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Dear Professor Phakeng,

On behalf of everyone associated with the University of Glasgow, I am writing to express my sorrow at the devastating fire which engulfed your upper campus.

It was with dismay that I read news reports and saw photographs of the severe damage to the Jagger Reading Room, the Botany Building and UCT's Special Collections. This is a cruel and distressing turn of events and we in Glasgow stand in solidarity with you, your students and your staff.

Colleagues from the University have reached out to counterparts at the UCT and ARUA with offers of assistance and support. I know that similar approaches have been made by the international academic community at large.

At times like these we stand as one – bound together both in sorrow and by our shared commitment to knowledge, research and scientific enquiry.

At this exceptionally difficult time, please know that you are in our thoughts. Under your leadership, I have no doubt that the University of Cape Town will regroup, rebuild and rise once again.

Yours sincerely,

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