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**Letter from South African Defence Minister Magnus  
Malan to former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel  
Sharon**

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**Summary:**

South African Minister of Defence Magnus Malan writes to Ariel Sharon to express his regret that he had resigned from his post as Israeli Minister of Defense.

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Major General Ariel Sharon  
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I have learned with regret of the circumstances under which you vacated the Defence portfolio and wish to thank you for the friendly and understanding way in which you have conducted matters of mutual interest between ourselves and our respective Defence Forces.

I also wish to take this opportunity to wish you well in your new portfolio.

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