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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the time you gave me during my wonderful visit to your country. As we agreed during our conversation, I passed on to the leadership of the P.P.D. (namely to the Minister Sá Borges) the two main points of our exchange. First, the necessity of a regular channel between the two parties so as to allow a continuous and consistent flow of information. Second, the support that could be given to any political party here (and, through your party, probably to the P.P.D.) by a kind of "brain-trust" of good economists and sociologists where ministers would be the analyse, without ideological prejudices, the social and economic situation in this country and to propose adequate suggestions.

I am very much aware of the fact that you have been personally one of the political leaders to plead for help to Portugal. Therefore, I take the opportunity to insist on the fact that such a help cannot be limited by political conditions at this stage. To renew a country through a revolution is very different from a smooth building up of a democracy. Therefore, it seems to me (and to my friends here) that instead of "democracy in Portugal first and then help from Europe" it should be "help from Europe for Portugal to build its own democracy".

Thanking you again for your kindness,

Yours sincerely

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