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We, the Black United Front (BUF) and Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom (POSAF), are very pleased to be in a position whereby we are able to join Mr. Joe Henderson at this historic occasion. But of even greater importance, we are publicly commending Mr. Henderson for taking a personal and courageous stand against apartheid. His agreeing never to return to South Africa is music to the ears of all anti-apartheid activists here in the U.S., and he will be heard by the Black majority population in South Africa.

We must admit, however, it was disappointing to note Mr. Henderson went to South Africa, because for those of us who have followed his musical career, we have always known he carries with him a high level of cultural, social, and political consciousness. For example, his album titles such as "Black Is The Color" and "Power To The People" do not denote a lack of consciousness. And using another album title, "If You Are Not Part Of The Solution, You're Part Of The Problem," Mr. Henderson has joined the list of distinguished artists who are a "part of the solution," that want to bring an end to the racist regime of South Africa.

Our thanks also goes to the various student components at Portland State University: Students Against Apartheid, the Association of African Students, the Department of Black Studies who got us to this momentous gathering; and Mt. Hood Community College radio station KMHD for their cooperation by helping us make contact with Mr. Henderson.

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