Enclosed with this letter is an announcement of a talk by Ruth Minter on Mozambique on Friday, June 4, 8:00 p.m. at the Church of the Covenant, Boston.

Also enclosed is a statement on the current situation in Eritrea by Eritreans for Liberation in North America, comprising a letter and the first page of a six-page statement going into the background of the current crisis. The Eritrean scene has only just begun to receive attention in either the establishment or Left press, but it is increasingly urgent, given the high level of US military aid to Ethiopia. For more information, write to EFLNA at above address.

The following are two issues concerning Southern Africa on which national letter-writing campaigns are under way:

**South African Nuclear Reactors from GE**

On May 10th, General Electric applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to export two nuclear reactors to South Africa. The South African government has given GE (together with Swiss and German consortium partners) the contract to build South Africa's first nuclear power station. "Koeberg A", first half of the proposed "twin" nuclear power station, will cost almost $1 billion. General Electric will be seeking a final commitment from the Export-Import Bank on a provisional commitment of $242 million (1975).

This construction will constitute support of the South African economy. Furthermore, it will give South Africa the capacity to produce nuclear weapons, because Plutonium, used in A-bombs, is a by-product of power-generating reactors. (For example, this is how India made their bomb.) As Dr. Mugomba pointed out at the Zimbabwe teach-in last month, nuclear weapons are not effective directly against a liberation struggle but would certainly be a threat to deter neighboring countries from providing aid and bases for the liberation movements.

The American Committee on Africa has called for letters to:

1. Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, urging that the licenses be refused.

2. Members of the Senate and House Banking Committees, calling on the committees to ensure that the Export-Import Bank deny credits for these projects. The Senate Committee is holding hearings on this project and this could become a focus of opposition to the project; at the least this will help expose the falseness of US claims to support African liberation. Write to these Banking Committee members:

   - Senator Edward Brooke
   - Senator William Proxmire
   - Congressman Henry Reuss

   421 Senate Office Building
   Washington, D.C. 20510
   (from Massachusetts)

   Rep. Paul Tsongas
   419 Cannon House Office Building
   Washington, D.C. 20515
   (Fifth District, Massachusetts)

**UN Membership for Angola**

Security Council action on membership of the People's Republic of Angola in the United Nations has been delayed because of the likelihood that the U.S. would veto admission if the matter came to a vote on May 11th as originally scheduled. Angola formally applied for membership on April 22nd.

There is precedent for the U.S. voting to favorably recommend a state to the U.N. even though it has not recognized that state itself. At worst, we expected the U.S. to abstain on the issue, thus allowing the application to proceed unimpeded.

It now appears, however, that domestic political considerations are preventing even this "worst" alternative. We also find that the administration has scuttled perhaps its key promise to Africa, to actively support repeal of the legislation allowing importation of chrome from Rhodesia, in violation of U.N. sanctions. Without Administration support, legislation to repeal the Byrd Amendment is unlikely to be introduced before the political conventions, and perhaps not even before the election.

We ask that you write or wire President Ford, the White House, Washington, D.C.