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Dear Friend,

WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON IN SOUTH AFRICA?

There is a way you can discover some of the terrible evidence of what is happening inside South Africa today, most of it kept hidden through the overseas media's too-ready compliance with Pretoria's censorship.

There is a way to learn of the increasingly fearful repression of Botha's regime under cover of the emergency he has had in force continuously over the past few years. There is a way to read of the activities that the people, in spite of the clampdown, are still heroically undertaking day in and day out.

There is a way, in spite of the emergency, in spite of the censorship. It is through reading the special News Briefing that the African National Congress produces for its own use.

This Briefing is compiled from many sources, both inside and outside the country, and from articles published in journals belonging to all shades of opinion. A number of publications inside the country exhibit great courage, trying to give a more comprehensive picture of what is taking place during the emergency, regardless of their being situated within range of the censors' - and soldiers' - bullets.

The ANC Briefing brings together from these various origins a mosaic of items of information that add up to a vivid picture of a revolutionary struggle against detestable oppressors. Until now it has been available only to ANC members and a limited circulation beyond this. But it is thought important that in future this information be disseminated more widely among sympathisers and supporters - for very little of the real information is getting through today at any level, and communication is vital!

As a result of this decision there is now the opportunity for you, as a supporter and friend of the liberation struggle, to become a subscriber to the weekly, which contains invaluable topical information. The News Briefing is being made available to our friends by way of a regular subscription (see attached form). Your subscription payment will not only help to finance the gathering, production and circulation of this News Briefing, but will also figure as a donation of help and support for the ANC in all its efforts.

Reading the News Briefing will keep you closely in touch with the situation in South Africa. You will see for yourself that the political scene there is still in a state of tremendous turbulence. You will see that the regime's aim to stifle opposition, by stifling news of it, is in vain.

From the Briefing you will be able to read the sort of facts being brought out that make it necessary for Botha to expel newsmen, ban newspapers and detain and harass Journalists; or to seize and ban 55 000 copies of Cosatu News, the journal of the largest black trade union federation; or why it was that their headquarters were subsequently devastated in a bomb blast, leading to the destruction of still further vital records and information; or why it is that people such as New Nation Editor, Zwelakhe Sisulu, have been held for many months in detention; or why; during 1987 alone, 186 foreign journalists were refused entry into South Africa. You will learn what is happening in South Africa that Botha desperately tries to hide. One purpose of his attempts to block out communications, both within the country and between South Africa and the outside world, is of course to enable the regime to continue its 'licence to kill' policy with no word of its brutality getting to the outside world, nor any word of the growth of the movement for liberation. -But it is vital for the world to know of these deeds. It is vital for you yourself to know so that you can pass on the knowledge to others. You have the right to know. Don' t let Botha censor what you, too, can read or see. There is now a chance to gain this knowledge, through the ANC News Briefing. Take the step today of sending off the enclosed banker's order form. All Briefings subscribers will automatically also receive all ANC press statements when issued. Support the ANC and the freedom struggle! We ask you to take out an annual subscription - \$60.00 (including postage) or the dollar equivalent at the prevailing rate of exchange. We thank you for your invaluable support. Yours sincerely,
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