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Honorable Thos. E. Morgan, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Morgan:

I am a social scientist and several years ago I did a study on South Africa's productivity problems. Recently, I read the report of The Digg's Study Commission and although I fully agree with the attitude they express against apartheid, I completely disagree with their suggestions as to how our country should react to this policy. It is my feeling that the United States would have a much better chance of dealing with the apartheid policy by taking a long-term educational approach, working with those whites and nonwhites in South Africa who would like to see a peaceful change in this policy that would benefit all groups in the country. In order to do this, I believe we should encourage commercial, educational, and cultural ties with groups in South Africa. My studies indicate that economic and social factors are likely, over a period of time, to exert pressure for gradual changes in the apartheid policies.

I believe that the tactics advocated by the Diggs Committee would tend to accomplish the opposite goals which they indicate they wish to achieve and in the process could harm the productivity of South Africa which is absolutely necessary to raise the living standards of all Africans, both black and white, not only in the South but elsewhere on that continent.

I would appreciate it if you would make my views known to the Hon. Charles Diggs and the members of your committee and to those in the State Department concerned with South African policy.

Very truly yours,

  
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