The issue of U.S. involvement in Southern Africa has been overclouded by the situation in Afghanistan and Iran in California, as we are sure is happening elsewhere. And of course the movement to aid Cambodia and events in Nicaragua, El Salvador and other Latin American countries has taken the interest and time of individuals who had worked on Southern Africa issues. Also the upcoming Zimbabwe elections and labor law changes in South Africa have made the issue somewhat less compelling for many. But there is still a lot of interest among many. It has been widely rumoured for instance that Bank of America will be issuing a "Chase Manhattan" type statement; ending loans to the S.A. government and to its owned agencies. And local politicians are still interested. The Oakland Board of Education for instance recently voted to remove school funds from banks that do business with South Africa. And of course future oil shortages and the increasing price of gold could be used to restimulate general interest.

We still have committed volunteers working on the banking issue, in fact more than ever before. This year we received 3 new interns from U.C. Berkeley. Another 2 or 3 people have also recently joined our campaign as core workers. What is missing is MONEY. With other foreign issues dominating the headlines; now more than ever we need finances to keep S.A. liberation in the thoughts of our potential and actual constituency. Another mass leafletting campaign would be ideal. But we are already $2,000.00 in debt from the last campaign. Fundraising should and will be a prime priority in these months to come for us. We definitely welcome ideas.

Money is especially critical to $BOA now as AFSC is no longer sponsoring our group. We are in the process of becoming totally independent which includes moving to new offices at the Africa Resource Center in Oakland. We have rent money for one year (through Vanguard Foundation) but no funds for operating costs.
Within the context of financial limitations; we believe its important to consol- 
date our ties with other groups such as TransAfrica etc., and work more concertedly. Exchanges of information is ESPECIALLY important, many things that happen interna-
tionally WE DO NOT HEAR ABOUT on the West Coast. Shared sources of funding and 
coordinating outreach efforts would also maximize resources. Right now our 
strength we believe is personpower. In conjunction with other groups our ef-
fectiveness could be greatly increased.

In conclusion we believe Southern Africa issues are still important to the 
public; but are increasing going to have to vie with foreign policy issues in 
other parts of the world, issues which are superficially disparate and conflicting 
in nature. For instance the situation in the Middle East will convince many that 
ties with S.A. should be strengthened to secure those raw materials needed for the 
military industry. Also the rising price of oil and OPEC's new refusal to accept 
U.S. dollars will convince many to heavily invest in gold and mining stocks. But 
realization of the dangers already seen in supporting oppressive regimes may actually 
farther S.A. liberation or provide the basis for a serious reevaluation of policy. At any event, it will be a long protracted struggle to achieve U.S. separation 
from S.A. and concurrently support liberation in S.A. This will take real committment. 
Possible strategies are an ever closer identification with the issue of public 
control over public and personal monies. In this era of stagflation and decreased 
standards of living this may be the best way to reach the public.