



LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
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IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ON THURSDAY MORNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL EXECUTE THREE POLITICAL PRISONERS--MARCUS MOTAUNG, JERRY MOSOLOLI, and SIMON MOGOERANE, THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROJECT OF THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW IS COORDINATING A FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE THREE MEN. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE PROJECT, FORTY EIGHT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND FIVE SENATORS SENT A CABLE TO PRIME MINISTER BOTHA OF SOUTH AFRICA, URGING HIM TO ORDER A STAY OF EXECUTION OF THE THREE MEN AND TO RECONSIDER THEIR CLEMENCY PETITION.

IN A SIMILAR CABLE TO SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ, THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE SENATORS CALLED ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMMEDIATE HIGH LEVEL CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER BOTHA URGING HIM TO ORDER A STAY OF EXECUTION OF THE THREE MEN AND RECONSIDER THEIR CLEMENCY PETITION.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WALTER MONDALE, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK, CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIRMAN JULIAN DIXON, and SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY HAVE ALL SENT PERSONAL APPEALS TO PRIME MINISTER BOTHA URGING HIM TO ORDER A STAY OF EXECUTION OF THE THREE MEN.

THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROJECT FUNDED THE DEFENSE OF THE THREE MEN. THE PROJECT ALSO SENT A CABLE TO PRIME MINISTER BOTHA.

ON WEDNESDAY FROM 12 NOON to 2 P.M., A COALITION OF GROUPS CONCERNED WITH THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL HOLD A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO URGE THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMMEDIATE HIGH LEVEL CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER BOTHA URGING HIM TO ORDER A STAY OF EXECUTION.



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Cable to Secretary Shultz cc Chester Crocker

We are shocked by the announcement that on Thursday the South African government will execute three political prisoners-- MARCUS MOTAUNG, JERRY MOSOLOLI, and SIMON MOGOERANE. We call upon the administration to make immediate high-level contact with Prime Minister Botha urging him to order a stay of execution of the three men and reconsider their clemency petition.

Signed:

Congressmen

JOHN CONYERS
GEORGE CROCKETT
TOM DOWNEY
WILLIAM GRAY
MICKEY LELAND
RONALD DELLUMS
DALE KILDEE
HOWARD WOLPE
KATIE HALL
LOUIS STOKES
WILLIAM CLAY
STEPHEN SOLARZ
GUS SAVAGE
MERVYN DYMALLY
WALTER FAUNTROY
EDOLPHUS TOWNS
CHARLES RANGEL
ROBERT MRAZEK
JULIAN DIXON
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Cable to Prime Minister Botha:

We are shocked by the announcement of the imminent execution of three political prisoners--MARCUS MOTAUNG, JERRY MOSOLOLI, and SIMON THELLE MOGOERANE. We urge you to order a stay of execution of the three men and reconsider their clemency petition. We applaud your government's decision to grant clemency to Anthony Tsotsobe, Johannes Shabangu, and David Moise.

Signed:

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