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Dear Friend:

With less than two months to go before the first ever democratic election in South Africa, I hope you will be able to join us on March 15, 1994 for a Working Briefing on The Progress of the Election in South Africa, hosted by The Africa Fund and the House Subcommittee on Africa on Capitol Hill.

The legacy of apartheid runs deep, creating many obstacles to achieving full electoral participation. These include political violence which takes the lives of 12 people a day and the threatened boycott of the election by right wing groups under the umbrella of the Freedom Alliance.

Our briefing will give you a first-hand assessment of what is actually happening on the ground, day-to-day.

We have invited three political experts with extensive experience in running and analyzing political campaigns in the United States. They are Bill Lynch and Venita Vinson.

They will be joined by Bethuel Maserumule, a member of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, who oversees voter education and election activities for the Congress Of South African Trade Unions. Mr. Maserumule is campaigning in the most dangerous and violence-ridden area of South Africa, the East Rand near Johannesburg, at the grassroots level.

Our invitees have all just returned from campaigning with Nelson Mandela and working with the democratic forces in South Africa. We enclose detailed biographies of the presenters.

Please join us on **March 15, 1994** at the Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC, Room 2255 at 9:30 am so that we may update you on problems and progress in the South African election.

Sincerely,

Dumisani Kumalo
Projects Director

By Invitation Only
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About the Presenters...

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William Lynch

Formerly the Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs and campaign manager for Mayor David Dinkins, Bill Lynch has been a social and political activist for the past twenty-five years. He has played critical roles in state and local U. S. politics, particularly as Deputy State Campaign Manager for the Clinton/Gore campaign. He has shared this expertise with the ANC and democratic forces helping them get out the vote for the 1994 election. Most recently, he traveled to South Africa in March at the request of Nelson Mandela as a political advisor.

Mayor Norman B. Rice

In his role as two term mayor of Seattle, Washington and as a member of the U.S. Conference Of Mayors of which he is currently a Trustee, he has supported the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. He was very active in implementing sanctions policies and urging the release of political prisoners.

Venita Vinson

Formerly the Deputy Mayor of Denver, Venita has had vast experience in local and national politics in the U.S. She is a member of the Democratic National Committee and a Trustee of the Africa Fund. She was recently in South Africa conducting non-partisan training sessions for prospective women candidates.

Danny Glover

Danny is an activist and actor, recently starring in 'Bopha' which depicted the internal turmoil in the Black South African township of Soweto. His mega hits include "Leathal Weapon" and its two sequels. He has just returned from South Africa, traveling with the Artists for A Free South Africa, lending support to the ANC as they prepare for the elections.

Bethuel Maserumule

Bethuel is the Regional Secretary of the Witwatersrand East district of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, the country's second largest trade union. He is also an active member of the African National Congress and an official of the local civic association in the East Rand region near Johannesburg where thousands of people have died as a result of political violence.