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Dear Randall,

What started as an anti-apartheid demonstration by three Black leaders in a quiet street in Washington D.C. last November, quickly assumed phenomenal dimensions throughout the United States of America, tore into the Reagan Administration's policy of "constructive engagement" for South Africa, carried its message of disinvestment and sanctions across the globe, and is having an incredible impact on the apartheid situation in South Africa. By your persistent pursuit of the cause of justice through Transafrica, you helped prepare the ground and lay the foundation. Today we have got the racists running. Our pressures should be heightened and reinforced. The end of the apartheid system may be much nearer than our current calculations indicate.

We are deeply appreciative of your initiatives. We are greatly inspired by the dynamism of the Free South Africa Movement. We hail the fierce student campaigns in university campuses. Next to the heroic and sustained struggle of the Blacks in South Africa, it is the support of the American people especially since last November that has thrown the Pretoria regime into a political and economic crisis such as it has never known in its history. It is in that context that Botha is beating about for a way out, although he is as yet unwilling to throw down the towel. However the collapse of his regime is no longer in doubt. Even among a rapidly growing number of his own supporters.

Yours fraternally,