December 21, 1984

Dear Friend,

Next Friday, December 28th, will be ACOA's day on the picket line at the South African consulate. A number of ACOA and Africa Fund Board members and Trustees including George Houser, Peter Weiss, Frank Montero, and Tilden LeMelle will join me in being arrested.

I hope you will be able to join us on the picket line. The consulate is located at 425 Park Avenue at 55th Street and the protest lasts from 3p.m. to 5:30p.m. I look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis
Executive Director
Leaders of the American Committee on Africa will be arrested at the South African Consulate, 425 Park Avenue, at 3:30 p.m. on Friday December 28. ACOA has spearheaded the divestment campaign which has led state and municipal governments to sell over a billion of dollars in South Africa related investments.

Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, and representatives of other organizations including the Coalition of Latin American Trade Unionists and the National Congress on Puerto Rican Rights will also be joining the action being taken to protest South Africa's racist apartheid system.

The six ACOA officers who will be arrested are:

*Tilden LeMelle, Vice-President and Provost of Hunter College of the City University of New York and ACOA Treasurer.

*Peter Weiss, the past President of ACOA and currently Chairman of the Board of the Institute for Policy Studies and Vice President of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

*Dorothy Hibbert, ACOA Secretary and Vice-President of the International League for Human Rights.

*Frank Montero, Vice-President of Tishman Realty and Construction Corporation and Chairman of the Trustees of The Africa Fund, ACOA's tax-exempt associate.

*George M. Houser, ACOA Director Emeritus and confidante of numerous African leaders including the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe.

*Jennifer Davis, the Executive Director of ACOA and an economist exiled from her native South Africa because of opposition to apartheid.

ACOA's President William H. Booth, a former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, was among those arrested on the first day of demonstrations in New York in November.

*Zilo Torres, Co-chair of the National Congress on Puerto Rican Rights, Rev. Frank Morales, members of the United Bronx Parents, and of the Nicaraguan Solidarity movement will also take part in the protest arrests.