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Dear Friend:

Violations of United Nations sanctions by the United States continues on Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). But, efforts by ACOA to end this activity are mounting. To keep you informed we have enclosed a report on our increasingly effective efforts to combat this illegal trade. This report is of unusual interest because ACOA has been able to collect more information than has been available in the press or United Nations reports. It doesn't however begin to explain how we put it together.

ACOA has sources, reliable but irregular, in Africa, England, the United States and the United Nations. Sometimes we get confidential word. Other times fine print in journals of commerce or shipping news arouses our curiosity. We have discovered how to get a ship's bill of lading. We have learned about call letters, and how to make a telephone call to the captain of a ship. We have tracked ships from ocean to ocean, and we even helped a couple of Zimbabweans to board a freighter to conduct a thorough search. Sometimes it has taken all night on the phone; always it has taken more time than the staff really has to give.

Why all this? Because this is one fight that we don't intend to lose. The United States lined up squarely on the wrong side when Congress and the President together decided to let in Rhodesian chrome (and other so-called strategic materials) despite the United Nations sanctions. This meant:

- Reneging on freely assumed international obligations
- Regenerating the illegal and racist Smith Regime
- Rejecting the heroic struggle of the African majority.

We are fighting to change U.S. policy toward Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in every way we can think of - on the docks; with public demonstrations; in the Congress; through research and literature; at stockholders' meetings and in the courts.

We need help - your help. The sanctions campaign is urgent, yet it is only one of many essential ACOA activities. Just to meet this year's budget we must have \$30,000 by the end of the year. And we want to - we must - increase our efforts.

We have come this far because you, and others like you care, and work, and give. Now we count on you again. Send your check today.

Sincerely,

William H. Booth,
President