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MEMORANDUM

TO: President Harold T. Shapiro

FROM: Virginia B. Nordby

SUBJECT: South African Protests

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OFFICE

As you will note in the attached article from the Ann Arbor News, the campus group known as the Free South Africa Coordinating Committee is planning to join with similar groups around the country in sponsoring "a national day of protest" on October 11. Perhaps you know that October 11 also is the day when the NBC morning news program, the Today Show, is scheduled to be on campus.

I do not know whether this coincidence in timing was intentional or not. It does seem that having national news media here for our local "protest" presents us with a unique challenge, which, if carefully orchestrated, could work to our advantage. It could also be an unmitigated disaster.

I will try to find out what Ransby's group is planning and keep you informed.

Attachment