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Dear Friends,

Enclosed please find fax statement of solidarity received from Jerome Bibuld expressing support for the South African Primary Schools Sports Association (SAPSSA). We are eager to have endorsers add their names to this and mailing addresses and personal expression of solidarity to this statement. If you would prefer to write your own message, that would be fine as well. We feel that it is especially crucial in this turbulent stage of South Africa's history to offer strength through solidarity to the tenacious struggle for true freedom, justice and peace in South Africa.

Transmissions to SAPSSA must be received by Friday, December 6. Fax # for forwarding is: 011 27 21 697-4889

We would appreciate receiving a copy of transmission to Africa Network at P.O. Box 1894, Evanston, IL 60204.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Brutus

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MY DEAR YOUNG BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

How often have you been told by your elders that you are the future? They tell you so because it is true. You are the future. But this does not mean that you do not live in the present; that the present does not affect you; that you do not affect it.

By participating in a chess championship in affiliation with the only non-racial, anti-apartheid, national umbrella organizations for chess and sport, you are helping to make your own future in a non-racial South Africa. Have fun, for that is a particular function of youth. But, at the same time, be proud of the contributions to the entire South African society that you make by playing under the banners of CAPSA and SACOS. Your role as members of the South African Primary Schools Sports Association is a particularly important one.

As a father and grandfather -- and one who has lived in an oppressed community (Afro-America) in America -- it gives me great pleasure to see youth of South Africa developing their minds and souls through the joys of chess, which the oppressors try to keep from you. In my own experience, I have seen that my children and grandchildren have benefitted enormously by participating in non-racial activities in a racist society. Stay with it. It is your best chance for helping, even as a child, to achieve the democratic unitary society that you parents are fighting for. In addition, it will bring you much personal satisfaction.

I hope these greetings do not appear too grave to you. But, I do want to tell you that by playing non-racial chess, you will gain more lasting satisfaction than the mere thrill of winning a championship, no matter how well you do in the competition.

Good skill to you all!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome Bibuld". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jerome Bibuld