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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Yvonne B. Burke, Chairperson of the
Congressional Black Caucus

Ms. Barbara Williams, Executive Director of the
Congressional Black Caucus

FROM: Parren J. Mitchell, M 

RE: Request of the Center for Social Action - United
Church of Christ

The attached letter is self-explanatory. The Center for Social Action requests that the Mobil Corporation's "Oil Conspiracy" with Rhodesia, be placed on the Caucus agenda.

I believe this is of sufficient gravity to warrant CBC discussion, and I therefore approve the request of the Center for Social Action.

Attachment

15th July, 1976.



Representative Parren Mitchell,
414 Cannon House Office Building.

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PARREN J. MITCHELL, M.C.
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Dear Mr Mitchell,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report entitled "The Oil Conspiracy" the subject of which is the role of Mobil Corporation in breaking United Nations Sanctions Regulations pertaining to Rhodesia.

The information contained in this report was publically released at a press conference in Washington D.C. on June 21st, 1976. To date, both the United States Treasury Department and Mobil Corporation have indicated that they are investigating the matter. On July 2nd, a joint presentation of this material was made by the Center for Social Action and the U.S. Anti-Apartheid Movement before the United Nations Sanctions Committee. We are informed that this committee is awaiting the U.S. Treasury Department's report before taking further action.

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The United States voted for Security Council Resolution Number 253 thereby indicating that they supported economic sanctions being brought to bear on the Smith regime in Rhodesia as a means to the achievement of majority rule in that country. President Johnston then promulgated two executive orders incorporating the essential clauses of the sanctions regulations into the U.S. legal statutes.

The American Mobil Corporation has been involved in the supply to Rhodesia of oil - a crucial product for the maintenance of power by the Smith regime.

The Center for Social Action, in its concern for human justice and liberation, regards this matter of utmost importance and as a matter in need of urgent attention. If U.S. laws have been broken, then Mobil Corporation should be prosecuted. If the information in this report does not constitute a violation of U.S. law, then there are loopholes in our laws which defeat the purpose of the spirit in which we agreed to the implementation of international economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

Larold K. Schulz
Executive Director

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We therefore respectfully suggest that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Black Caucus and that in addition to the text of speech made at the press conference in Washington, it may be useful if the full text of the report were placed in the Congressional Record. Furthermore, we request that you personally write to both the Treasury Department and Mobil Corporation requesting information with regard to their investigation of this matter.

Yours truly,



Larold K. Schulz
Executive Director - Center for Social
Action.

Signed in absence