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AFRICA NETWORK, which is an organization for resources, information, and action on South/Southern Africa, and which has affiliates all over the United States, has agreed to submit the following questions to you, to raise at meetings, conferences, universities, and church events dealing with the forthcoming 1984 Elections.

Please also question candidates about these issues, as a way to ensure that South Africa becomes one of the platforms/focal points of the Election. We would appreciate receiving xerox copies of responses you receive so that we can make a survey/analysis of feedback. Your time and concern is much appreciated.

- 1) What is your attitude to the Reagan Administration's policy of "constructive engagement" toward South Africa: do you support or oppose it?
- 2) There is presently legislation pending before Congress which would freeze further investments in South Africa. (further specifics are listed on reverse side) Would you support or oppose this legislation?
- 3) The United States has used its veto at the United Nations to block significant action against the Apartheid regime in South Africa: would you support or oppose this policy?
- 4) Under the Reagan Administration, \$28,000,000,000 of military or military related goods has been sold to the Apartheid regime in violation of an Arms embargo, which the United States voted for at the United Nations: do you support or condemn this policy?

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At this time, opponents of apartheid are engaged in one of the most significant efforts in American legislative history. There is now more anti-apartheid legislation before the U.S. Congress than there has ever been. On Wednesday, August 3, the House of Representatives passed the IMF bill which included an amendment (HR 1083) by Congressman Julian Dixon (D-CA) to the effect that the President should instruct the American Executive Director to the IMF to oppose the extension of any loans or other facilities of the fund to any country which practices apartheid.

That victory having been won, we are now gearing our efforts toward the promotion of the Export Administration Act (HR3231) which has three important amendments attached to it and would therefore have the effect of creating meaningful change for blacks in South Africa.

- The South African Investment Prohibition Act is sponsored by Congressman William Gray (D-PA) of Philadelphia. It would prohibit any new American investment in the Republic of South Africa. Our support for this bill is unequivocal.
- The Solarz bill (HR 1693) has three major provisions. The first would make the Sullivan principles for fair work place standards legally binding upon American corporations operating in South Africa whereas they are now voluntary. The second would prohibit the extension of American bank loans to the South African government or to any corporations owned by that government. The third provision would make it illegal for anyone to import kruggerands or any other South African gold coins into this country.

We support this bill on the condition that it not be reduced to a Sullivan principles bill. In other words, the legislation must be kept intact with the second and third provisions remaining. Any effort to excise these portions of the bill would lead us to withdraw our support.

- The Berman amendment (HR 1877) is known as the Export Control Act. It would serve the purpose of reimposing the controls which applied to American manufacturers before the Reagan administration removed them. These controls disallow Americans to send shock batons or other instruments of repression to the South African government.

It is expected that the Export Administration Act will come to a vote shortly after Congress reconvenes in September. We urge everyone to write letters, send telegrams, make phone calls and personal visits to members of Congress encouraging them to support this legislation. Tell them to pass the Solarz bill *in toto* and not to allow its alteration. Also make them aware that another important bill, HR 1020 sponsored by Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) is also pending before them. This bill would prohibit the export or other transfer to the Republic of South Africa of nuclear material, equipment and Technology.

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- H. CON. RES. 42 is a concurrent resolution submitted by William Coyne (D-PA) which expresses the sense of Congress with respect to honorary South African consulates in the United States. It directs that in every instance the State Department should refuse to approve the opening of honorary South African consulates within the United States; that the Secretary of State should reassess the purpose and need for existing honorary South African consulates within the United States; and that the Secretary of State should rescind the approval granted for the establishment of the honorary South African consulate in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

H.J. RES 240 & 241 are joint resolutions of the House offered by George Crockett (D-MI) which would make Winnie Mandela and Nelson Mandela honorary citizens of the United States. If passed, they could lead to the lifting of Ms. Mandela's banning order and the release of Mr. Mandela from Pollsmoor Prison.

- H. CON. RES. 112 is a concurrent resolution submitted by Julian Dixon (D-CA and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus) which would have the House subscribe to the recommendations of the Namibia Report released last April by TransAfrica and twenty-three other organizations.