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**Letter from Former Israeli Central Command Head  
Yonah Efrat to South African Defence Minister  
Magnus Malan**

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**Summary:**

In a handwritten personal letter Yonah Efrat congratulates Malan on new assignment as Defense Minister.

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Dear Margot & Magnus

J.A.L. STEINMANN  
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Thank you for your New Year's wishes. We hope it will be a good, lucky and prosperous year. May you be blessed in all the ways that our wishes stretch out to you, and all you pray for, be fulfilled.

Few days ago we got the wonderful news, that Magnus was assigned as a Defense Minister of South African Republic. We understand the importance of this assignment and the responsibility that goes with it. We know that the South Africans choosed the right person for this tough job. We feel the kind of feeling one feels when his Nation security lays on his shoulders, especially in a country like ours and yours, with its problems and in the kind of world we live in.

So our dear friends we wish you success and satisfaction. May the Highy God be with you in all you do. JPS

Want you to remember, you have here a friend, and if I can be of any assistance to you, I can do it without formalities, and it always will be my pleasure

with best greetings

Debra & Dana Gray