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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, P.C. M.P.,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Lester B. Pearson Building,
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0A6.

Dear Minister:

I am honoured, Sir, to submit this report to you for Parliament and the people of Canada. The situation is too grave to permit any delay or disruption in the continuing support so desperately needed in much of famine-stricken Africa.

The Report has been written partly in a question and answer format. We chose this style because we felt it reflected the character of the time that we spent assessing and responding to the famine crisis in Africa.

The past four months have been a challenging experience for me and for many Canadians. Our television cameras, radio reports, magazines and newspapers have brought to us pictures of a situation that is grim beyond our experience, but Canadians have not reacted with discouragement. Instead, we have mobilized from coast to coast to find the ways and means to provide aid to people in desperate need. I have drawn inspiration from this as have many others around the world.

Yours sincerely,

David MacDonald
Canadian Emergency Coordinator
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