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Dear

The clothing drive for victims of South African apartheid was a real success. We collected a total of 883 pounds of good quality clothing which we delivered to Chicago for transhipment to refugee camps in southern Africa. We are grateful for the widespread support given to this YWCA-Coalition Against Apartheid sponsored undertaking.

There is a continuing need for other types of assistance to ease suffering in southern Africa. If you have projects underway at the present time or you would like to initiate some, we would like to assist you in any way possible. Attached is a sheet listing A) material aid needed B) suggestions for obtaining material aid and C) information on how and where to send aid.

Perhaps it would be useful to have more information concerning the reasons why need for material aid for peoples from Zimbabwe and South Africa has arisen. We would be glad to direct you to published materials or to provide speakers, should you wish them. There are several speakers coming to the University of Illinois campus this spring to talk about the situation in southern Africa. Michael Mawema of Zimbabwe will be here on Thursday, March 1st, in 110 Lincoln Hall at 8:00 p.m., to speak of problems facing his country. Should you wish information on other speakers, the Coalition would be glad to keep you informed.

Once again, please feel free to contact us if we can be of any possible assistance. Thank you for your continuous help and support in efforts to aid victims of racial injustice in southern Africa.

Sincerely yours,

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A) Forms of assistance needed by Southern African refugees:

1) Funds for medicines (anti-malaria, antibiotics, cardio-vascular) and medical equipment (microscopes are particularly needed)*

2) Health supplies such as water purifiers, mosquito nets, detergents, disinfectants.

3) School supplies such as exercise books, ball point pens, books, etc.

4) Blankets and tents.

5) Items to make refugee life more tolerable such as sports equipment, arts and crafts, transistor radios, toys.

B) Possible means of collecting funds and/or materials for refugee assistance would be fund raising dinners, garage sales, monthly pledges, blanket drives, etc.

C) For general information on how and where such material assistance may be sent contact:

The Africa Fund  
198 Broadway St.  
New York, N.Y. 10038  
(212-838-5930)

For specific information on Zimbabwe contact:

Mr. T. Kangai,  
Chief Representative  
211 East 43rd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Material assistance may be sent directly to:

1) Items to:  
Zimbabwe African National Union  
Box 393  
Chimoio, Mozambique Africa

2) Funds to:  
Secretary for Finance  
ZANU  
Caixa Postal 743  
Maputo, Mozambique Africa

*If it would be easier for your organization to raise funds for items mentioned below rather than the items themselves, this assistance is also welcomed.