Dear Friend,

Season's Greetings from the Washington Office on Africa.

Nineteen eighty-seven marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Washington Office on Africa (WOA). Throughout these years of work, WOA has been at the center of every major anti-apartheid battle waged in Congress and the Administration by the American people. We have estimated that more than 1.5 million copies of WOA letters, action alerts, newsletters and informational literature have been distributed during this period to inform and alert people about action regarding U.S. policy in southern Africa. In 1986, among other legislative activities we played a crucial role in forcing the House of Representatives to pass the Comprehensive Sanctions bill offered by Congressman Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA). Passage of that legislation helped provide the momentum for passage of the limited sanctions bill by Congress over President Reagan's veto in October 1986.

In 1987 the Washington Office on Africa's unique legislative monitoring and action role grew even greater in importance. This was the year in which the pro-apartheid right wing dramatically stepped up its efforts to undermine the limited gains obtained by the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, by supporting South Africa's role as regional terrorist in southern Africa.

In response to an unprecedented barrage of dangerous right wing legislation in Congress in 1987 to implement the right wing agenda, the Washington Office on Africa has:

* carefully tracked and monitored all Southern Africa related amendments, resolutions, bills, votes and speeches during floor debate or committee sessions in Congress;
* prepared fact sheets, letters, action alerts and legislative summaries mailed to local and national anti-apartheid organizations;
* worked with members of Congress to craft anti-apartheid amendments, bills, floor speeches, and political strategy;
* Supplied background information to Members of Congress and their staffs;
* convened a number of special and very effective working groups on the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference, Angola/Mozambique and Sanctions;

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* produced a popular and comprehensive legislative action kit and new educational resources on UNITA and Renamo for grassroots and Congressional education;
* produced a 15 minute demonstration VHS video on South Africa's war in Angola; and
* convened and facilitated national emergency strategy meetings of anti-apartheid groups on southern African issues.

WOA's leadership in performing these and many other activities has enriched and strengthened the anti-apartheid movement tremendously.

When you give generously to the Washington Office on Africa, this is the kind of effective work you are supporting. Your dollars help guarantee that we can continue informing and activating the national anti-apartheid network to support the people of southern Africa. With your initial contribution or renewal of $20.00 or more you will receive our newsletter, Washington Notes on Africa.* As a part of a powerful nation-wide network of organizations and individuals, we can make a difference. As the crisis deepens in southern Africa, WOA needs your support now more than ever.

Please place your contribution in the enclosed envelope, made payable to the Washington Office on Africa. With a contribution of $200.00 or more you will receive a free copy of our Angola demonstration video as a premium. This video is excellent for education and grassroots organizing. Thank you again for your support and a very happy new year to you indeed.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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