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Dear Supporter:

The WOA Educational Fund needs your help.

We are now embarking upon one of the most challenging phases of the international anti-apartheid movement. The recent developments in South Africa make it more necessary than ever to present clear background information to the U.S. public.

Since I became Director of the Educational Fund, this is the first time I've had the opportunity to communicate directly with you. It's hard to bring myself to put pen to paper to ask for donations so soon. But we can't do without the essential income and support that letters like this generate.

Many of you have been supporters of the Educational Fund, and our parent group WOA, since its founding in 1972. You have worked to support independence struggles throughout southern Africa. Together we can now celebrate hard-fought victories such as the independence of Namibia, Zimbabwe's tenth anniversary of independence and the release of Walter Sisulu, Nelson Mandela and other prominent political prisoners.

But you also know, all too well, that many more victories must be won before apartheid is finally defeated.

The enclosed briefing paper -- "De Klerk and Apartheid: What Kind of Change?" -- discusses that remaining struggle. **The immediate challenge for all of us is to counter South Africa's slick public relations campaign presenting the changes as a leap toward democracy, as if apartheid were already abolished.** We must meet that challenge, and we must continue to inform the American public as the struggle develops.

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As many of you know, in 1989 both WOA and our Educational Fund faced a challenge of a different kind. Severe financial constraints dictated a much reduced operation and part-time hours for the latter half of last year.

But WOA is back! Our bills are paid and we've resumed our work full-time. We are now ready to meet the challenge ahead -- freedom for South Africa.

This is the first year of the last decade of apartheid! How quickly freedom comes depends on all of us. We cannot -- we must not -- hesitate. Please help with your direct and immediate support today.

Sincerely,



Aubrey McCutcheon, III
Executive Director

P.S. Nelson Mandela's call to us on the day of his release still rings in my ears. He said, "to relax our efforts now would be a mistake which generations to come will not be able to forgive. The sight of freedom looming on the horizon should encourage us to redouble our efforts."

Thanks again!

