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Hon. George W. Crockett, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear George:

I wanted you to have the enclosed materials on my fact-finding visit to South Africa earlier this year, as well as the legislation I have introduced in the United States Senate as a result of the trip -- The Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985.

Apartheid -- the official racist policy of the Government of South Africa -- is one of the great moral evils of our time, and the United States should be doing all it can through peaceful means to work for change. The most distressing aspect of my visit to South Africa was the widespread feeling among South African Blacks that the United States is a partner in their oppression, because of the Reagan Administration's policy of "constructive engagement" with the apartheid regime.

The Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985 would place America firmly on the side of justice and the true future of South Africa, by beginning to apply U.S. economic sanctions against the current racist government. The legislation, which is now beginning to move ahead in Congress, is supported by the Free South Africa Movement in the United States.

I particularly wanted you to have the enclosed photograph taken at my meeting with Winnie Mandela, which was the high point of my visit. Her husband, the great Black leader, Nelson Mandela, has been imprisoned for 22 years in South Africa, but Winnie Mandela, a courageous leader in her own right, has helped to maintain his vision of a free South Africa.

With my best regards, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

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