



THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Tel-Aviv, November 22, 1974

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Dear Dr. Rhodie,

Allow me to thank you most sincerely for the great efforts you employed to ensure the success of the meetings which took place in Pretoria on the 13th and 14th of this month.

It is to a very large extent due to your perspicacity, foresight and political imagination that a vitally important cooperation between our two countries has been initiated. This cooperation is based not only on common interests and on the determination to resist equally our enemies, but also on the unshakeable foundations of our common hatred of injustice and our refusal to submit to it.

Just as I am aware of the significant personal role that you have played as from the preliminary stages of our talks, so I am convinced that the new links which you have helped to forge between our two countries will develop into a close identity of aspirations and interests which will turn out to be of long-standing benefit to both our countries.

I am looking forward very much to meeting you again during your next visit to Israel.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Shimon Peres
Minister of Defence

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