National Coalition for the
Liberation of Southern Africa.
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Dear Friends,

The cause of human liberation, majority rule, and justice is winning in southern Africa! The peoples of Guinea-Bissau, Angola and Mozambique have recently achieved political independence and are making strides toward economic self-reliance. The confrontation in Rhodesia points to a liberated Zimbabwe within a year or so...with Namibia not far behind. And, the Republic of South Africa??

U.S. foreign policy and American economic involvement are critical factors in the timetable for freedom. Thus, we in the U.S. have an important role to play. As Black Africans continue to win their freedom, Americans must seek to restrain U.S. support of the racist minority regimes...and hasten the day of liberation.

Across the nation, numerous local groups are dedicated to education and action focusing on this issue. Seminars, workshops, and conferences have been held; resource materials (books, periodicals, films, speakers, etc.) have been shared in many communities; boycotts, demonstrations, and legislative action have been organized.

In October, 1975, a national coalition of local groups was formed in order to facilitate a more effective coordinated effort. In December, 1976, at the latest meeting of the steering committee, the following assessment was made:

(a) The task is very great, the opportunity for education and action overwhelming;

(b) Local groups are heavily involved, but the nation-wide impact is minimal;

(c) Needed: a centralized headquarters, with an employed staff person.

Basic qualifications for such a staff person would certainly include knowledge of and demonstrated concern about Southern Africa issues and U.S. policy toward Southern Africa, as well as experience in organizing and administration.
Duties of the staff person would include:
* maintaining an administrative center for the coalition;
* coordinating the work of local groups (newsletter, telephone contact, dissemination of information about programs, campaigns, speakers, and resources);
* promoting and facilitating a national campaign for mass action in support of Southern African liberation;
* exploring possibilities for broadening participation in the coalition;
* planning for a national conference;
* fund-raising.

A minimal expense budget would look something like this:

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Subsistence salary</td>
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<td>Rent on living quarters</td>
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For such an annual budget, long-range funding sources will be necessary. But, with seed-money, it would be possible to begin immediately. Can your organization help? So far, probable support includes:

- Contributions from member groups of the coalition: $1000.
- Contributed office space, perhaps from a group in Chicago?: $1200.
- Contributed living quarters???: $1800.
- Contributions from concerned individuals (including YOU?): $2000.
- Contributions from concerned organizations (including YOURS?): $4000.

**Total**: $10,000.

If you and/or your organization can help in any way whatsoever, kindly let us know immediately. The task is great...let's get on with it together!

Yours in the continuing struggle for justice and peace,

Sincerely,

Warren "Bud" Day

Cynthia Shoenberger

on behalf of the committee for a national staff person, composed of:
- Chicago Committee for the Liberation of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (CCLAMG)
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) - observer.
- Madison Area Committee on Southern Africa (MACSAC)
- Southern Africa Liberation Committee (SALC), East Lansing, Michigan
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