

F. South Africa
Apartheid

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Dear Mr. Jehring:

I am in full agreement with you that it would be beneficial to all concerned if change in South Africa's apartheid policy would occur in a peaceful manner. However, to accomplish the above I do not advocate strengthening American commercial, educational, and cultural ties with South Africa.

Freedom-loving Americans have long recognized that South African race policies offend human dignity today and might threaten peace tomorrow. The United States has long sought through diplomatic channels to induce changes in South African racial policies. Unfortunately, our efforts have had little impact of consequence.

South Africa has ignored United States representations while going on to build its repugnant system of total racial segregation -- apartheid. It has increased its suppression of democratic liberties for its people, blacks and whites, alike.

Therefore in light of the above, I strongly believe that the United States immediately should disentangle itself from remaining economic, military, and scientific ties with South Africa.

Sincerely,

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