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Hon. Charles Diggs, Jr.  
House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Diggs:

We would like to thank you for your important action in contacting President Johnson about the visit of the United States aircraft carrier Franklin Delano Roosevelt at Cape Town, South Africa. We, too, feel it is necessary for this country to have a consistent policy toward apartheid, reflected both in the statements of our Ambassador to the United Nations and in the actions of the different departments of the government.

The President of the African-American Institute, Waldemar A. Nielsen, in his testimony before the House Africa Subcommittee on March 3, 1966, stated:

"What I am pleading for, therefore, is full realization on the part of American policy-makers of the ultimate danger to our national interest inherent in the South Africa situation. Our Secretary of State has given long hours of earnest consideration to this question, I know. Assistant Secretary Williams and our United Nations delegation, under Ambassador Goldberg, have both shown their clear concern.

"But I believe that in a good many parts of the executive branch there is readiness--even eagerness--to sweep the South African problem under the rug."

We appreciate the action that you have undertaken in the past about maintaining a consistent US policy toward South Africa, and you can be assured of our support of your efforts.

Sincerely yours,  
*Frank E. Ferrari*  
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Vice President