We, the undersigned, deplore the Reagan Administration's collusion with South Africa as seen in the U.S. veto of a United Nations resolution condemning the recent South African raids into Angola and the provision of visas for the South African rugby team - playing a game in Albany, New York tonight - in violation of a United Nations-initiated boycott of sports links with South Africa. South Africa's raids into Angola and its February raids inside Mozambique reveal its desperation at the escalating resistance of people in Namibia and South Africa to the maintenance of white minority rule. White South Africa knows that its days are numbered.

From D.C. to Johannesburg we find:

The White South African government, with United States support, is:
- denying black people the right to vote and forcing them to carry passbooks at all times;
- destroying black family life through regulations forcing husbands and wives to live apart and refusing to support adequate minimum wages;
- creating "bantustan" reservations where South African blacks are forced to live.

The Reagan Administration is encouraging:
- destruction of gains won by the American civil rights movement (including the Voting Rights Act and affirmative action programs); and
- erosion of government support for desperately needed services in poor and minority communities.

Both governments encourage systematic police brutality and attacks on black people and racial polarization in an attempt to pit us against one another.

From D.C. to Johannesburg we also find a rising tide of unified struggle against these crimes. More and more people are confronting the collusion between the Reagan Administration and South African racism as well as Reagan's changing of budget priorities from people-serving programs to a massive military build-up. Our victories in these struggles in D.C. are victories for those struggling for freedom and against U.S. imperialism in Namibia and South Africa. Their successes nourish our struggles as well.

We call for an end to United States diplomatic recognition and relations with the white minority government of South Africa.

We support Congressional legislation to end economic, military, technological, cultural and sporting links to South Africa.

We urge our government to strongly condemn South African aggression against its neighbors and to end United States' collusion with that pattern of aggression, including all United States covert action in Angola.

We call for the immediate implementation of United Nations Resolution 435 to enable the people of Namibia, under the leadership of SWAPO, to achieve genuine independence.

We call on our fellow Americans to learn about these issues and join with others in pressuring our elected representatives to concretely support the liberation movements inside South Africa and Namibia in their struggles for freedom.

Statement endorsed by: Black Americans for Justice & Peace in El Salvador; Campaign to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa; D.C. Bank Campaign; D.C. Chapter of the Gray Panther Haitian Refugee Project; John Brown Anti-Klan Committee; Malcolm X Day Committee; Lucy Murphy, Centro de Arte; National Bar Association; National Black Independent Political Party; National Conference of Black Lawyers; Peoples' Anti-War Mobilization; RAP, Inc.; Southern Africa Support Project; Southern Christian Leadership Conference; TransAfrica; Washington Office on Africa; Workers World Party; World Peace Center.