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May 21, 1979

Regent Robert E. Nederlander
University of Michigan
Board of Regents
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Dear Bob:

I would like to thank you for affording me the opportunity to appear before your august body on Friday, May 18th to express my point of view.

Also, I appreciate your response to my letter to Mr. Morley Winograd, Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party. I have taken the liberty of sharing that response with some members of the legislature and several other concerned individuals.

Finally, thank you on behalf of myself and the citizens of the state of Michigan for the passage of the resolution governing the sale of the shares of any corporation which does not adopt the Sullivan Principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morris Hood, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Morris Hood, Jr.
State Representative

MH/pb

May 7, 1979

The Honorable Morris Hood, Jr.
House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Morris:

In response to your letter of April 30 to Morley Winograd which was sent to me, I wish to inform you that the action taken by the Board of Regents at its April meeting was incorrectly stated in the paper. What we in effect did was postpone any action for thirty days until we had an opportunity to get more information and facts with regard to those two companies.

Unfortunately, the headlines in the newspapers and the articles contained in such papers do not accurately reflect what was decided at the meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert E. Nederlander



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April 24, 1979

Mr. Morley Winograd, Chairman
Michigan Democrat Party
606 Townsend
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. *Morley* Winograd

On Friday, April 20, 1979, the University of Michigan Board of Regents voted 5-3 not to sell stock in two firms that have failed to endorse a widely accepted guideline for U.S. companies doing business in South Africa.

By voting to maintain investments in companies which refuse to say they actively oppose racial discrimination, the Board is insulting every citizen of this state.

A year ago this same board asked every company in which it invests to publicly disclose corporate progress towards achievement in affirmative action and equal pay for equal work, and to affirm the Sullivan principles which pledge opposition to racial discrimination.

The Sullivan principles, named after General Motors director the Rev. Leon Sullivan, call for desegregation at work, equal pay and upgrading the status of blacks in South Africa.

As a black citizen of this state I am appalled that a public institution is investing even one dime in companies that, in effect, condone the racist government policies of South Africa.

I think it is unreasonable to expect the University of Michigan to divest itself of stocks in companies that do business in South Africa no matter how reprehensible the government of that nation is to the American people. But it is more than reasonable to withdraw the financial support of this public institution from any company which gives tacit approval to the racist policies of South Africa.

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As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, I will be a resounding "No" vote on the budget for the University of Michigan.

I am requesting you and your organization to join with me and the members of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus in attempting to have the University of Michigan Board of Regents rescind its decision and sell the University's holdings in both Black & Decker Manufacturing Co. and G.D. Searle and Co.

Sincerely,



MORRIS HOOD, JR.
State Representative and Chairman of
Michigan Legislative Black Caucus

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P.S.

The following is a tabulation of the University of Michigan Board of Regents vote:

AGAINST (5)

Robert Nederlander	(Dem.)
Thomas A. Roach	(Dem.)
Paul W. Brown	(Dem.)
David Laro	(Rep.)
Deane Baker	(Rep.)

FOR (3)

James L. Waters	(Dem.)
Jerry R. Dunn	(Dem.)
Sarah R. Power	(Dem.)

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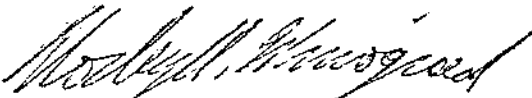
Dear Democratic Regents:

Enclosed is a letter from Rep. Morris Hood expressing great concern about your recent decision regarding some of the University's stock holdings.

I am sure you know that the State Party Platform calls, in effect, for the University Boards to try to achieve implementation of "The Sullivan Principles" with their investment policies.

I would appreciate, therefore, a response to me or Rep. Hood that would indicate what you would see as the future course of action by the Regents in this matter. If you would prefer to meet with Rep. Hood to discuss this matter directly, I would be more than happy to arrange such a meeting.

Sincerely,



Morley A. Winograd

cc: Rep. Hood
Greg Muthleb

Enclosure