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Dear Salim:

I want to express my appreciation for your kind note and expression of best wishes. I very much enjoyed our luncheon of December 3rd and particularly the opportunity to renew a friendship I especially value. Let me congratulate you again on your recent selection as Secretary of the Commission on Defense and Security.

I fully share your interest in improving our bilateral relationship. As you know, our countries share common goals - the economic and social development of Tanzania and the peaceful resolution of the problems in Southern Africa, including an end to the odious system of apartheid. Accordingly, I want to assure you that President Reagan and I will continue to accord a high priority to the achievement of Namibian independence in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 435. I know that our two countries may at times differ in perspective and in tactics, but I sincerely hope that we can discuss these differences in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

I would like to continue this informal channel of communication with you on these issues. In the meantime, please accept my own best wishes for healthy and happy new year for yourself and your family. If there is anything I can do to assist your children while they are in school in the U.S., please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/

George Bush

His Excellency
Salim Ahmed Salim,
Prime Minister of Tanzania,
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