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TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed is a press release from People for a Free South Africa. Please publish the following statement and/or provide coverage at the event mentioned below. If you have any questions call (408) 423-5853.

PRESS RELEASE:

People for a Free South Africa will hold a rally and show a documentary film in conjunction with a presentation to the University of California Regent's Committee on Investments at their meeting at UCSF on Thursday, March 17. People for a Free South Africa is a Santa Cruz based organization of students and townspeople working to educate and unify people in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. The group is appearing before the Regents to address the issue of a responsible university investment policy, and in particular the issue of Regent investments in corporations operating in South Africa.

A spokesperson from the group will testify at the Regent's Committee on U.C. Investments meeting at 3:00 pm. Thursday. This occasion is a precedent, representing one of the only times the Regents have agreed to include a student/community group on their agenda. A rally at 11:00 am. on Parnassus St. in front of the Medical Sciences Building will precede the meeting. People have been asked to wear a black sash as a symbol of opposition to apartheid. Following the rally, the film, Last Grave at Dimbaza, a documentary depicting the social, economic and political situation in South Africa, will be shown at 300 Health Services West. The film has been scheduled at 12:30 pm. so that the Regents, who have been invited to view the film, will be able to attend during their lunch hour.

The group has presented petitions bearing over 2,500 signatures to the Regents stating the following resolutions:

1—That the Regents approach the management of the above mentioned corporations urging a speedy disengagement from South Africa.

2—If, after two consecutive stockholders' meetings, the management of such firms has refused to adopt and/or initiate a schedule of complete corporate economic disengagement from South Africa, then the Regents are to divest the University of all investments in such firms.

3—That no new investments are to be made in firms operating in South Africa.

4—That since we find previous responses to the issue of revising the Regents' stockholder voting policy unacceptable, we demand that the said policy be changed.

5—That a committee be formed to advise the Regents on issues of social and moral responsibility as related to voting their stock. This committee shall be comprised of students,

faculty, staff, administrators, and California State citizens. We fully expect that women and minorities will be included within these groups.

6—That the Regents subscribe to the IRRC, the Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc.