



## INTERFAITH CENTER ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

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TO: Members of the ICCR South Africa Issue Group  
FROM: Carol L. Somplatsky-Jarman *Carol L. Somplatsky-Jarman*  
RE: South Africa "Focus List" and May press conference

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As you will recall at the February meeting, the South Africa issue group delegated to a subcommittee the responsibility of developing a list of companies that ICCR member churches would announce to the press this spring as our "Focus List" for the coming year.

Attached is the list of companies and the statement (this will be edited by a press officer of the UCC, the intent of the statement will not change). You are invited to complete the attached "clip off" form if your organization wishes to be listed as a signatory. In signing on, you are adding the name of your organization to a number of others which are joining together to put pressure on the attached list of companies. As you will notice, the statement lists the wide variety of strategies that each church might take up. It also raises the issue of continued corporate presence in South Africa and the way that presence supports apartheid.

A note on the companies selected: There were several changes in the list following the February meeting:

- Motorola was dropped because the company recently adopted a policy of no sales to the police and military.
- Both J.P. Morgan and NCNB were dropped because the bank announced a policy on lending to South Africa.
- Ford was added to the list because its "sale" of part of its South Africa operations did not result in a real reduction of the company assets in South Africa.
- ITT was moved because the churches had not been in touch with the company for several years. Therefore, they were put on the list for next year.
- Control Data and Burroughs were added because of information about recent sales, overall size and the importance of the computer industry for South Africa.

The press conference has been scheduled for May 20, 9:30, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Citicorp Center.

I look forward to hearing from you!

May 20th PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON "FOCUS LIST"

We, the following member organizations of the South African Working Group of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, believe that all corporate presence in South Africa serves to strengthen that government's ability to maintain the abhorrent system of apartheid. We have chosen together this group of U.S. corporations for special, concentrated attention during the coming year. They have been selected due to their particularly significant or strategic role in supporting apartheid.

These corporations are:

- Burroughs
- Chevron
- Citicorp
- Control Data
- Fluor
- Ford
- General Electric
- General Motors
- IBM
- Mobil
- Newmont Mining
- Texaco

We seek from these corporations an immediate end to all business relationships with the South African government and its parastatal organizations.

We call upon them to approach publically the South African government to advocate the following changes as a necessary precondition for their remaining in South Africa:

- 1) official abandonment of the "homelands policy."
- 2) end to the various apartheid laws, such as influx control and group areas act.
- 3) restoration of full political rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and voting, to all peoples.
- 4) cessation of forced removals and population relocation.
- 5) guarantee of the right of all people to own land.
- 6) unconditional release of all political prisoners, detainees and those charged with treason.
- 7) end of the banning of organizations and individuals.
- 8) increased public funding of education, health care, social services, etc. for the black majority.

We believe that if there has not been significant progress toward achievement of these goals by the end of 1986, their continued corporate presence cannot be justified.

We pledge to press our concerns about South Africa with these corporations through a variety of approaches including shareholder resolutions, meetings with corporate leadership, campaigns of public witness, calls for withdrawal from South Africa, selective buying campaigns, and divestment of their securities. In addition to these corporations, we will conduct an on-going process of review and evaluation of all others involved in South Africa which may become the subjects of special attention in the future.

We will be issuing subsequent lists, and we will continue these activities until apartheid is ended.

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