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TRANSAFRICA BOSTON CHAPTER

RE: BLACK COMMUNITY FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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Former Mayor Richard G. Hatcher will be the featured speaker at a special forum sponsored by the Boston Chapter of TransAfrica devoted to an assessment of foreign policy issues in the presidential campaign of interest to the Black Community.

Mayor Hatcher is the Chairman of the National Board of Directors of TransAfrica. For many years he has been principal figure among Black political leaders throughout the country, and the Democratic Party. He was one of the principal advisors to the 1988 Jesse Jackson for President Campaign. Currently, he is a Fellow at the Kennedy School at Harvard University.

TransAfrica is a national membership organization in the Black American community that is concerned with American foreign policies towards and relations with countries with substantial Black populations. It is one of the leading organizations working to end South African apartheid, and founded the Free South Africa Movement that is credited with having mobilized sufficient political support to achieve sanctions legislation against South Africa over the President's veto, the first veto over-ride on a foreign policy issue for President Reagan.

The Democratic and Republican Party presidential nominees will each be represented at the forum, to discuss the foreign policy positions of the candidates in relation to the concerns and interests of the Black American community.

The Forum will be held in Room 305 of Building #4 at the Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, on the evening of Wednesday, October 12. 7-9pm. All are welcome free of charge.