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Dear Jennifer,

Walter Sisulu has asked me to write and thank you very warmly for your Fax of October 16th. He was delighted to learn of the resolution which you and your co-workers have managed to get through the Senate, and he was impressed with the fact that it was by unanimous vote. He thinks you all did an excellent job and wants to commend you for it.

Of course, since you wrote, particularly in the light of the Webster Inquest, you have even more evidence to support your case. The position here on the peace front is starting to look a little more hopeful. I am sure talks will be getting under way soon.

I know that Walter would have liked to have signed this letter himself, but he is in Cape Town for the next four days, and the pressures are so great on him at the moment that I thought it best to let you know how pleased he was with your communication. He hopes you are well and sends you his regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rica Hodgson
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October 16, 1992

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Dear Walter,

Last time I visited South Africa in June, I described on the phone to you an anti-violence resolution the Africa Fund had worked to have introduced in the U.S. Senate with the help of Senator Paul Simon and others.

I am glad to report to you that by a unanimous voice vote, the United States Senate passed the Resolution SR301, on October 2. The resolution condemns the violence in South Africa and points to the South African security force involvement in instigating such violence.

This is the first time the U.S. Congress has voted on apartheid's violence. Dumisani Kumalo, our Projects Direct, worked hard to win 30 co-sponsors for the resolution, and I testified in the Senate for the resolution.

The resolution passed despite an extensive lobbying campaign by South African Ambassador Harry Schwarz and active opposition from the U.S. State Department.

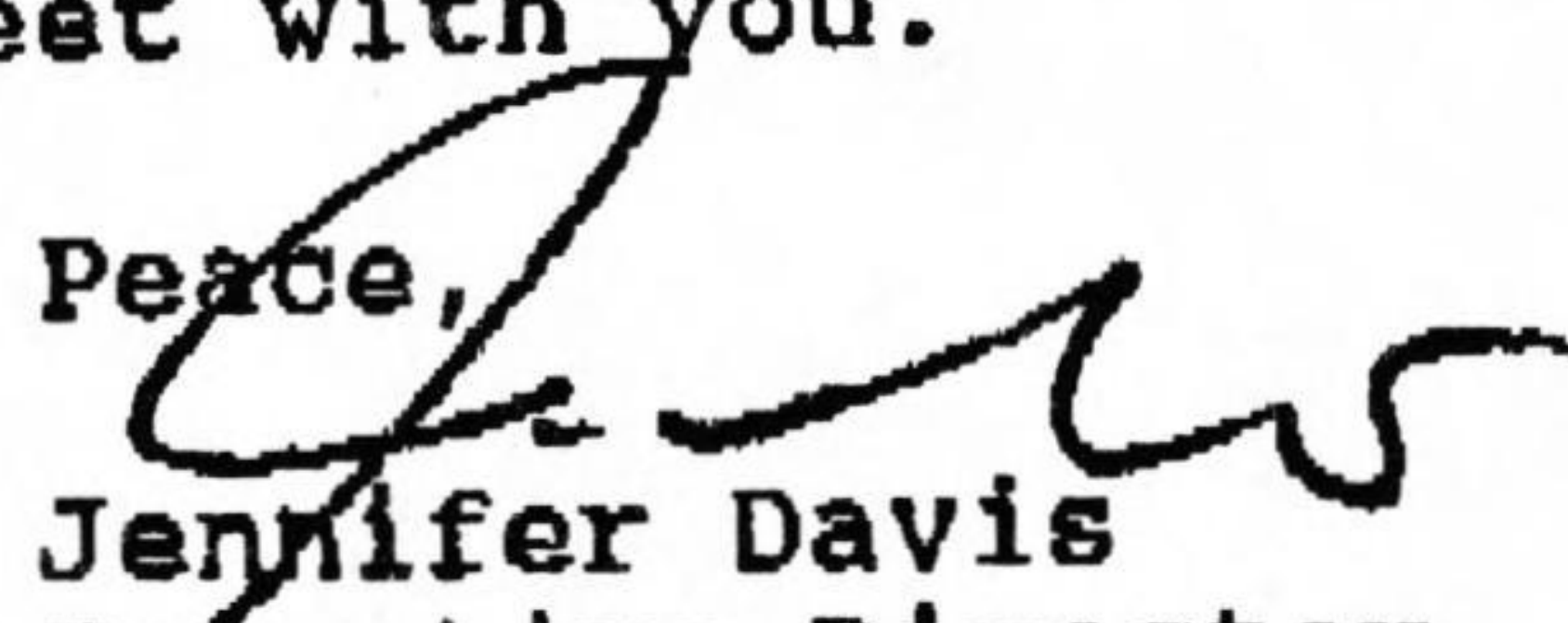
The resolution which urges the government of F.W. de Klerk to "take effective steps to end the violence and protect all South African citizens regardless of race, color, or creed," also calls on President Bush to prepare and transmit to Congress a report on the nature of the violence, the role of various participants in the ongoing carnage, and the impact of this violence on South Africa's transition to democracy.

As a next step in our 'Stop the Violence' campaign we plan nationwide church services on Human Rights Day, December 10th and a Week of Action in February, which is Black History month in the U.S.A. It would be fine not to have still to confront violence next February -- but from this distance the signs look bad.

We are eagerly looking forward to the November meeting which will give us all an opportunity to review broad strategies. I hope it will also provide an opportunity for us to meet with you.

Love to Mama.

Peace,


Jennifer Davis
Executive Director