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DIGGS CONCERNED WITH DUPLICITOUS
TACTICS OF EXIMBANK

Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., (D-Michigan) Chairman, Subcommittee on International Resources, Food and Energy, today expressed his great concern at the "...evident duplicitous actions by Eximbank on matter of policy prohibiting direct loans to South Africa."

The text of the February 26th cable to the President of the Export-Import Bank from Chairman Diggs is as follows:

"Greatly concerned at evident duplicitous actions by Eximbank on matter of policy prohibiting direct loans to South Africa. I refer to the difference in Exim's February 13 response to my February 9 cable and what I understand is type of response given other Congressional inquiries. First Exim did not answer my explicit inquiry as to 'status of executive consideration of making such a fundamental change in policy'. Yet I understand Exim (1) has advised other Congressional colleagues on this fully, (2) has stated Exim view that the SASOL II project holds substantial opportunities for U.S. exporters, and (3) further advise that Exim has therefore asked that the existing policy be reviewed and that a final decision is pending before NSC. Finally, I understand that Exim has further informed other Congressional inquirers that the NSC has been advised of their interest. The variations in Exim responses to Congressional inquirers (whether pro or con a change in policy) raises question of deliberate misleading tactics and an attempt to use and manipulate Congressional concern. Request immediate explanation."

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