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**Letter from Jerry John Rawlings, Chairman of the
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Todor Zhivkov**

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23 March, 1982.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Ghana has appointed the following persons to relate to you the revolutionary events in Ghana which have culminated in the 31st December Revolution and the formation of the Provisional National Defence Council.

Briefly, as an organic follow up to the events of June 4, 1979 during which the soldiers in the Army and the Junior Officers mutinied against the corrupt and neo-colonial regime of the then Supreme Military Council, the events of 31st December, 1981 have seen the revolutionary forces take up their historic role. The process that is taking place in Ghana today marks our determination to create a truly sovereign and democratic nation. Even though we recognize that much depends on our own national efforts, we also recognize that by the very nature of the alliance of international capital, the socialist countries remain our natural allies.

It is this recognition and the desire to give new impetus to our relations that I send my most trusted colleagues to explain to you, at first hand, the events in Ghana.

These are:

Mr. Chris Atim (PNDC Member)

Mr. Ansa Asamoah

Mr. Kwesi Amoako-Atta

Mr. Mahama Bawa

The revolutionary Government of Ghana is confident that with a united front we can successfully overcome imperialist machinations in our region and enhance our struggle for a just economic order.

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By their experience in the affairs of state and their loyal service, these persons are eminently qualified to perform the high mission entrusted to them.

In this confidence, I commend them to Your Excellency and trust that you will give them every assistance in the discharge of their duties.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Rawlings

FLT.-LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS
CHAIRMAN
PROVISIONAL NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. TODOR ZHIVKOV
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
SOFIA.

It is with recognition and the desire to give new impetus to our relations that
The revolutionary Government of Ghana is confident that with a united front
we can successfully overcome the imperialist and reactionist forces
struggle for a just economic order.