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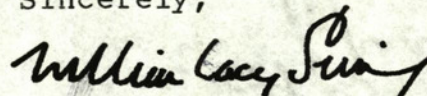
Dear Mr. Gordhan:

As we follow with great interest the proceedings of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), it is clear that one of the overriding considerations is preparations related to a general election. In this connection, I am pleased to inform you that, if the CODESA Management Committee would find it useful, the United States Information Service is prepared to send persons to the United States in July to observe our political process in this presidential election year. We are mindful in this regard of the visit of a CODESA team to the UK in March to observe the British election.

The centerpiece of the proposed visit would be attendance at the Democratic National Convention in New York City, July 15-18. The convention will, inter alia, select the Democratic Party's presidential candidate. Visits to other parts of the country would cover many of the various aspects of elections in the U.S. The planned duration of the program is three weeks. Details of the proposed itinerary will follow. We hope to be able to offer one or more further such observation missions as the U.S. election process heads toward its November denouement.

If you agree that this project is worthwhile, we would envision sending a representative team of 10-12 persons chosen by your committee in consultation with us. As many logistical arrangements are necessary on our part in arranging such a visit, I would appreciate your early reaction to this proposal. I will then have a member of my staff follow up with you or your designee. Kind regards.

Sincerely,



William Lacy Swing