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Ambassador C.G. Niehaus
South African Embassy
Wassenaarseweg 40
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The Netherlands

Dear Ambassador Niehaus,

Professor John Dugard has suggested that my colleague Julian Robinson and I might meet with you in The Netherlands to discuss the draft convention we have sought to develop to apply international criminal law to the prohibition of biological and chemical weapons.

We will be in The Hague Sunday evening May 16 and all day and evening on the 17th. Although we expect that there will be competing demands on your time from the Peace Conference, we wonder if you would accept an invitation for dinner on Sunday or for lunch or dinner on Monday. Professor Dugard plans to join us for Sunday dinner. If none of this is possible, might there be another time on Monday when we might meet?

Sincerely yours,



Matthew Meselson