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**N. Charles Anderson, Regional Director**

May 21, 1986

Mr. Robert Brown, Jr., Director  
Michigan Department of Corrections  
3222 South Logan Street  
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter dated May 12, in response to my letter regarding products purchased by the Michigan Department of Corrections that were imported from the Republic of South Africa.

Please know that I must respectfully refute the Gordon Food Service Company and your findings. Please find enclosed a copy of a label off of a can of fruit cocktail. You should note that this label bares the Gordon Food Service name and prominently displays that this item is a product of the Republic of South Africa. Obviously, the Gordon Food Service Management has not been totally candid with you.

We are very pleased to know that you are requesting the Purchasing Division of the Department of Management and Budget to establish some guidelines on purchasing products that may be imported from South Africa. I would be anxious and interested to hear of the final determination of these guidelines.

Again, thank you for your reply. I look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

N. Charles Anderson, Director  
NAACP Midwest Region III

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable James J. Blanchard  
Carl L. Breeding  
Honorable Jackie Vaughn, III

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# **FRUIT COCKTAIL**

**IN LIGHT SYRUP**

**NET WT 6 LB 10 OZ (3,01 KG)**

**INGREDIENTS:**  
DICED PEACHES, WATER,  
DICED PEARS, GRAPES,  
PINEAPPLE SECTORS, SUGAR,  
HALVED CHERRIES  
ARTIFICIALLY COLOURED RED

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