ARCHBISHOP TUTU NEEDS OUR HELP
Vote For The Pro-Divestment Slate

April 1, 1990

Dear Friends,

Last year, with your help, we elected Archbishop Desmond Tutu to the Harvard Board of Overseers. Since that time, there have been dramatic developments in South Africa. Nelson Mandela has been freed, anti-apartheid organizations have been permitted once again to work openly for a democratic, non-racial South Africa, and there is, at this very moment, the real hope of peaceful negotiations for an end to the apartheid regime.

In February, Archbishop Tutu flew to Boston for a meeting of the Board of Overseers the day after President de Klerk’s dramatic speech to the South African Parliament, so convinced was he of the importance of enlisting Harvard in the struggle against apartheid. The Archbishop joins with every other South African anti-apartheid leader in pleading with the world to maintain pressure on the de Klerk government until genuine, non-reversible negotiations are actually begun. When I spoke to him in February, the Archbishop told me that de Klerk’s very last words to him, over the telephone, before he left for Boston, were “Tell them to lift the sanctions.” So, you see, we are having an effect!

At this critical moment, HRAAA is once again putting forward five splendidly qualified anti-apartheid candidates for the Board of Overseers. Each of these candidates can bring a special area of expert knowledge and experience to the affairs of the Board, in addition to a firm commitment to divestment and a continuing fight against apartheid.

Help Archbishop Tutu and send a message to the Harvard Administration by electing all five of HRAAA’s candidates this year. There are TWO things you can do, right now, to support the world-wide anti-apartheid movement:

1. VOTE FOR THE PRO-DIVESTMENT SLATE ON YOUR 1990 BALLOT.
2. USE THE ENCLOSED BROCHURE TO JOIN HRAAA TODAY.

Many Harvard/Radcliffe graduates never receive their ballots, due to a confusion about mailing addresses. The ballots are sent out by Harvard in the first two weeks of April. If your ballot does not arrive by May 1, 1990, call Mr. Marten Liander at 617-495-1554, and request a new ballot. It will be sent to you immediately by first-class mail.

My friends, the long night of oppression in South Africa may be about to end. We must stay the course, maintain the pressure, demonstrate to the de Klerk government that it has no choice but to negotiate the end of apartheid. Harvard must be persuaded, at this eleventh hour, to join the universities, unions, local governments, and states around the world who have declared their unwavering support for freedom in South Africa.

My thanks for your help,

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