

**Ted Koppel:** "This morning, George Bush telephoned Nelson Mandela to tell him that he was removing economic sanctions against South Africa."

**President Bush:** "And I told him of my personal belief that lifting the sanctions at this time is the right thing to do."

**Nelson Mandela:** "I said he had acted prematurely."

Dear Friend of a Free South Africa,

Millions of T.V. viewers who tuned in to ABC's Nightline on July 10 were shocked to hear the above statements.

Despite our strongest opposition, President Bush repealed the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, and with a single stroke of the executive pen, lifted the critically important sanctions that were imposed by the U.S. Congress against South Africa in 1986.

This is an enormous loss to all of us who have worked so hard to bring down Apartheid and replace it with a genuine one-person, one-vote democracy.

We at TransAfrica strongly opposed the lifting of those sanctions because we knew from first-hand reports from inside South Africa that the de Klerk government had fulfilled neither the letter nor the spirit of the Act's conditions.

Nor were we alone in our opposition to Mr. Bush's premature and irresponsible action. Joining with us in echoing the condemnation of President Bush's ill-fated move were the South African Council of Churches, the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress, the American Committee on Africa and Amnesty International. All of these organizations, and the indigenous groups representing the black majority in South Africa felt strongly that the President acted prematurely.

I was appalled to witness the almost non-existent challenge to the President's action -- despite the fact that the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 contained specific provisions by which the Congress could have challenged the President's ill-fated decision.

Congress not only spinelessly caved in to President Bush, but also to the unrelenting back-room pressure of the public relations



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mercenaries hired by the South African government.

I find it disgusting and reprehensible that a foreign power can influence and ultimately control major foreign policy decisions of the United States government by multi-million dollar lobbying schemes.

But that's exactly what happened.

Over the past year, 11 American lobbying firms received more than \$2 million for doing Mr. de Klerk's bidding with Congress, the executive branch, the media, U.S. banks and businesses.

American "hired hands" sold out the hopes for democracy as they wrote de Klerk's speeches, scheduled his meetings and spoke on his behalf.

And Washington lobbyist, John Sears, a former highly placed Republican operative, admitted that he was paid by the South African government to inform on TransAfrica's activities.

With the U.S. sanctions law overthrown by President Bush, Mr. de Klerk now has little incentive to go forward with earnest negotiations leading to a democratic, egalitarian society.

In light of Mr. Bush's actions, it is imperative that TransAfrica take the lead in making sure that the remaining sanctions remain in place.

And yet, this administration has already clearly stated its intention to lift further sanctions. We know that the Justice Department may take action soon to invalidate all remaining public anti-Apartheid laws.

We must not allow that to happen! All restrictions on International Monetary Fund and World Bank lending to South Africa and all state and local government anti-Apartheid laws should be kept firmly in place.

We dare not sit back and allow Bush's Justice Department to invalidate the economic sanctions imposed and still operative by 27 states, 24 different counties and 88 cities.

That's why your signed petitions along with your most generous contribution possible are urgently needed right away.

With your strong support today, we will reach out to the American public through our nationwide citizen petition campaign, through speaking engagements across the nation and through hard-hitting print advertising messages.

Although the U.S. government is perpetuating the lie that the

issue of South Africa is "solved," you and I both know that nothing is further from the truth.

TransAfrica must also take the lead to make sure that aid initiatives for South Africa from our own government are handled with painstaking care. While the black majority in South Africa is certainly deserving of assistance, we must structure our aid assistance so as not to bolster minority rule.

We believe strongly that all U.S. aid destined for black South Africans should be routed only through non-governmental groups. Clearly, the South African government should reap no benefits from international benevolence as long as the lion's share of that government's resources continues to serve and protect a white minority and fund cover operations that threaten to indefinitely postpone democratic elections.

We must never forget that the National Party in South Africa has clung to power since 1948 -- and at all costs.

And we both know that Mr. de Klerk heads a very cunning government -- one that has single-mindedly and brutally pursued the goal of white minority rule with senseless bloodshed, persistent deception, manipulation of international public opinion and with extravagant spending on international public relations to "buy" the compliance of the U.S. government.

Now, more than ever, we cannot afford to be misled by their token, cosmetic changes.

Unfortunately for the oppressed majority in South Africa, the massive human rights injustices did not disappear, with the stroke of the presidential pen.

And to make matters even worse, barely a week after the U.S. sanctions were lifted, new evidence revealed that the de Klerk government has been deceitful, biased and underhanded. We have evidence that the white minority government acted in bad faith at the very time it sought to negotiate for a nonracial democracy in South Africa.

The roots of this scandal now brewing in South Africa began well before Nelson Mandela was released last year.

While more than \$133 million was being spent by the South African government on covert operations including plans to discredit the African National Congress, President Bush and Assistant Secretary of State Cohen -- having knowledge of this covert action and fearing a public reaction to it -- moved quickly to lift sanctions.

And although thousands of innocent people died in violent conflict in the black townships, our U.S. State Department made little mention of the hundreds of affidavits implicating South African police and its hired vigilantes.

Weeks after former South African military officers exposed government complicity in the violence, Mr. Cohen could only lamely



remark that the U.S. government had no evidence and no plans to investigate the documented charges!

Not one penny of this \$133 million slush fund was spent to revamp a devastated and still segregated educational system. Not one penny was spent to restore land to the four million blacks dispossessed by forced removals or to rebuild dilapidated shacks that serve as health clinics in the townships.

Although we have suffered a severe setback, we will press on to achieve our dream of a democratic, non-racist South Africa.

Our eyes must remain firmly fixed on the goal of a nonracial democracy in South Africa. Nothing less will satisfy the South African people, and nothing less should be the moral objective of the U.S. government.

Our leverage, as Nelson Mandela has said, must be through the global weapon of sanctions.

Because the South African government continues to operate in bad faith, we must redouble our efforts to preserve all remaining economic sanctions in full force!

And that requires your immediate and wholehearted support for our petition campaign to keep the important dollars of economic sanctions imposed by the International Monetary Fund, The World Bank, and state and local governments in full force.

We need your immediate help to put more financial resources to work immediately in citizen education and mobilization and lobbying actions targeted on the IMF, the World Bank and on the many state and local governments which still have anti-Apartheid laws on their books.

We know, with certainty that the majority of the American people abhor Apartheid and disapprove of Mr. Bush's elimination of Congressional sanctions.

We must now go forward to mobilize their opinion and translate it into nationwide political action to preserve the remaining sanctions.

You have stood with us in the past when the fight for a Free South Africa looked difficult and the outcome uncertain -- and when many so-called "experts" claimed the struggle was over. Now more than ever before, I need to know you will continue to demonstrate your solidarity with us in this cause.

Please let me know I can count on your wholehearted support right away as we expand our citizen mobilization and lobbying actions on behalf of the people of South Africa.

Sincerely,



Randall Robinson  
Executive Director

# FREE SOUTH AFRICA

## Emergency Campaign to Stop Repeal of All Sanctions

**COUNT ON ME** to help accelerate our fight to preserve the remaining economic sanctions in full force by the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and hundreds of state and local government bodies **until all conditions for establishing a genuine democracy are met by the South African government.**

I've signed my PRESERVE THE SANCTIONS petitions and enclosed my special contribution which I know you will put to work immediately in mobilizing hundreds of thousands of Americans in our continuing fight to end Apartheid.

☐ \$20

☐ \$30

☐ \$40

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### *Citizen Petition to the International Monetary Fund*

The vast majority of the American people who support the IMF with their tax dollars abhor the continued system of Apartheid. I urge the International Monetary Fund to **maintain all economic sanctions** against the South African government. To assure the creation of a genuine democracy in South Africa, I call upon the IMF to preserve all of its existing policies prohibiting loans or refinancing of loans to the South African government.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

### *Citizen Petition to the World Bank*

The vast majority of the American people who support The World Bank with their tax dollars abhor the continued system of Apartheid. I urge the World Bank to maintain all economic sanctions against the South African government. To assure the creation of a genuine democracy in South Africa, I call upon the World Bank to preserve all of its existing policies prohibiting loans or refinancing of loans to the government of South Africa.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

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