TO: Participants in the Southern Africa Working Group

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UPDATES ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS

The McGovern-Hayakawa proposal to send official observers to the Rhodesian elections appears to be dead. The Senate approved the resolution March 28th by a vote of 66 to 27 (as shown). On April 2nd the House Africa Subcommittee voted 9 to 0 against the resolution. Since the election is to begin on April 10th (for white voters), there seems little chance that any alternative way of moving the resolution through Congress can be implemented.

In addition, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the resolution are now printed, entitled "Rhodesia", and are available from the Committee.

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Rumors abound that some kind of sense of Congress action might be amended to the development assistance bill this week calling for sanctions to be lifted right after the election. More likely, however, is a major push in May, as explained in section II of the minutes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Southern Africa Working Group is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th at 1:30 in Conference Room #2 at 100 Maryland Ave., N.E. We hope you will be able to attend. We need to discuss our strategy for the period immediately following the election in April, and to firm up Senate lobbying strategy.