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Dear Dr MacVicar,

The African Students' Association of Oregon State University has brought to our attention the fact that the University's wrestling team plans to visit South Africa from August 24 to October 4th. Needless to say, this news comes as a shock to us and we feel deeply affronted by the callous disregard for the aspirations of our people in Azania (South Africa).

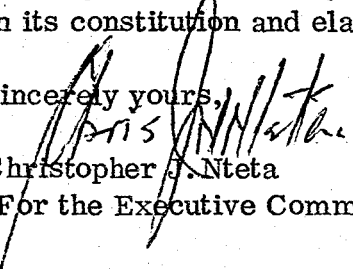
As the External Wing of the Azanian Peoples Organization (AZAPO), the leading movement for Black emancipation inside Azania, we would like to take this opportunity to strongly register our utter condemnation of this intended visit and to urge you to use your authority to dissuade Mr Dale Thomas and Mr Ben Purvis from pursuing this nefarious and abject scheme.

AZAPO is currently engaged in a broadbased effort to isolate South Africa from the family of nations. This effort entails discouraging artists, athletes and sporting figures from visiting South Africa. So far they have successfully disrupted the visits of such wellknown artists as Ray Charles and Champion Jack Dupree. In the process they have honed their skills in stopping performances and forcing the cancellation of appearances by these foreign performers.

You will be aware that at this present time the Springbok Rugby team, South Africa's white national team is experiencing some serious difficulties in New Zealand, and have had to be guarded by a "human wall" of security men, as one paper put it, that Australia refused landing rights to their plane. It was the United States that came to their rescue by offering to have their plane land and refuel in the West Coast. Thus, it seems as if Oregon State University is in support of the reactionary and dangerous policy of detente with South Africa that the Reagan administration is pursuing. This is reinforced by the fact that your wrestling coach, Mr Dale Thomas, has, with the support and encouragement we believe, of your administration, become closely associated with South African white wrestling. In 1980 he lent his skills to training of South African Gestapo to deal with Black dissidents!

We urge you to stop this infatuation with a regime that has earned the invidious reputation of being the only country in the world that has adopted racism as its avowed policy, enshrined in its constitution and elaborated in its myriad draconian laws.

Sincerely yours,

  
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(For the Executive Committee, U. S. Region, BCM(A))