Governor Brown  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, Ca.

February 1, 1977

Dear Governor Brown:

People for a Free South Africa is a student and community group registered as an official campus organization at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Our purpose is to increase public awareness of the University's corporate investments in South Africa. We are also concerned with the issue of ethical investment of public monies.

Recently, we circulated a petition which addresses these concerns, for one week, on and around the Santa Cruz campus. The original petitions were then presented to UCSB Chancellor Taylor at a public rally (please note enclosed newspaper articles) to be forwarded to U.C. President Saxon. Copies of the petition, which bears over 2500 signatures, are now being submitted to the Regents, and to the Governor, as President of the Board of Regents. The petitions are a testimony to the widespread nature of public concern over the Regent's investment policy in general, and their investments in corporations with holdings in South Africa, in particular.

People for a Free South Africa (PFSA) is aware that these issues have been brought to the Regents' attention in the past by such varied groups as the Northern California-Interfaith Council on Corporate Responsibility, the U.C. Student Body President's Council, the U.C. Academic Senate, and the State Legislature. We are disturbed by the Regents' repeated refusal to initiate a change in their policy.
We reject the conclusions of Treasurer Hammond's report of May 1976, which recommends against the formation of committee to advise the Regents on socially responsible investing, and urge strongly that the proposition be reconsidered.

The Regents' current proxy policy, contrary to the statements of certain Board members, commits the University to an overt stance on certain social issues. PFSA feels that if the University of California is going to take a stand on such issues, in the name of all California State taxpayers, and University affiliates, it should make clear its commitment to humanitarian principles.

For this reason, we believe that the Regents should no longer invest public or employee monies in firms with operation in South Africa. There is documented evidence that has made it clear to us that these firms directly and indirectly bolster the current regime there, and the racist legislation of apartheid.

The facts of oppression and racism are easily obscured by the physical distance between American investors and black South Africans. They are also obscured by questions of financial responsibility, so-called academic freedom and institutional precedents. These latter may be significant issues, but they are meaningless when not considered in their full context. Continued investment in South Africa requires at least an honest acknowledgment of the conditions it helps to uphold there.

We understand that the Governor has the opportunity to appoint three new Regents: two additional Board members to be selected by March 1, and a replacement for Mr. Forbes, who recently resigned as a Regent. On behalf
of those who signed the petition, PPFA would like to urge the Governor
to select the candidates who are supportive of the concerns mentioned
in this letter, and in the petition, PPFA also notes the Governor's favorable
attitude towards the establishment of an advisory committee on Regent
investments, and encourages him to take a stronger position on the issue.

Finally, PPFA extends an invitation to the Governor and the Regents
of the University of California to view the film, "Last Grave at Dimbaza." The film is a documentary on conditions in South Africa, including a por-
trayal of the role of foreign investments there. It is highly educational,
and has been widely used in classrooms throughout the country and abroad.
We are currently petitioning to have this film shown at the Regent's March
meeting.

This invitation is extended in a spirit of sincerity and concern.
Our intent is to educate and inform, as is consistent with the purported
aim of the University.

We trust the invitation will be accepted in a similar spirit.

Sincerely,

People for a Free South Africa