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You kindly wrote with good wishes on my new appointment. Things remain politically turbulent, so nothing is yet secure, however, encouraged by good friends like you, I remain optimistic for our beloved land, and determined to continue to do all I can in my new role to continue to build a peaceful future for our long-suffering people.

Again my thanks for your encouragement and your very kind words. I really do appreciate it.