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## To Whom it May Concern

This letter is prompted by the denigrations of Ms. Frances Kendall that have appeared in the South African press regarding the peace Prize nomination initiated by us here in Norway. We feel the need to come forward with a few clarifications.

We in the Progress party (Fremakrittingspartiet) of Norway became aware of Kendall and Louw's work and ideas through their book "South Africa, The Solution" which was published in Sweden, and their talks on the subject in Scandinavia. Our party, at the time holding 22 of the 167 seats in Parliament, share some of the values presented by Kendall and Louw. We commissioned Mr. Kai W. Stensrød, M.D., one of our members who had worked in your country, to do the follow-up, and were astonished and happy to learn that the book seemed to be generally accepted as a possible way out. The trend we gauged seemed to be fairly equally distributed across the society at the time, a fact that promised some impact. After the surge of the "Groundswell"- movement, we learned that the ideas were spread further into grassroots communities. Our friends in your country began to see a popular current in the direction of a peaceful solution to the terrible problems your wonderful country was up against, as proposed by Kendall and Louw.

The idea to nominate the couple for the Nobel Peace Prize was born. Still, it was an important step, and we needed confirmation that this way of thinking was in concordance with that of other distinguished and politically interested people. Therefore we undertook to test opinions worldwide by inviting support for the idea by mail.

The response was overwhelming, and was in the end the main reason for us to go forth with our nomination in 1990, 1991 and 1993. I quote a couple of them here:

Professor Milton Friedman, Senior Research Fellow of the Hoover Institution, Stanford, California, another Nobel Laureate of Economics, writes: "Personally, I strongly support this nomination." This well known analyst continues in his letter: "The crucial necessity for a peaceful solution is decentralization, tolerance, and removal of economic barriers of all kinds to the free and voluntary cooperation of people on whatever terms are mutually agreeable, whether the people be of the same color, the same religion or not."

Professor James M. Buchanan of George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, Nobel laureate in Economics, lends his "strong support to the effort on

behalf of the nomination of Frances Kendall and Leon Louw for the Nobel Peace Prize. The 'confederation of South Africa' is indeed a goal worthy of attention" was his feeling.

**Professor Lawrence Schlemmer**, then Director of the Centre for Policy Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, now head of the Human Science Research Council, writes: "Frances Kendall and Leon Louw have made a resounding impact on thinking about the future in South Africa. ..they have interpreted their basic approach in the context of modern South Africa in such a way as to make their proposals deeply relevant to the dominant urge for freedom and social justice among black people in South Africa. They are community oriented. Their energy and commitment in seeking to enter into ongoing debate about the ideas, right across the spectrum in our country, is perhaps the most scintillating display of energy and commitment which this country has witnessed. I cannot think of two more deserving candidates."

**Mr. C.L.Sunter** of Johannesburg writes: "I fully support the nomination of Frances Kendall and Leon Louw for the Nobel Peace Prize. They have been in the vanguard of the new thinking that is developing here which elevates the principle of freedom of the individual above all others. ..the most important achievement of Frances and Leon is that they have posed, in a very persuasive way, one viable alternative to the scenario of sanctions and confrontation."

These are only a few examples from the letters that continued to come back, basically with the same exalted message. They evaporated whatever doubts we had had to go forth with the proposition. Now we contacted Kendall and Louw to receive their consent to the nomination, and to explain the basic rules for such a nomination. It is of course not a thing to enter into lightly, and the rules about the right to nominate are strict. It will not be a surprise to you that the matter was discussed closely in our group before this step was made.

Those with a right to nominate a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize come in three groups: (1) former laureates of the Nobel Prize, (2) professors of either Law or Economics, or (3) members of Parliament. There have been some 120 candidates to the Prize these later years, between organizations and named individuals. Organizations like the International Red Cross are likely to be nominated every year; the individuals may be grouped (Mandela/de Klerk, Kendall/Louw) or single private persons. We believe that Helen Suzman has been nominated, but the list of candidates is not publicized, and any publication of a candidate's name is at the discretion of the person who nominates.

The nomination itself must, of course, be thoroughly substantiated, and has to be received by February 1st. Except for the arguments of the nomination, there is no way to influence the Committee, and after dead-line there is no way of adding arguments to strengthen a case. The Nobel Committee holds absolute power of decision, and cannot be overruled. Their minutes are secret.

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We are sorry to discover that the constitution presently proposed for South Africa is so lacking in the principles Kendall and Louw fought for, and that important interest groups have not been included in the process. We hope, however, that Frances Kendall's work in active politics will help promote the only system we believe can achieve peace and prosperity in your country.

With the best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. G. Pender". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

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