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We are delighted to send you the latest *ACAS Bulletin*, which addresses the new opportunity for an altered U.S. policy in a new Administration with a new Congress and the danger that the fixation with domestic issues could marginalize Africa even further. (Last month, none in the House wanted the chair of the Africa Subcommittee, and it was almost eliminated - ACAS mounted a vigorous protest.)

For the first time, ACAS has a part-time Executive Secretary, Lisa Alfred, in Washington, D.C. This positions us to monitor policy debates, to better insert the voice of ACAS and its members in those discussions, and to collaborate with the campaigns of other NGOs. As a result, this has been a very busy several months for ACAS, when we have -

- o corresponded on U.S. Angola policy with Herman Cohen (still Asst. Secretary for Africa) and U.S. Angola and UNESCO policies with Clifton Wharton (Clinton's new Deputy Secretary of State, former president of MSU, the SUNY system, and TIAA-CREF)
- o inserted 20 questions in the confirmation hearing for new Africa Asst. Secretary George Moose
- o continued the campaign to keep U.S. military and intelligence programs and funding separate from African studies research and fellowships (Boren Act and a new CIA language initiative through Florida A&M University)
- o proposed questions for the hearing on U.S. Africa policy by Chairperson Lee Hamilton's House Foreign Affairs Committee
- o begun communicating with a wide array of other Washington PVOs and African scholars about collaborating on campaigns for human rights in Africa and changes in U.S. policy

We urgently need your special donation to support for ACAS in 1993. The new *Bulletin* enclosed and continuing work on U.S. policy depends on our minimal organization. For 1992, you and 36 other ACAS members made special pledges averaging more than \$200 each, and this made our new level of activity and the

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presence in Washington possible. For 1991 and 1992, you gave \$100 for 1992. Now we need you to increase your pledge for 1993. We are in debt at the moment and urgently need your contribution immediately. Now, *your donation can be tax exempt* by making it to "Washington Office on Africa Education Fund," denoted for "work with scholars.") Unfortunately, the foundations we hoped would support ACAS are turning primarily to the pressing needs of universities and organizations *in Africa*.

We believe that the urgency of African need, the opportunity for change in Washington, and the increased activity of ACAS deserves your active support. Therefore, we are asking you to respond with a check to our new Treasurer, Allen Green, in support of ACAS.

We need your support first because, We also have a broader agenda now, giving attention to issues from across the continent and not just Southern Africa. We are seeking to link our work more closely to our African scholarly colleagues, giving more attention to the plight of fellow scholars in Africa when they are under political attack.

Please take time to read the articles about the challenges we and Africa face and the draft ACAS policy proposals on some of the issues ACAS is trying to address. Our correspondence with Asst. Secretary Herman Cohen on Angola policy and on defense and intelligence funding of African and other area studies demonstrate the continued work of ACAS on current policy issues.

You also may want to order on of our new *Information Packets* on Somalia, Angola, Sudan, and U.S. Intelligence and African Studies (see enclosed leaflet).

And we are soliciting your article for the next issue of the Bulletin on "*Conflict Resolution in Africa*" (send to Editor Allan Cooper).

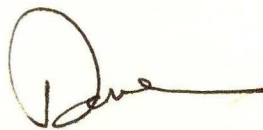
We hope you will conclude that ACAS has the potential to more effectively analyze and influence policy issues facing the continent. We can continue this new level of activity only if you and significantly more of our members make donations to support this work. If you support these new directions, please send a check this week. We need you, and we urgently need your immediate support of this new effort to shape U.S. policy toward Africa - for ourselves as well as for our African friends and colleagues.

Most sincerely,



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*Hope all is well with you.*