

September 25, 1986

The Honorable Charles Bennett
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Charlie,

Thanks very much for your letter of September 22 regarding my resolution on South Africa, and suggesting possible changes that would garner additional support.

I appreciate your suggestion about adding language; however, as you may know, the Africa Subcommittee did add language -- before House floor consideration -- that added reference to "other representative organizations" to the final "resolved" clause so that it read:

- (3) by establishing the framework for the political talks with the African National Congress and other representative organizations which hopefully could lead to a negotiated settlement with the black majority.

(Subcommittee amendment underlined)

Chairman Wolpe and I both stressed to Members that this resolution did not seek to exclude any representative organization from participation in a settlement. I have enclosed, for your information, a copy of the Dear Colleague that Chairman Wolpe sent out on this very subject.

It seems to me, Charlie, that Members chose not to hear anything beyond ANC, and that the only way those Members would support the resolution would be to remove all references to the ANC -- which would render the resolution meaningless.

I appreciate your concern.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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