CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL
ON SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Friend:

Just recently, South African Prime Minister Verwoerd proclaimed to his fellow whites: "We are the foremost supporters of the supremacy of the White man."

We believe the boast is well justified: opponents of apartheid are systematically suppressed. Banishment; jailing, banning -- even death -- are the harsh tools of the most racist regime known since Hitler days.

And yet South Africa is treated by the U.S. Government as an ally, as a respectable member of the international community. American initiatives in dealing with the outrage of apartheid have been woefully lacking.

To begin to meet this situation, a Washington Conference was convened a year ago, with the sponsorship of 38 national organizations. The Conference enjoyed a far greater attendance and participation than was anticipated. Ever since there has been growing interest in what we can do.

To sharpen our perspectives on lines of action -- and to bring our concern to bear on our Government -- the Consultative Council on South Africa now calls for a Seminar on American Involvement in Apartheid. It will be convened in the Nation's capital March 19 to 21, thus commemorating the Sharpeville slaughter of African demonstrators by South African police which shocked the world just six years ago.

The international implications of the struggle in South Africa can no longer be denied. The Armistice Day unilateral Declaration of Independence by white supremacists in Rhodesia -- as well as the impending decision of the International Court of Justice in the case of South West Africa -- pinpoint the potential danger.

The Seminar will emphasize what our Government can and should do. Although primary participation is to come through organizations affiliated with the Consultative Council on South Africa, all those in agreement with our purposes -- and prepared to follow through with action -- will be welcomed.

I enclose the outline of our program, with an application blank. Your early reservation, for yourself and for others, will facilitate smooth planning. May I hear from you just as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

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Co-ordinator

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