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One Minute:

Mr. Speaker: By its illegal raids into Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe, the Government of South Africa shows again its determination to use violence to maintain its repressive system of apartheid.

The response of the United States must be equally forceful. Mere condemnation of the raids and the recall of our ambassador for consultation is not enough. We should move now to impose stiffer economic sanctions unless South Africa begins immediate meaningful negotiations with black South African leaders and organizations for a representative political system.

Earlier this year, I introduced H. Res. 373, calling on President Reagan to publicly endorse Secretary Shultz' admonition to South Africa to enter such talks; to free Nelson Mandela; and to recognize the African National Congress as a legitimate representative of South Africa's Black majority. Yesterday's New York Times' lead editorial echoed the demand for Mandela's release and talks with the ANC.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor H. Res. 373 as the clear and unambiguous response of the House to this latest South African apartheid outrage.