Official Opposition rather than to you personally. This is not the case, and your resignation in no way diminishes our desire to have you join us and to have you speak; it is, if anything, accentuated by Friday's events, and one hopes that commitment pressures on you will now lessen sufficiently to make it easier for you to accept our invitation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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