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Dear Mr. Gumede:

Greetings to you from Boston. I trust this finds you doing well.

I have heard of the issues that have surfaced surrounding the provision of your generous R100,000 gift to help with the Kopano conference that Aloga Financial Services and PEER Servants, the organization of which I am the President, cosponsored back in 2004. I deeply regret all that you have had to go through tied to your generosity. Unfortunately, I was out of the country when Sam Sole of the Mail & Guardian tried to contact me regarding this. I have since returned to Boston and written the attached response. I am sending this to you in addition to Sam Sole to make sure everyone associated with this has complete information from me.

I leave again for Southeast Asia within the next 24 hours to work with a microfinance organization there which is focused on empowering the materially poor and, thus, will not be accessible through the end of the month.

Thank you for your generosity. I know of many who were blessed by it.

Blessings and peace,

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