MEMORANDUM

To: People Concerned Re: Southern Africa

From: Jim Bristol

Subject: Madison City Council Action

Date: 12/14/76

I knew you would be interested in the action taken recently in Madison, Wisconsin. The City Council resolution is attached.

Meg Skinner was good enough to send me the information. She writes: "Though you may have received it from another source, I thought this City Council resolution might be of interest to you and possibly others on your mailing list. The resolution referred to in the title was one passed by the council in June, condemning the violence in Soweto, and calling on Kissinger not to meet with Vorster in the wake of such violence. This bill, an ordinance, was finally passed by a voice vote of the Council Tuesday, Dec. 7, after Dave Wiley spoke eloquently in its behalf, and MACSA members had done a great deal of lobbying for several weeks. When it was still in committee, one council member said 'I'll vote for it if they just stop calling me about it!' We sent out a mailing (with Church Women United) to 240 local clergy, asking them to circulate petitions supporting the bill, and those petitions, along with one from University Africanists, were presented to the Council members.

"As far as I know, this is the first ordinance of its kind to have passed any city council in the country. One is pending in East Lansing, but others (some of which targeted specific corporations) were defeated in Gary, Indiana, etc."