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Dear Members,

Enclosed you will find three things:

- 1) the minutes of our first TransAfrica Support Committee meeting, held August 23rd;
- 2) the list of current support committee members;
- 3) the list of current support committee staff and sub-committee members.

Letters will be coming soon announcing the next support committee meeting on September 27th. We hope all of the sub-committees will have met by then or at least caucused by phone, and that each sub-committee will have some ideas for prospective projects for the upcoming year. At our next meeting we will have a treasury report and will discuss the upcoming meeting between the support committees from all over the country and the national, to be held in Sacramento, California in early October. Please consider agenda items you would like raised at that meeting on behalf of the Chicago Support Committee.

Other interested people will be welcome at our September 27th meeting. We're off to a good start, let us stay committed!

Yours in the struggle,



Cheryl Johnson  
Co-coordinator

TRANSAFRICA/CHICAGO SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
COLEMAN HEALTH CENTER  
AUGUST 23, 1982  
8:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The first organizational meeting of the Chicago Support Committee for TRANSAFRICA was called to order at 8:05 by Dr. Cheryl Johnson. The following were present:

Maisha Bennett  
Mary S. Edelen  
Dorothy Foster  
Charles Green  
Mattie Hopkins  
Quentin Jackson  
Lyndon Jackson  
Cheryl Johnson  
Cassandra Lindsey  
Harold Pates  
Merrill Warfield  
Rhonda Woodard  
Jermiah Wright, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM STAFF

The following were introduced as interim staff: Dr. Jermiah Wright, - Co-Coordinator  
Dr. Cheryl Johnson, Co-Coordinator and Cassandra Lindsey, Secretary/Treasurer.

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Johnson gave a historical overview of TRANSAFRICA and expressed that there was no necessity to give up allegiances to other organization to which we may belong. She suggested that we should lift our sites above the parochial struggle and focus on issues that affect us as a people and that are apart of our own lives. We must realize that the issues that affect the continent of Africa affect us and that our brothers and sisters there are not free. We will as a support group attempt to influence others in these ways:

- Organizational Effort, e.g. workshops to educate along with political action
- Action Alert System - through this system we plug into the national, people will contact other people to effect legislation (includes telephone calls, telegrams and letters).

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

The following materials were distributed:

List of Cities with Operating Transafrica Support Committees  
History of Transafrica  
Transafrica Support Committee: Purpose  
Policy Statement of Transafrica (December, 1981)  
Transafrica News, Vol. 2 No 3, June, 1982

DISCUSSION OF MATERIALS AND ORGANIZATION OF CHICAGO LOCAL

The body approved the installation of the interim staff.

The body approved the membership fee as follows:

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| FULL-TIME STUDENTS       |         |
| RETIREES                 |         |
| UNEMPLOYED               | \$10.00 |
| WORKING PEOPLE           | 20.00   |
| ORGANIZATIONS/BUSINESSES | 50.00   |

The following committees were approved and organized:

FUNDRAISING

Merrill Warfield  
Jermiah Wright

POLITICAL ACTION

Maisha Bennett  
Mattie Hopkins  
Harold Pates  
Cheryl Johnson, Chair

POLITICAL EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP

Quentin Jackson  
Rhonda Woodard  
Mary Edelen  
Lyndon Jackson  
Charles Green  
Dorothy Foster - Chair  
Cassandra Lindsey

SCHEDULING OF NEXT COMMITTEE AND LOCAL MEETINGS

Committee meetings were not scheduled at this time. The next meeting of the local has been scheduled for MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 1982 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

## TRANSAFRICA/CHICAGO SUPPORT COMMITTEE

### INTERIM STAFF

Cheryl Johnson, Co-Coordinator  
Jermiah Wright, Co-Coordinator  
Cassandra Lindsey, Secretary/Treasurer

### COMMITTEES

#### Fundraising

Merrill Warfield  
Jermiah Wright

#### Political Action

Maisha Bennett  
Mattie Hopkins  
Harold Pates  
Cheryl Johnson - Chairperson

#### Political Education/Membership

Quentin Jackson  
Rhonda Woodard  
Mary Edelen  
Lyndon Jackson  
Charles Green  
Dorothy Foster - Chairperson  
Cassandra Lindsey