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December 26, 1984

Dr. Cheryl Johnson

Evanston, IL 60602

Dear Dr. *Cheryl* Johnson:

The Free South Africa Movement has become a national force largely because of the meaningful work you and others have done in over fifteen cities across the United States. With six weeks of activity behind us, January looms as our most important period.

Strong anti-apartheid legislation is now being readied for introduction in early February at the national, state and local levels. Chances for broad passage will be greatly enhanced by intensified action across the country in January. As we commend you for your efforts to date, we urge you to redouble your efforts for January by focusing on one or all of the following targets: consulates, Krugerrand dealers, banklenders to South Africa, and U.S. corporations investing there. We need more arrests, more pickets, more peaceful protest activities marked by imagination and ingenuity. In short, as Congress reconvenes, we must turn up the heat all over the country.

Enclosed is our most recent report on national activity. In order that we maximize the effect of our efforts, I would like to meet with you and the other city coordinators at the TransAfrica office in Washington on future coordination of the Movement. The date set for this meeting is January 5th at 1:00pm. We hope that your coalition will be able to work through the expenses to send a representative. Please respond to David Scott of our staff as soon as possible.

I'll look forward to meeting with you on January 5.

Sincerely,

Randall
Randall Robinson
Executive Director

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Enclosure

Free South Africa Movement Update: December 26, 1984

Consulate Cities:

- New York -- Arrests: @200
Demos: Daily since Nov. 26
Notable Participants: Harriet Michel(NY Urban League), Basil Paterson(former Sec. of NY State), David Dinkens(NYC Clerk), State Rep. Al Vann, State Rep. Roger Greene, Bishop Emerson Moore, United Church of Christ leadership, NY Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.
- Chicago-- Arrests: 5
Demos: Weekly (Thursdays) since Dec. 6
Notable Participants: State Senator Richard Newhouse, Mrs. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Jeremiah Wright.
- Seattle -- Arrests: 23
Demos: Weekly since Dec. 9 (Sundays)
Notable Participants: Native American leaders, local NAACP State legislators.
Note: The Mayor publically declared the consulate to be an embarrassment to Seattle and asked them to close. A State Senator and a State Rep. announced their intention to introduce a three-year moratorium on Washington investments in SA.
- Houston -- Arrests: 3
Demos: Generally Weekly (Mondays) since Dec. 7.
Notable Participants: State Rep. Al Edwards.
- Mobile -- Arrests 0
One demo held on Dec 6.
- Los Angeles -- Arrests: 0
Demos: Biweekly since Dec. 7
Notable Participants: Jesse Jackson, State Assemblywoman Maxine Waters, Alice Walker.
- Portland -- Arrests: 8
Demos: Twice/Week (Wed. & Fri.) since Dec. 13.
Notable Participants: State Rep. Margaret Carter, State Rep. Mike Burton, AFL-CIO local leader Bob Baugh
- Washington -- Arrests: 66
Demos: Daily since Nov. 21
Notable Participants: 15 Members of Congress, AFL-CIO leadership, AFSCME leadership, UAW leadership, Mayors of Gary, IN and Annapolis, MD, son and daughter of Robert Kennedy, Gloria Steinem.

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Krugerrand Cities:

Pittsburgh -- Arrests: 26

Demos: Twice/Week (Tuesday & Saturday) since Dec. 12.

Targets: Pittsburgh Gold and Silver Exchange, Kauffmann's Department store.

Victories: Kauffmann's has publically promised to discontinue sales of the Krugerrand.

Mayor of Pittsburgh has joined in urging store to end sales.

Boston -- Arrests: 25

Demos: Daily since November 26.

Targets: Deak Pererra

Victories: The honarary consulate in Boston has resigned in response to protest action.

Notable Participants: State Senator George Bachrach, Harvard Noble Prize winner George Wald.

Minneapolis -- Arrests: 0

Demos. Weekly since Dec. 18.

Targets: First Bank of St. Paul and six other local Krugerrand dealers.

Victory: First Bank of St. Paul conceded the Krugerrand.

Other Actions:

Neward -- Arrests: 8

Demos: Ongoing at Roosevelt Federal Building.

Bekeley -- Arrests: 38

Demos: Elapsed until semester begins at UC Berkeley.

San Fransisco -- Arrests: 6

Demos: Daily at the Pacific Marine As.

held in solidarity with the Longshoreman's Union refusing to unload SA cargo.

Cities in Ferment:

Miami -- Will Launch on Dec 27 at Southeast Bank of Miami.

Albany -- Will launch in first week of January.

Total Arrests: 418