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Dear Colleagues:

Attached is a copy of an ad/petition we are asking faculty on campus to endorse and finance urging the university to sever all economic ties with companies doing business in South Africa. The petition also urges students and other members of the university community to participate in a teach-in on South Africa, October 17-19.

The purpose of this letter is also to ask you for a donation to help the Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC) do its work against apartheid in South Africa and racism in this country, and on this campus specifically. The FSACC is officially recognized by the university as a student organization and has a university account in which donations will be deposited. The FSACC is the primary organizing agent of the teach-in and a number of other activities designed to inform the university community about developments in South Africa and to urge the university to take a strong and consistent position against apartheid, in both word and action.

While funds will be solicited from the student government for the teach-in and other activities, they will not cover all of the FSACC's expenses. Apart from bringing in speakers and space rental, the organization needs money for photocopying, stationery and envelopes, stamps, publicity (flyers, posters, ads), and to defray travelling expenses for representatives to meet with other anti-apartheid groups in the midwest and east coast.

We would like to run a full-page ad in the Michigan Daily, but ultimately the number of endorsers and amount of donations will determine the size. We very much need your support. If you wish to participate, please sign the attached and mail to Hector L. Delgado, Dept. of Sociology, 3rd Floor - LSA Bldg. We are asking for a minimum of \$5.00, but, again, would appreciate as much as you can contribute toward both the ad and the work of the FSACC. If you wish to contribute to both, but prefer not to have your name appear in the ad, we will certainly honor your request. Please make checks out to the Free South Africa Coordinating Committee. Please return the attached, with your check, by no later than October 10th. We need sufficient time to prepare the ad for submission to the Michigan Daily. We would like it to run either Oct. 14 or 15. Please join us in sending a strong message to the regents.

Sincerely,

Tom Holt
CAAS

Alan Wald
English

Mike Taussig
Anthropology

Peter Railton
Philosophy

Barbara Fields
History

Raphael Ezekiel
Psychology

John Chavez
Latino Studies

Martha Vicinus
English

Tom Weisskopf
Economics

John Vandermeer
Biological Sciences

PETITION BY UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FACULTY
TO THE REGENTS TO SEVER ALL ECONOMIC TIES
WITH CORPORATIONS DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

We, the undersigned, condemn the racist system of apartheid in South Africa and demand full and equal participation of all South Africans in the political, economic, and social life of the country.

We strongly urge the University of Michigan to completely sever all economic ties with corporations doing business in South Africa, and banks and lending agencies extending loans, directly or indirectly, to the South African government. To do otherwise is to continue to underwrite a regime the United Nations has declared a "crime against humanity."

We further urge all members of the university and neighboring communities to attend and participate in a teach-in scheduled for October 17th - 19th. The teach-in is designed to educate and to explore ways in which we might help to expedite the inevitable destruction of apartheid. Please look in this newspaper and around campus for information on the teach-in.

Name:

Signature:

Department:

Donation enclosed:

Please mail this form and check to: Hector L. Delgado
Dept. of Sociology
3rd Floor - LS&A

Paid for by the above individuals