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THE RIGHT REVEREND
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September 19, 1986

Dear Mr. Tambo,

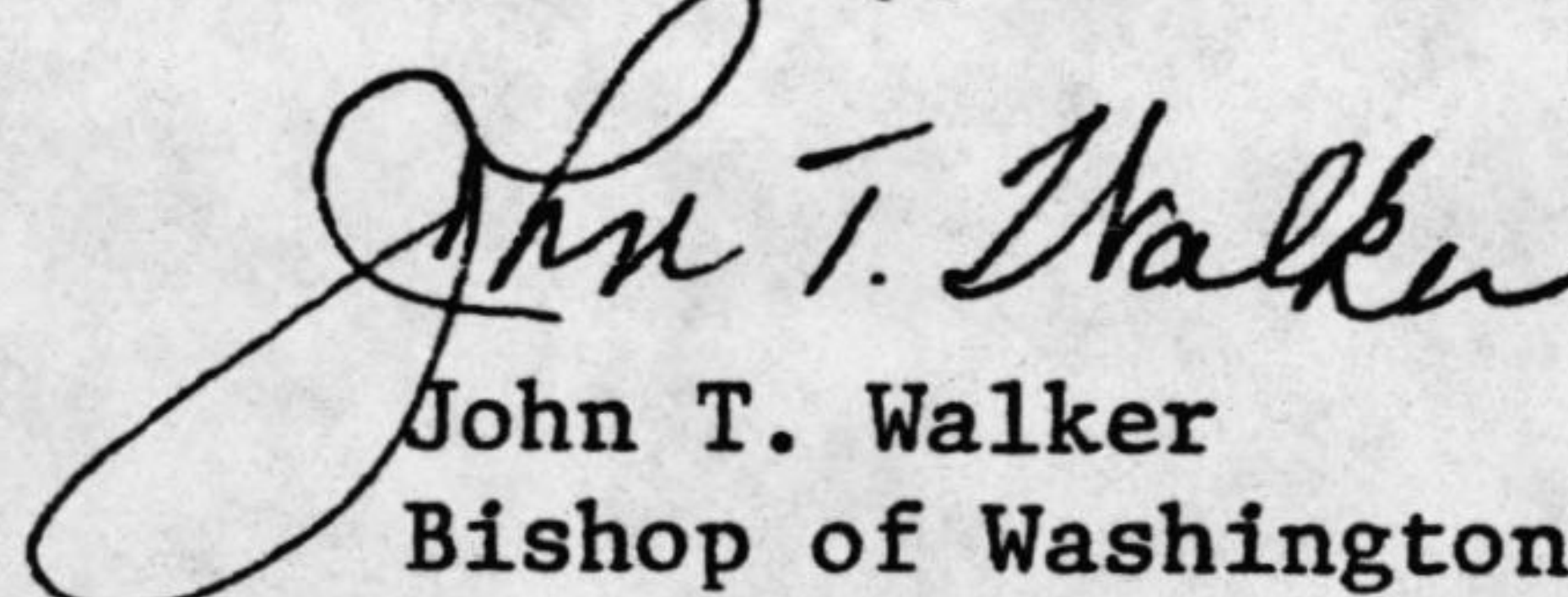
The Reverend Canon Kwasi Thornell on my behalf recently attended a meeting in Lusaka at which time he was able to speak directly with you. He has indicated to me that he had given you a copy of testimony which I gave in late July before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate in conjunction with proposed sanctions legislation.

My purpose in writing is two-fold. First, I want to assure you that my testimony was designed to elicit a stronger statement from our government than has yet been forth-coming and ought not to be interpreted as an effort on the part of any Americans to determine what is good for the people of South Africa. Secondly, I would welcome an opportunity to talk with you while you are next in the United States in October.

It is my understanding that other Americans including Mr. J. Wayne Fredericks have been in touch with you to make a similar request. The desire of these Americans to meet with you is, in my opinion, an expression of their sincerest commitment to work with you in achieving what the black people of South Africa determine is in their best interest.

I trust that you will view my comments positively and my invitation to meet favorably. I am profoundly concerned about what is happening to the black people in South Africa and will continue to use my good offices in whatever seems the most effective way to further the cause of freedom and justice.

Sincerely,


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