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*Excellency, dear President,*

On the occasion of your birthday please allow me to convey to you my warmest congratulations.

The Germans have deep respect and admiration for your dedicated commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. Your firm belief in humanity and reconciliation as well as your unswerving commitment for the people of South Africa and the whole African continent has set an extraordinary example.

The last four weeks have seen the most extraordinary 2010 FIFA World Cup which showcased a South Africa full of joy, warm hospitality and impressive efficiency. The unforgettable experience of this major Sports Event on African soil will forever be in the hearts and minds of those who came here.

Both our Federal President Christian Wulff and our Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel were very delighted and impressed not only by the smoothness with which the event was held, but also by the wonderful spirit with which the South Africans welcomed their guests.

I hope you celebrate your birthday in good health, surrounded by friends and family.

*With kind regards,  
Dieter W. Haller*