

October 30, 1984

The Honorable J. N. Garba, Chairman
Special Committee Against Apartheid
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I should like to express to you and your staff my sincere thanks for permitting me to take part in the recent observance of a Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners in South Africa. It was a great privilege for me to add my heartfelt remarks to those expressed by the other participants who are involved in the struggle for freedom and democracy in South Africa.

As you noted in your recent letter to me, House approval of the four "sense of the House" resolutions on South Africa reflects recognition of the important role that the United States can and must play in assisting the people of South Africa to attain their most basic human rights of liberty and justice. I look forward to working closely with you and your associates in this critically important effort during the coming months and years.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE COMMEND UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN

H. E. Major-General J. N. Garba, Chairman of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid, has today addressed letters to four Congressmen for moving resolutions against apartheid in the House of Representatives. The "sense of the Congress" resolutions were approved on September 18, 1984.

The Chairman also sent a letter of commendation to the Honourable Dante Fascall (Democrat-Florida), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who spoke in favour of all four resolutions.

The text of identical letters is as follows:

"I was most delighted to learn of the approval by the House of Representatives of four "sense of the Congress" resolutions on South Africa. They concern four aspects of the inescapable moral issue posed by the inhuman policy of apartheid on the great majority of the people of South Africa.

I have repeatedly stressed that the United States of America can and must make a critical contribution to the elimination of apartheid, and to the emancipation of the last strongholds of racism and colonialism in southern Africa. While deeply distressed at the failure of the United States to play its rightful role, I have entertained faith that its conscience will be aroused. The resolutions of the House of Representatives help to confirm that faith.

I hope that these resolutions, as well as the actions being taken by States and Cities, and various institutions, for dissociation from apartheid, will lead to effective and principled action at the national level.

I wish to commend you for your role in ensuring the passage of these resolutions."