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President Jimmy Carter
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter,

When you addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations last week, you affirmed your commitment and that of the United States to the work of the United Nations for human dignity throughout the world and indicated that you would give strong support to the United Nations in this field.

This affirmation has, of course, been widely welcomed.

Certain resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations are of special import at the present time and I would like to bring them to your attention. These Resolutions (notably Resolutions 2775D (XXVI) of 29 November 1971, 3411E of 28 November 1975 and 31/6F (XXXI) of 9 November 1976), all of which have a bearing on an event due to take place in the United States next month, call on all countries not to engage in sports exchanges with racist sports bodies in South Africa.

On April 15th to 17th, at Newport Beach, California, the team representing the United States will be due to play a Davis Cup tennis match against a team from the racist tennis Union in South Africa which purports to represent South Africa, though it enforces a vicious policy of racial discrimination against the majority of South Africans.

On behalf of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee and all South Africans who are opposed to racism in sport, we call for the cancellation of this event and of all sporting exchanges with South Africa until the sports bodies there are open to all South Africans and all representative teams are selected on merit, regardless of race.

We call on you, Mr. President, to express your opposition to this event and to call on the United States Tennis Association to heed the resolutions of the United Nations and cease supporting the racist body in South Africa.

Yours faithfully,

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