CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON SOUTH AFRICA

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TO: Member Organizations, and Friends of the Consultative Council on South Africa

FROM: The Rev. Herschel Halbert for the Administrative Committee

We take great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. Wendell Foster as the general secretary and coordinator for the Council. Mr. Foster has already taken up his work of unifying the Council's program with particular focus on the Seminar on "American Involvement in Apartheid: What can be done?" to be held in Washington, March 18-21. Please reserve these dates at once and plan to arrange for participation by members of your organization.

Mr. Foster was born in Alabama in 1924, where he received his early education. After discharge from the Navy where he served the World War II period in the Pacific, he attended Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. He has been active in the civil rights movement for many years. He was President of the Springfield, Massachusetts NAACP, Director and Public Relations man for the first CORE Interracial Action Institute in Miami, Florida, and a member of the American Committee on Africa for years. He served as Tour Leader on both the 1964 and 1965 ACOA Summer trips to Africa and is now Associate Director of the Committee.

The appeal for voluntary contributions for a full time coordinator which was circulated in the latter part of December has made it possible for us to utilize the services of Mr. Foster for an experimental period only. We are anxious to hear from your organization about a contribution to this work so that we may continue this program on a regular basis, if this arrangement proves satisfactory. We have heard from only about six organizations (and one anonymous donor) about the ability of their organization to contribute. We suggested the standard of $300, but we would welcome contributions of any amount to this important program.

For your convenience we are enclosing a form for your response to us on or before the next meeting, February 8th. Please let us hear from you on this form, if you have not done so already, so that we can review our financial ability to continue our work beyond the present limited period.

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