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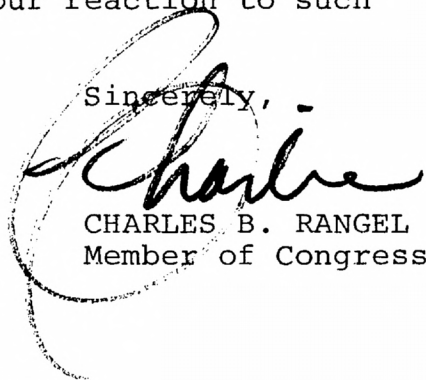
The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell  
414 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Parren:

I enclose copies of recent correspondence with Harold Sims, Vice President of Johnson & Johnson, regarding the advisability of a conference on U.S. corporate involvement in Southern Africa.

Please give me your reaction to such a conference.

Sincerely,



CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of Congress

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Dear Harold:

I have carefully reviewed your recent letter following up our meeting at Paul O'Dwyer's home. I agree with you that it is important for us to move forward with plans to involve the business community in a dialogue with black leadership on the appropriate role of American corporations in South Africa. I endorse your recommendation that we move forward with planning for such a dialogue.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Senator Richard Clark, in his recently released report on the role of multinational corporations in Southern Africa, recommended the convening of a White House conference on the corporate role in South Africa. I believe that due to the sensitivity of current negotiations on majority rule in Southern Africa being conducted by the Administration that it would be more appropriate that such a conference be convened in some other form. It is certainly appropriate for members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other interested legislators to participate in the calling of such a conference with the nation's top business leadership.

We will need your assistance and advice concerning how such a conference could be implemented. A conference on this important issue would have to be carefully planned and structured and would need to involve those of decision-making authority at the corporate level in order to secure implementation of any policy changes which might arise from the conference.

Mr. Harold R. Sims

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I would hope for an early opportunity to discuss with you and the other interested members of the Congressional Black Caucus the advisability and planning of such a conference.

Sincerely,

CHARLES B. RANGEL  
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The Hon. Charles Rangel  
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Dear Charlie:

Following up on our recent meetings and conversations, as well as the African American conference in Maseru, Lesotho last December, let me strongly urge that the meeting of the CBC/CEO dialogue group to discuss new strategies for multinational involvement in Southern Africa be convened immediately.

This becomes a matter of added urgency, notwithstanding the crisis in South Africa itself, because of the following new developments:

1. A variety of religious and civil rights groups, who have not been actively involved in the Black Caucus initiated dialogue with South Africa, are unilaterally moving to assemble an ad hoc group of key corporate executives for the development of common strategies for change in South Africa, which would, in turn, be presented to either the Secretary of State, Cy Vance, or President Carter as a list of demands or concerns.
2. Several corporate leaders are forming their own coalitions to develop common strategies for economic and social change in South Africa this year.
3. Numerous business and trade associations, consultants and African-oriented, non-profit organizations, based in the U.S., are likewise rapidly assembling groups of businessmen and South African blacks in a variety of meetings, luncheons, dialogues and strategy sessions around multinational investments in South Africa.

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All of these measures are confusing to industry as to what course of action to pursue or which coalition has the credibility, resources and integrity to effectively mobilize a result-oriented program, which can achieve its goals without harming all the legitimate parties involved. Moreover, it seems to us that since this policy thrust was initiated by Andy Young; and since the acknowledged advocate in a historic sense for constructive change in South Africa has been Charlie Diggs; and since the Caucus has effectively pulled together a viable coalition, both in industry and in the black community, to address this before the Lesotho meeting; then it seems to me that the Caucus ought to be a principal focal point whereby the effort to achieve such is initiated, coordinated and supported, both in Washington and through Andy at the U.N.

I am willing to meet with you, Charlie Diggs and Parren Mitchell at your earliest convenience to discuss how this might be attempted, as well as to provide added information and, hopefully, insights about developments since Maseru.

Cordially,



Harold R. Sims  
Vice President  
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cc: The Hon. Andrew Young