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Dear Van,

Let me confirm our telephone conversation this morning. I would like to feature in the March issue of S A Foundation News a responsible assessment of just what the recent announcements by P W, Heunis, De Klerk et al. add up to. Do we have a declaration of intent? Will we have in effect a national convention, equality of education? How fundamental are the shifts in Nationalist philosophy?

I am absolutely thrilled that you agreed so readily to write such an article for us. I leave the content and the length entirely to your discretion. Bear in mind only that our readers are top businessmen, academics and politicians in this country and overseas, many of whom take decisions affecting South Africa: they need to have the basic facts and a balanced analysis of those facts. I will probably invite similar responses to the parliamentary announcements from an Afrikaans journalist (I'm thinking of Harald Pakendorf or Piet Muller) and a black politician (I'm thinking of Frank Chikane of UDF or Motlana) to set alongside yours.

I'd appreciate it if you could let me have copy by the end of next week. I'll be in Cape Town for a few days for the Foundation's Annual General Meeting on 13th March, and might take the opportunity to ring a few doorbells. It would be good to see you again.

All strength,

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