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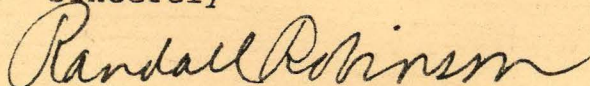
Dear Friend:

I am writing to invite you to meet with the two leaders of the Eminent Persons Group, (EPG) in Washington, DC. The meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday July 22, in Room 138 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill. The co-chairmen of the EPG--His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo, former head of state of Nigeria and the Honorable Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of Australia--are on a brief visit to the United States and will be meeting with members of the Reagan administration and the Congress.

The Eminent Persons Group was created by the leaders of the 49-member Commonwealth of Nations under the Nassau Accord in October 1985. The EPG's mandate was to explore the potential for a peaceful resolution of the apartheid problem in South Africa. After months of meetings with a cross-section of South Africans--including several private discussions with Nelson Mandela, jailed leader of the African National Congress, and with State President P.W. Botha--the Group ended its efforts highly frustrated at the apartheid regime's intransigence and duplicity. It released a detailed report highly critical of the attitude and policies of the racist South African regime. Next month, the EPG Report will be formally considered by the Commonwealth. Here in the U.S., the conclusions of the EPG have given added power to the sanctions debate.

We consider the July 22 meeting particularly important. It will be the first public meeting of the EPG in the United States since it delivered its report last month. We hope that you will be able to attend this event as it promises to be highly informative and likely to influence the current debate on comprehensive sanctions.

Sincerely



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Executive Director