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The Minister of Defence of
the State of Israel

to

General M.A. de MALAN,
The Defence Minister of the
Republic of South Africa (R.S.A.)

Dear Colleague,

I have just returned to Israel following the visit to your country. I want to thank you again for the warm reception and kind hospitality which you extended to my wife, to me and to the delegation I headed.

I am certain that the relationship between us will deepen as we work to ensure the National Defence of both our countries.

I am very pleased to extend my invitation to you to visit Israel with your wife at a mutually convenient time in the next future.

I suggest to extend my next visit to R.S.A. on mid March 1982 and I hope that on this occasion we shall be able to sign the "Memorandum of Understanding on fields of Strategic Cooperation".

I am pleased to attach here the new draft which is based on our discussions together.

Futhermore I authorized already General Raphael Eitan, the Chief of General Staff to pay a visit to your country on mid February 1982.

Sincerely yours,
A. Sharon
ARIEL SHARON
MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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