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STATEMENT ON AMERICAN CORPORATIONS  
WHICH ARE KEY TO APARTHEID

We, the following Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic orders, dioceses, religious organizations and institutions, working through the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, have now entered a new phase in our effort to break the bonds of economic oppression that make United States corporations partners in apartheid, the abhorrent policy of racial oppression by the Government of South Africa.

We believe that conditions in South Africa, marked by increased violence against Blacks demanding their basic rights, require a new strategic approach toward U.S. corporations whose presence in South Africa undergirds the South African Government's ability to enforce its policy. We have chosen to concentrate on the following 12 corporations with which we have a history of interaction because they are key investors in apartheid. All support the South African Government either through products and services used by the police and military, by the size of their assets in the country, by their sales and number of employees, and by the strategic nature of their involvement or financial services rendered.

The companies are : Burroughs, Chevron, Citicorp, Control Data, Fluor, Ford, General Electric, General Motors, International Business Machines, Mobil, Newmont Mining and Texaco.

Our new strategic approach will focus special attention on these companies by:

1. Calling upon them to cease immediately all sales and service relationships with the South African Government and Government-owned corporations.

2. Demanding that they make clear to the South African Government that the following changes in Government policies are a necessary precondition for their remaining in South Africa:

- a. Abandon officially the "homelands" policy.
- b. End the various apartheid laws, such as influx control and the Group Areas Act.
- c. Restore full political rights -- such as freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and voting -- to all peoples.
- d. Cease forced removals and population relocations.
- e. Guarantee the right of all people to own land.
- f. Release unconditionally all political prisoners, detainees and those charged with treason.

- g. End the banning of organizations and individuals.
- h. Increase public funding of education, health care, social services, etc. for the Black majority.

We believe that if there has not been significant progress toward achievement of these goals by the end of 1986, these corporations' continued presence in South Africa cannot be justified.

Additional aspects and goals of this new approach will be elaborated in the future.

To affect the targeted corporations' policies, we will press forward with a coordinated campaign utilizing a variety of our traditional approaches such as shareholder resolutions and meetings with corporate leaderships. In addition, we are prepared to take new steps -- such as more extensive acts of public witness, calls for the firms' withdrawal from South Africa, launching of selective buying campaigns and divestment of their securities -- if these companies fail to respond.

Beside these 12 corporations, we will conduct an ongoing review and evaluation of other firms involved in South Africa which may be subject to special attention in the future. When they have been identified, we will issue a new list.

We have agreed that our goal is not to encourage U.S. corporations to ameliorate the efforts of apartheid but to play their part in dismantling that system. We are committed to an ecumenical effort to break up such economic patterns of support and will continue until apartheid is ended.

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Note: This original statement included 53 signatories; since then additional groups have added their names to this statement.