

# **NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD**

SEATTLE CHAPTER

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Dear Dennis,

Seattle would like to welcome you again, after more than two years. On behalf of several sponsoring organizations, we extend to you an invitation to speak in Seattle--to present your message on South Africa in lecture, dialogue, and poetry--during the first week in November, 1984. The dates would be Thursday through Sunday, November 1, 2, 3 and 4. Thursday, November 1, has been included, depending on your schedule at Northwestern, for purposes of an evening meeting and reception with members of the Seattle Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, one of the sponsors. The Seattle NLG was honored to invite you to present the keynote address at its Annual Banquet last Spring and, as they discussed with you then, hopes your Fall schedule will allow you to address the Seattle NLG Chapter. In addition to the NLG, the following sponsors would like to meet with you and will work actively to facilitate your visit in Seattle: The National Conference of Black Lawyers, Common Wealth Fund, Red and Black Books, and Africa Network.

We anticipate a wide range of possibilities which would be available here, to broaden presentation of your message--from events with the sponsoring organizations to informal, small meetings with minority, church, and university groups, and with elected officials, to more structured events with the larger community as a whole, inclusive of a musical-cultural evening to be produced by Red and Black Books (a worker owned and operated book store which over the last year has produced similar events, with readings by Alice Walker, Ntozake Shange and Margaret Randall.) The intent will be to build outreach and deepen the focus on South Africa in Seattle. A draft of the proposed schedule for the 4 days is enclosed with this letter, along with materials describing each of the sponsoring organizations.

Our own sense of the need in South African work seems to call for as broad a dialogue as possible, while you are in the city. But we also need to have your judgment on which areas of communication or



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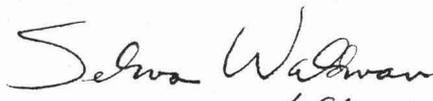
dialogue we should pursue, relative to the direction (as you see it) that South African work is taking now on a national level. For instance, it seems crucial to arrange smaller meetings with Hispanic and Black groups, for implementation of substantive dialogues on how South African work can best be incorporated into their own community organizing; however, for the sake of future efforts around South African liberation we also need to have some sense of which meetings and events you think would further the work.

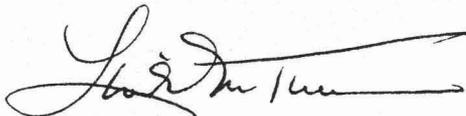
In addition to the schedule, we have enclosed a proposal for the funding of your visit to Seattle, including both travel expenses and an honorarium. We are projecting the honorarium amount based on the discussions you had last Spring with the Seattle NLG, in which a \$500 honorarium was mentioned. The "seed money" for your travel to Seattle, expenses, and for the publicity connected with the reading, will be provided by the sponsoring organizations and reimbursed to them, if possible, from ticket sales for the public event.

We hope that we will be able to welcome you to Seattle in November, and we look forward to your comments on our proposed schedule and financing of the trip.

Sincerely,

For the Sponsoring Organizations:

  
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