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December 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO: CBC Task Force on Disinvestment - Chairman Dellums,
Members - Collins, Crockett, Towns, & Wheat

FROM: Mickey Leland, CBC Chairman *Mickey Leland*

SUBJ: House Disinvestment Meeting with Rep. Rose

For your information, we have attached copies of correspondence relevant to our Thursday meeting with Charlie Rose, who is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Office Systems. As these materials reflect, responses from companies on the House Administration's Equipment approved list have been pending since June 15, 1985. We have made formal requests for preliminary findings as early as August of this year, and repeated inquiries have been made by staff to the Subcommittee on Office Systems beginning in September to secure a report on the bases of Rep. Rose's communication. To date, the response to efforts made on behalf of the CBC leave us to conclude there is reluctance on the part of the Committee to proceed with this inquiry. We have therefore insisted on a meeting with Rep. Rose, which after some difficulty has been scheduled for Thursday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. in his office at RHOB-2230.

I would like to commend Ron Dellums and his staff for their leadership on this issue. We ask that you consider for the purposes of discussion with Chairman Rose the following options:

- A) An immediate release of the findings of the Subcommittee on Office Systems based on the request for businesses and subsidiaries doing business in South Africa
- B) An official ruling on legal ramifications of severance of contracts for purchase and service of equipment through House Office Supply and Systems

- C) A proposal for hearings on the question of disinvestment by the House of Representatives by either the full Committee on House Administration or the Subcommittee on Office Systems
- D) As an interim measure, the approval of the addition to the listing of companies in the 1986 Equipment Book -- a notation identifying that company as doing business in South Africa, the listing of alternative companies (particularly minority owned businesses) as optional selections, and the inclusion of an additional line to new contracts which indicate that the Member entering this contract is aware that the specified company is engaged in business in South Africa.

COMPANIES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA:

Through dealers or distributors

Pitney Bowes - Dictaphone
Dest Corp.
Black Box Corp.
Prime Computer, Inc.
NBI, Inc.
Radio Shack/Tandy Corp.
Monroe Systems for Business, Inc.
Genicom Corp.
Harris Lanier Business products, Inc.

Direct or through subsidiaries

Xerox Corp. - Sullivan Principles
Burroughs Corp. - Sullivan Principles
Sperry Corp. - Sullivan Principles
ITT Dialcom, Inc. - Sullivan Principles
AT&T, Teletype Corp., Olivetti - Sullivan Principles
Air Land Systems Corp.
IBM Corp. - Sullivan Principles
Syntrex, Inc.
3-M Company - Sullivan Principles

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EXAMPLE "A" OF THIRD LETTER
SENT OUT

October 15, 1985

Ms. Barbara Clayton
National Product Marketing
Two Northside 75
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Ms. Clayton:

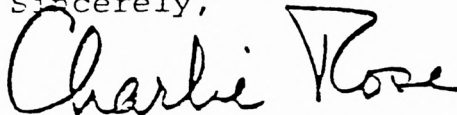
On May 15, 1985, a letter was mailed to your company by the Subcommittee on Office Systems regarding companies doing business with South Africa. According to our records, no response has yet been received. The following is the context of the original letter.

It has come to the attention of the Subcommittee on Office Systems that there is a concern by many Members of Congress relative to companies doing business with the country of South Africa. Although no policy has been established at this time addressing this issue by the Committee on House Administration, I am requesting that all companies on the Approved List of Equipment and Services submit a notarized statement to the Subcommittee on Office Systems advising the Subcommittee of the current business activity of their company or any of its subsidiaries with the country of South Africa.

Please submit this statement to the Subcommittee on Office Systems as soon as possible. It is necessary that all vendors included on the Approved List of Equipment provide this information.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and with best wishes,

Sincerely,



Charlie Rose
Chairman

Subcommittee on Office Systems

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EXAMPLE "B" OF THIRD LETTER
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October 11, 1985

Mr. Bill Noade
Trendata Corporation
23777 Greenfield
Suite 366
Southfield, Michigan 48075

Dear Mr. Noade:

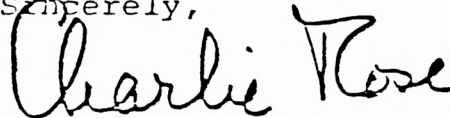
Per your conversation with Ms. Susan Oros of my Subcommittee staff, the following is the context of the original letter dated May 15, 1985, regarding companies doing business with South Africa.

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