Suggested division of labor: All sponsoring groups need to clarify among themselves a reasonable division of labor that represents real commitments to sustained work on these campaigns. ACOA has borne the brunt of demands on CAISA, as its central address/contact point, and has done it well. But if more of the work is not decentralized, then CAISA will in fact remain little more than a project of ACOA, rather than the broad, joint effort it should be. In thinking through the larger proposal discussed in Sept. (which seemed too centralized) and ACOA's useful simpler model, we would like to suggest the following ways to decentralize the ongoing work of CAISA:

- **Targeting specific states/regions for follow-up by specific sponsoring group(s)** (e.g. queries, follow-up on Illinois, or some Southern states, could be assigned a specific group and written/phoned-in queries routed to that group by ACOA); there would have to be some regularized reporting mechanism so outcomes, etc. would be centralized in one place.

- **Newsletter:** could it come out at pre-determined intervals, with sponsoring groups involved in reporting on some campaigns or making other contributions to ACOA by that date for inclusion in the newsletter (if informal, we could even submit camera-ready copy, subject, of course, to space considerations, etc. (We should also discuss decentralizing cost of production & postage.)

- **Developing resources:** WOA and COBLSA have begun discussing a resource piece on linking legislative divestment to local community issues which we would like to produce for CAISA. There are other parts of the original Action Guide outline which were never done, but which could perhaps be done by different sponsoring groups (just as ACOA has moved ahead re Q&A piece, etc.); they could constitute a packet and yet stand by themselves as resources for distribution. (COBLSA is producing a handbook on research and organizing bank campaigns locally, on somewhat the same plan.) Issues to resolve: do we have some informal review process defined re what goes out in CAISA's name? Are these pieces done as pieces by separate groups or carry CAISA's name?

- **Speaking on behalf of CAISA:** This is a difficult issue -- what is the fine line between developing speaking opportunities for one's own group and the larger set of groups? Who should make a decision re who might be best as speaker for an event? Can that be done collectively? Yet how deal with the practical matter that any specific address will funnel such requests more to one group than another? Can we develop a system of sharing such opportunities without unfairly penalizing any group?
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COBLSA views CAISA as providing essential coordination of divestment work done by sponsoring groups and being able to provide up-to-date monitoring of progress and technical and other assistance to local and statewide groups active on this issue. However, our diversions have not yet built on yet to maximum effect in strengthening this movement, and a clearer 'division of labor' may be one way to do this. Since coming on board in May, my energies have necessarily gone into internal development and outward expansion of COBLSA's work. However, more of our affiliates and contacts are becoming involved in legislative campaigns, so a CAISA focus for much of our work at the local level is increasingly important.

COBLSA targetting of constituencies: In the coming period, COBLSA would like to concentrate on mobilizing the following into CAISA work: neighborhood groups/networks; regional research groups; city-level legislative action; work with national unions located in DC.

COBLSA feels it can make the greatest contribution to CAISA through focusing on the following in the coming period:

1) doing outreach to, monitoring progress and following up on new contacts for CAISA in several selected states (e.g. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisc.; parts of south)(obviously its COBLSA work wd continue in other states)

2) resource development: working on an organizing/mobilizing piece, with WOA, on how to relate South African divestment to local community issues (see proposal)

3) Outreach to constituencies: working on outreach to national unions based in DC (with DC Bank Campaign and others) re both bank withdrawal issues and their support for legislative divestment and to networks of community organizations

4) Working to link our National Day of Withdrawal/Action on the Banks, tentatively scheduled for Fall 1982, to CAISA work (and vice versa?)

5) Focussing on developing resources and reaching groups active at the city level (this was the weakest part of the National Conf.; campaigns at city or county levels can increase momentum for legislation at the state level)

6) Outreach to media: trying to focus on getting CAISA materials into newsletters of community group networks, city or regional publications (this could be further delegated within CAISA); union Publications

COBLSA is working toward a National Day of Withdrawal in for Fall 1982: how could CAISA and COBLSA work cooperatively on this?

Other COBLSA activities: working with groups in DC re possible IMF campaign; developing an organizers' handbook by June 1982.