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February 28, 1978

Mr. Hal C. Kuehl
First Wisconsin Corporation
777 E. Wisconsin Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kuehl:

On September 28, 1977 Reverend Michael Crosby of the Justice and Peace Center, representing a number of Catholic orders in Wisconsin, wrote to the director of your loan department requesting clarification on loans by First Wisconsin to South Africa. He received no reply.

You are certainly aware of growing community concern over the situation in South Africa. The Milwaukee Common Council has declared its opposition to South Africa's official policy of apartheid and to the sale of the South African gold coin, the Krugerrand; the last two Milwaukee banks selling the Krugerrand have ceased sales of that coin; and the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents recently voted to end UW investments in companies doing business in South Africa. Nationally, Polaroid Corporation has announced an end to sales of its products in South Africa, and several banks have announced their intentions to make no loans to South Africa until a positive change has occurred.

The January 1978 report of the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs states that in 1975 First Wisconsin National Bank made a \$30 million loan to a South African corporation for the purchase of earth moving and construction equipment. We would like you to clarify whether this loan has been repaid or has been extended.

Mr. Hal C. Kuehl

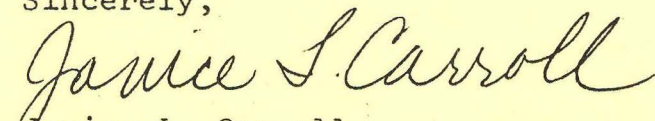
In addition, we would like you to indicate whether First Wisconsin has made any other loans to: 1) the government of South Africa, 2) its public agencies, 3) private corporations for the purpose of investment in South Africa, or 4) the governments or public corporations of Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa).

In view of the appalling disregard for majority rights in South Africa and in view of mounting local and national concern, we feel it is crucial that First Wisconsin Bank pledge to make no further loans of the types described above until the Organization of African Unity has recognized the South African government as a democratic and representative government.

We realize that this request presents First Wisconsin, as a profit making institution, with a serious dilemma. Yet, we feel assured that you will give this matter serious consideration and, as a leader in the business community, decide in favor of helping to make Milwaukee an "apartheid free" city. We have accumulated a good deal of information on this subject and would be happy to act as a resource, if you so wish.

Your reply can be sent to the above address. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Janice L. Carroll
Milwaukee Committee on Southern Africa