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Speech: The Handover. Presentation of Archbishop Tutu's Gift to UNF President John Delaney

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Good afternoon. My name is Oupa Seane.

(Before I read the Archbishops note I want to acknowledge two people who made this part of the program possible Alison Cruess and Dr. Elizabeth Curry. In fact the gift is Dr. Curry’s brain child. She is the one who came up with the idea.)

Yesterday at 5:30 a.m. I had a call from Cape Town. The call came from Archbishop Desmond Tutu and he said to me, “before you read my note please give President John Delaney a huge South African round of applause.” I thought about two things, one this is going to put me in trouble with Alison Cruess because she said two minutes, two if I clap alone someone will say, we have always known that Oupa has a screw loose. So I need your help. Please imagine me to be the South African David Blaine and I have a magic hand that when I wave it, everybody becomes South African. Here I go I wave hand and you all are now South Africans. My fellow South Africans for his outstanding leadership, kindness, intellect, caring, and magnanimity spirit of generosity let us stand and give President John Delaney a humdinger of an applause. Thank you. I wave my hand again and revert you back into been Americans.

Give the box to Dr. Curry and read the message.