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THE HON. OLIVER TAMBO,
PRESIDENT, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

DEAR PRESIDENT TAMBO :

I RESPECTFULLY HOPE YOUR SCHEDULE AND INTEREST WILL PERMIT YOU TO CONSIDER THIS URGENT APPEAL AND INVITATION. ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 10TH OF THIS YEAR, WE WILL CONVENE IN SEATTLE (WASHINGTON

A NATIONAL FORUM ON SOUTH AFRICA= PUBLIC OFFICIALS, CORPORATE LABOR EXECUTIVES AND CHURCH LEADERS FROM ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND. THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS NATIONAL FORUM IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBLE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REGARDING THIS NATION'S ROLE AND STAKE IN THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE IN YOUR COUNTRY.

WE RECOGNIZE THE MANY, EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME BUT FERVENTLY HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT PERSONALLY CONSIDER THIS OCCASION TO BE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT YOUR MAKING THE JOURNEY TO SEATTLE TO ADDRESS THIS ASSEMBLY. YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION, INVITATIONS ARE BEING EXTENDED TO ONLY FOUR PRINCIPAL LEADERS FROM YOUR COUNTRY= THE OTHER THREE ARE ARCHBISHOP TUTU, THE REVEREND BEYERS NAUDE, AND MRS. HELEN SUSMAN. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL AND WIDESPREAD DISAGREEMENT WITH THE POSITION MRS. SUSMAN HAS TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, WE DEEMED IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A VOICE OF OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ITS ABHORRENT POLICIES A MATTER WHICH WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND TO WHICH YOU WILL BE SOMEWHAT SYMPATHETIC. BUT OUR MAJOR CONCERN AND HOPE IS THAT YOU, AS LEADER OF THE MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL VOICE OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICA, WOULD FIND THIS OCCASION TO BE ONE WORTHY OF YOUR PERSONAL PARTICIPATION.

WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR AIR FARE AND EXPENSES AND ARE ABLE TO OFFER YOU, IN ADDITION, AN APPROPRIATE HONORARIUM. THERE ARE DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM LONDON TO SEATTLE WHICH, IF YOUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT CALL FOR YOUR BEING IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME, WOULD FACILITATE YOUR TRAVEL TO OUR CITY.

I CLOSE, PRESIDENT TAMBO, WITH THE PERSONAL HOPE ON BEHALF OF MY MANY COLLEAGUES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE PLANNING FOR THIS FORUM, THAT YOU CAN FIND IT POSSIBLE TO BE WITH US. THERE ARE MANY, MANY AMERICANS LIKE OURSELVES WHO VIGOROUSLY DISSENT FROM THE NATIONAL POLICIES OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IN YOUR NATION. WE HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THAT SUPPORT AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THAT SUPPORT AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MAJOR ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN NATION AND ITS PEOPLE.

RESPECTFULLY,

HUBERT G . LOCKE,

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