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Dear Friends,

We have enclosed two new publications that may be useful in understanding the current situation in South Africa and the continuing need for sanctions.

The Struggle for a Democratic South Africa: Looking to 1990. In this piece, Jay Naidoo, general secretary of the trade union federation, COSATU, analyzes the current situation in South Africa and the role of the democratic movement. The other document is a speech by Max Coleman, of the Human Rights Commission, which reviews the current state of repression and the important role played by international campaigns. "This is not the time to relax the pressure," says Coleman. n0n the contrary, there could be no better time to intensify pressure of all kinds."

Questions and Answers on South Africa Sanctions by William Minter answers the fourteen most frequently asked questions on sanctions, their aims, and effect. This December 1989 update of one of our most popular pieces demonstrates the effects that sanctions have had to date and responds to the main arguments against sanctions. It also discusses the possible effect of more comprehensive sanctions. I'm also pleased to report that we recently published Apartheid Whitewash: South African Disinformation ln the US by Richard Leonard. This study examines the South African government's efforts to influence public opinion abroad. This is especially timely as South Africa is increasing its efforts to persuade the world that it is abandoning apartheid and that sanctions should be ended.

Also enclosed is a new Southern Africa Literature List. It contains a number of new titles, and, for the first time, a section on religion. Among the new titles is Sanctioning Apartheid (Africa World Press, March 1990), which has contributions from sixteen different anti-apartheid activists and scholars including Africa Fund Research Associate Richard Knight, who provides a comprehensive analysis of the changing nature of U.S. corporate involvement in South Africa. Other new titles include South Africa: The Sanctions Report, prepared for the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on South Africa (available in March) and the Apartheid is Wrong Curriculum Kit produced by Educators Against Apartheid.

Copies of all these publications and many more can be ordered using the new literature list. I know that with your continued support, the people of South Africa can look forward to more victories in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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