TO: WOA Key Contacts

FROM: Rich Lapchick, National Chairperson, ACCESS

RE: Davis Cup Action Alert

As many of you know, the South African Davis Cup team is scheduled to meet the US team from March 17-19 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Now joined by the Coalition for Human Rights in South Africa, the NAACP and the Urban League, ACCESS is coordinating a massive protest of this event which contravenes many UN and OAU resolutions. Since the Gleneagles Agreement of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers (June of 1977), the US is now the major competitor with South Africa in sports.

ACCESS is aiming for a total US sports boycott. Tennis is the only sport in which South Africa still competes for an international championship, largely the result of the support of the US Tennis Assoc.

We ask you to join in our massive letter writing campaign to attempt to stop the matches. Write to:

1. Chancellor Alexander Heard, Vanderbilt Univ. We feel our best chance for cancellation is to pressure Vanderbilt (Nashville, Tenn 37240).
2. President Carter, to publicly state his opposition to the matches.
3. W.E. Hester, President of the US Tennis Association (P.O. Box 1057; Jackson, MI 39205) to protest their playing and supporting South Africa.

If we fail to get the matches cancelled, we will hold massive demos there. Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP predicts the largest demos in this country since the 1960's. This may be the most tangible South Africa "event" in the US this year. Please help us by protesting against it. You have our deep thanks,

Rich Lapchick