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GEORGE BUSH

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Dear President de Klerk,

I salute you, my friend, for the way in which you have brought your great Country to this new day.

I am convinced that history will credit you as one of the most courageous architects for constructive change and fair play that the modern times has produced.

I wish you well in whatever lies ahead.

That we are friends means a great deal to me. Now that I am out of public office important things are clearer. I have concluded that what matters in life are **family, faith, and friends.**

I will never forget when you and your wife came to our house in Maine. Your own faith came shining through as you gave the blessing at our tiny, informal lunch. I could tell, too, how much "family" means to both you and your wonderful wife. And, as to "friends", well, I am very proud to call you "my friend".

Good luck, Sir. If you ever need a friend to talk to or a shoulder to shed a tear on, a guy to laugh with, I'm your man.

Respectfully,

