INFORMATION ON WORKING CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Basis of unity. Groups participating in the conference should be in basic agreement with the following points of unity:

1. The system of white minority rule in southern Africa will not be overturned either by appeals to the goodwill of the ruling minority or by gradual reforms such as increased wages for Blacks, abolition of "petty apartheid" or internal or international dialogue or "detente."

2. The only just and viable solution in southern Africa is full political participation by all citizens; we reject the concept of bantustans as unviable and unacceptable.

3. The African people of southern Africa have the right to choose such means as may be necessary, including the use of armed force, to achieve their liberation.

4. The U.S. government is in complicity with the present Apartheid regimes in southern Africa and shares direct responsibility for blocking majority rule there. This active American support is an inseparable part of United States imperialism toward the Third World. The struggle in southern Africa is the same struggle in which we are engaged in the U.S. against the forces of economic and political exploitation.

5. As groups we are committed to the goal of overcoming the racial and class divisions which have surrounded anti-imperialist struggles in this country. Thus we shall strive toward broadening the constituencies with whom we work and to whom we appeal.

Participation. Invitations are being sent to local groups and to national organizations with local constituencies, not to individuals. Organizations are asked to send delegations of not more than three persons. Groups will be able to send more delegates only if space permits. Registrations will not be accepted beyond an overall limit of 100 persons.

If any votes are taken during the conference, each delegation will vote as a delegation and will have one vote to cast.

There will be an opportunity during the conference for delegations to make suggestions and proposals for the open agenda portion of the conference on the last day. Such proposals should be submitted to the conference planning group, which will periodically meet during the conference.

Time and place. The conference will run from 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 11th until 1 p.m. Monday, October 13th, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. It will be held in the Student Union of the University of Wisconsin.

Housing. The Madison Area Committee on Southern Africa has agreed to find space for as many as possible of those who wish free housing in private homes in the Madison area. (You may have to sleep in a sleeping bag on
the floor.) However, there is a realistic limit of about 50 such places that can be furnished. Accordingly, we urge you to select motel or hotel accommodations as your preference on the enclosed sheet if you can afford to do so. MACSA will make reservations for you in your name but we must have your registration quickly. We cannot guarantee that in every instance we will be able to furnish precisely the accommodation you prefer but MACSA will do its best to meet your request. If you can arrange your own housing in Madison with friends, please do so. That will help.

Eating. Sandwich and beverage lunches will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Aside from these occasions, however, conference participants will make their own eating arrangements in the local cafeterias and restaurants, or with friends, etc.

Fees. A registration fee of $10 is required for each participant to cover the cost of lunches, coffee, materials and long distance telephone calls.

Assistance with travel costs. We are trying to raise a budget of about $2500 to cover travel costs of invited guests and participants and postage and telephone costs over and above what the registration fee will cover. At this time only about $1,000 of this amount has been pledged, but we are confident that it can be raised. We ask you, however, to recognize the limited amount of help that can be provided. If you are able to help provide additional funds for others, we would welcome your assistance in helping to share and spread resources. If you need assistance please so indicate on the registration sheet and we will see what can be done.

Information about your group. One of the most important benefits of the conference will be getting to know each other better. To give that process a head start, we ask you to send in an information sheet about your group that can be distributed at the opening of the conference (see instruction sheet enclosed).

We also urge groups to bring multiple copies of written or visual resources which they produce or distribute.

Further information or questions: Our telephone number is 202-546-7961. We will have a Madison number to call at a later time and will give it to you with additional information when we confirm your registration.