Dear Friends,

Many of you undoubtedly have a strong interest in events in southern Africa and are eager to help end U.S. support for South Africa's white minority regime.

Since the 1976 Soweto uprisings—in which hundreds of protesting Black students were gunned down by the South African police—American students have been organizing to end their schools' complicity in South African apartheid. Students across the country have been demanding and protesting for divestment—the sale of their schools' stock invested in U.S. corporations and banks doing business with South Africa. Since 1976 students at 40 schools have forced over $175 million of South Africa linked stock to be divested.

But much still needs to be done and your support is urgently needed.

During the month of October Joshua Nessen, Student Coordinator of the American Committee on Africa, will be on an organizing tour of the West Coast. Since 1953 the American Committee on Africa has been supporting struggles for independence and liberation in Africa, and for the past five years Josh Nessen has been coordinating national student organizing against apartheid.

The objectives of the tour are to:

1) Have strategy meetings with student and community groups focusing on how to organize for divestment and develop related campaigns in support of southern African liberation movements (e.g. material aid and political prisoner support work).

2) Provide groups with literature and other materials geared to organizing on southern African issues.

3) Show a film, "Six Days in Soweto" and a slideshow on women under apartheid to generate broader interest on campuses and in communities.

4) Build support for Spring 1985 Weeks of Anti-Apartheid Action.

Josh Nessen, who is 28 years old, has been an anti-apartheid organizer since his undergraduate days and his recent activities include:

1) Organization of two national student anti-apartheid conferences co-sponsored by the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid.

2) Participation at international conferences against apartheid—including one held in Luanda, Angola.

3) Organization of National Weeks of Anti-Apartheid Action involving thousands of students nationwide and coordination of liberation movement speaking tours.

4) Testimony numerous times at the United Nations on student anti-apartheid organizing.

In the last few weeks over a million Black South African students have mobilized to protest apartheid. Many have been shot and killed.

I hope you will meet with Josh to help build the campaign to support the students and end U.S. complicity with apartheid.

TO SET UP AN OCTOBER MEETING DATE IMMEDIATELY CALL: #212-962-1210 (American Committee on Africa)

(Accommodation in dorms or houses is requested)

Sincerely Yours,

Jennifer Davis, Executive Director