



Embassy of the United States of America

Pretoria, South Africa

March 6, 2009

Dear Mr. Mandela:

I take great pleasure in forwarding you a letter of thanks from President Barack Obama, upon his inauguration as President of the United States of America.

Kindly note that there will be no signed original letter to follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen La Lime', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Helen La Lime
Chargé d'Affaires

The Honorable
Mr. Nelson Mandela
The Nelson Mandela Foundation
4, 13th Avenue, corner of 13th and Central
Houghton, Johannesburg



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Dear Mr. Mandela:

Thank you for your kind message of congratulations on the occasion of my inauguration. I am honored by your words of encouragement.

I am inspired by the example you set as the father of modern South Africa. Your courage, leadership, and perseverance is an example for us all.

I recall fondly our last meeting and I look forward to continuing our partnership to build a more secure, prosperous, and peaceful world.

Sincerely,

/s/

Barack Obama

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