

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Congressional Black Caucus
From: Andrew Young
Re: Proposed Forum on Southern Africa

I would like to have the membership of the Congressional Black Caucus consider the idea of assembling an extraordinary session to address the issues of this nation's relations to Southern Africa. Primarily I feel that this should be done for several reasons:

- (a) to bring serious attention to the state of affairs in Southern Africa
- (b) to serve to deepen the understanding of the Congressional Black Caucus and allied elected officials about the issues concerning this area
- (c) to consider both the necessary and viable potential for change in Southern Africa
- (d) to help create guidelines for an American posture via-a-vis the struggling Black states in the area and especially towards the white supremacist regimes
- (e) to create benchmarks for an American policy in the area as debate now unfolds in the central councils of the U.S. government
- (f) to set directions for Congressional Black Caucus responsibility in approaching a situation reprehensible by all standards in the racial and governmental context and to project for the Caucus a long-term, viable relationship to African peoples as change unfolds affecting Southern Africa and the Continent as a whole.

If there is consensus among us for holding such a forum, I believe that some outside administrative and other supportive assistance is forthcoming. Realizing that the planning for our annual dinner captures most of our energies during this period, I would like to propose a date for this event in the fall and I am open to all considerations which you might wish to raise. But I do strongly urge that we as a national constituency pool our efforts to hold such a session concerning Southern Africa.

Thank you for your interest,

