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Dear Friend:

The past year has been extremely busy and productive for the Washington Office on Africa and our Educational Fund (WOAEF). Indeed, it has been an historic year for the people of southern Africa. Throughout 1990 we have strived to upgrade the quality and efficiency of our services and to bring you thorough analyses of recent and prospective developments and their implications for U.S. policy.

Please use this occasion, before the 1990 tax year ends, to increase your support with a tax-deductible contribution to the Educational Fund.

The year 1991 will present new and even tougher challenges for WOAEF and the anti-apartheid movement. And our work will grow in importance as the need increases for even finer distinctions and analysis of the complex process now unfolding in southern Africa. But, ironically, many of our financial supporters have expressed the unfortunate belief that the progress of the past year in South Africa will allow for a more relaxed, less watchful "Washington eye" and fewer activities and educational resources from WOAEF. I hope you will agree that we have worked far too long to just relax too soon.

Well then, let me cut right to the bottom line. You've supported WOAEF financially in the past and you'll remember that recurring yearly deficits necessitated severe staff and program cuts last year. You'll also remember that we wiped that slate clean last year and ended the year with a surplus to support our 1990 work. The bottom line now is that we close 1990 with no deficit—but also with no surplus to continue this work in 1991. Contributions from major supporters dropped tremendously this year, as many in this country were lulled into passivity by unfolding events in southern Africa.

I've enclosed a complimentary copy of the latest WOAEF briefing paper for your use. *Natal/KwaZulu: What's Behind the Violence?*, addresses the root causes of the fighting which has spread from South Africa's Natal province and the threat it poses to trade unions, independent community groups and the prospects for negotiations. This briefing paper provides the context that U.S. press reports have conspicuously ignored with simplified summations such as "black on black" or "tribal violence".

WOAEF still needs your help. Please act now and take advantage of the 1990 tax deduction still available for contributions made before the year's end.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

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YES, I agree! Now is not the time to relax our efforts for freedom in South Africa.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible year-end gift of:

- \$25 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____
- \$50 \$250 \$1,000

Please mail your check or money order (payable to WOAEF) today with this card in the envelope provided. Gifts to WOAEF are tax deductible.

*The quest
for peace in
South Africa will
be strengthened
by your year-end
gift.*

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