



Capital District Coalition  
Against Apartheid  
and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station  
Albany, NY 12203

January 13, 1986

Hemwatie Jaipershad  
Tribute Committee  
YWCA of Albany  
28 Colvin Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206

Dear Hemwatie:

We offer the name of Winnie Mandela to be chosen as YWCA "Woman of the Year." We understand that giving Winnie the award would be highly unusual but these are highly unusual times and we hope that perhaps she could be given a "honorary" tribute.

Winnie Mandela has captured the hearts and minds of freedom loving people all over the world. Her courage and resilience has become an inspiration to men and women everywhere. In South Africa, she is known as the mother of the nation. She is truly loved by all.

Most recently, she has been featured in Essence and Ebony magazines.

If, in fact, the YWCA would be able to make this award for 1986, the coalition would be pleased to provide biographical information. We have enclosed a newsclip of Winnie and her two daughters.

We are anxiously awaiting your response-

Towards a free South Africa,

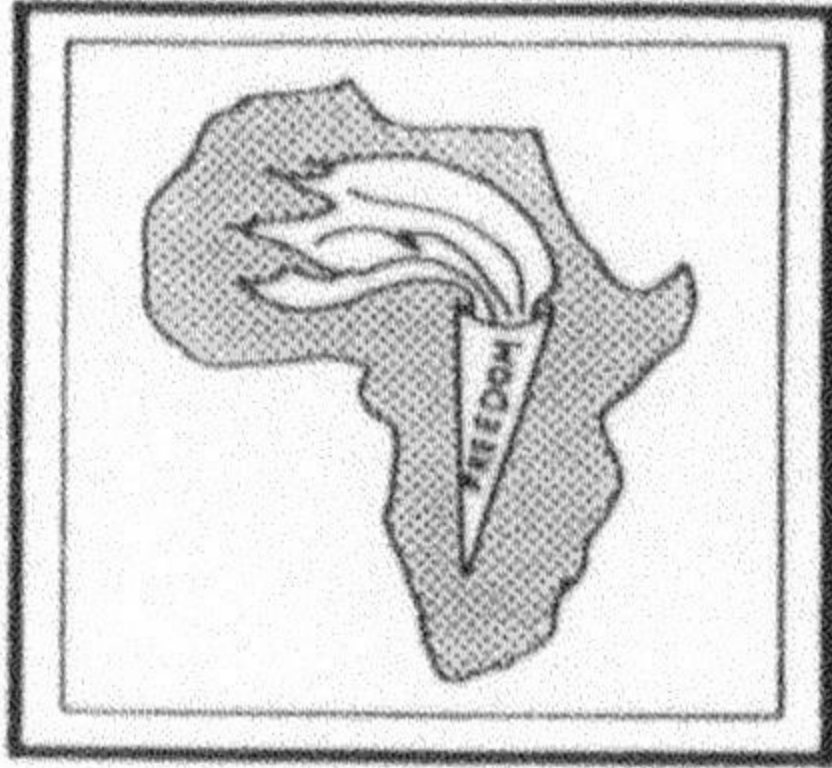
*Vera Michelson*

Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair, Capital District  
Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

cc: Cathy Roberts

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January 13, 1986

Mayor Thomas Whalen  
City Hall  
Albany, New York

Honorable Mayor Whalen:

The recent Sunday Times/Union had a front-page article regarding the Tricentennial Commission and its call for a gathering of representatives from the 25 Albany's throughout the world.

While we consider this a unique and interesting proposal, we note with grave concern that South Africa was one of the countries listed that has a city named Albany.

Quite clearly, any invitation to a representative of Albany, South Africa would be a direct insult to the thousands of people in this community, black and white, who abhor the wretchedness of the South Africa apartheid system.

You may remember the uproar in 1981 when the South African Springbok Rugby Team "visited" Albany.

We are hopeful that an invitation was not extended to South Africa.

I am eagerly awaiting your response.

Towards a free Southern Africa,

*Vera Michelson*

Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair, Capital District  
Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

cc: Eloise Spenser, Human Rights Commission  
Dr. E.J. Josey, NAACP

VM/lw





THOMAS M. WHALEN, III  
MAYOR

CITY OF ALBANY  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
12207

518-434-5100

January 18, 1986

Ms. Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair  
Capital District Coalition  
Against Apartheid  
and Racism  
Box 3002 Pine Hills Station  
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Ms. Michelson:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 13th wherein you express your concern on the letters of invitation that were sent to the "Albany" cities throughout the world.

The feelings you state are well founded and this Administration being aware of the situation which exists in South Africa, has not sent an invitation.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Very truly yours,



Thomas M. Whalen, III





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Recording Secretary — Jeanette Dworkin  
Treasurer — Harry L. Hamilton

January 28, 1986

Dr. Benjamin Hooks  
Executive Director  
National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People  
Remsen Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Dr. Hooks:

The Albany Branch of NAACP wishes to express its deepest thanks and appreciation to you for serving as the keynote speaker for the 50th Anniversary of our Branch and the Freedom Fund Dinner in November. This was our most successful Freedom Fund Dinner that we have held, and we credit this to your serving as our distinguished guest speaker. Many people in the community during the last several months have spoken very warmly and appreciatively of your great address. You have said what needed to be expressed in the Albany area regarding the many problems that are affecting America in general and black people in particular. We are all grateful to you for your sterling leadership.

Turning to another subject that is on our agenda, the Albany Branch has been fighting Apartheid and racism in South Africa since 1981 when we valiantly opposed the appearance of the South African Spring Bok's appearance here in Albany. In January of 1985, in cooperation with the clergy of Albany, the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism and several other organizations, we participated in a civil disobedience protest at the Federal Building in Albany on behalf of the oppressed people of South Africa. You may recall that at our Freedom Fund Dinner, we presented awards to the ten persons who were arrested as a result of this action. Our latest action has been for the Albany Branch's Executive Committee to vote unanimously in opposition to the Sullivan principles, because we know that his principles are not helping the poor or oppressed people of South Africa. It is our hope that you will abandon the Sullivan principles, for they are not in the best interest of our brothers and sisters in South Africa.

With all best wishes.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Josey

EJJ/ik

cc: Vera Michaelson ✓

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE





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February 14, 1986

Dear Pastor:

Once again we are writing to you in order to elicit your support.

As you know, the situation in South Africa worsens daily. Over 1,000 people (mostly black) have been killed within the last year and a half. Thousands more have been wounded, arrested and tortured. Small children have been shot in the back. It's almost impossible to imagine.

But the spirit of Blacks in South Africa continues to inspire us. Time and again our brothers and sisters have asked for our support and that support has grown with the mounting U.S. Divestment Campaign. As Winnie Mandela has said, "Divestment will shorten the road to freedom."

In New York State, the Cuomo/Fink Divestment Bill has passed the Assembly. However, we face an uphill battle in the New York State Senate.

One of the major obstacles in the New York State Divestment Campaign is Ed Regan, the State Comptroller.

Mr. Regan, who decides where the Pension Money for New York State is invested, insists on investing in companies that do business with apartheid South Africa. The Republican Senators are hiding behind whatever Regan says.

This is why we, along with the Public Employees Federation (Region 8), have called a Demonstration for Friday, March 7, 12:00 noon at the Alfred E. Smith Building, corner of Swan and State Streets in Albany.

We hope that you will read this letter to your church on Sunday, March 2, and encourage the people of your congregation to spend their noon hour on Friday with us. We need everyone's support.....

Toward Freedom in South Africa.

Connecticut did it!!  
Massachusetts did it!!!  
New Jersey did it!!!!  
NEW YORK CAN DO IT !!!!!

*Vera Michelson*  
Vera Michelson, Co-Chairperson  
*Merton Simpson*  
Merton Simpson, Co-Chairperson





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February 17, 1986

Dear Friends:

Over the past eighteen months we have seen government violence in Southern Africa escalate beyond control. Over 1100 people, mostly black, have been murdered by the regime; this, in addition to the thousands who have been arrested, detained and often tortured. Small children have been shot in the back while fleeing, and others have been forced at gunpoint to attend school.

We have also seen the relentless courage of the people and a resistance movement which continues to grow in spite of the apartheid states' murderous actions. The resistance inside Southern Africa calls for a special response on the part of freedom loving people in the United States.

In an effort to strengthen local anti-apartheid work, the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism is calling on all of the organizations which we have worked with over the years to become a more formalized part of our membership. We are asking each organization to assign one of its members to attend monthly meetings of the Coalition (held on the first Tuesday of the month). These groups would become member organizations of the Coalition and would be identified as such on future literature and wherever possible. (Membership would not require any fee). Of course, we will still welcome individual members from your group and unaffiliated anti-apartheid activists at our meetings.

With the growing concern about events in South Africa, many organizations in the Capital District have included Southern Africa support work on their agenda. We look forward to renewing and formalizing old relationships and working with new organizations.

Towards a Free South Africa,

*Vera Michelson*

VERA MICHELSON, Co-Chairperson  
(518) 436-0562

*Merton D. Simpson*

MERTON D. SIMPSON, Co-Chairperson  
(518) 436-7555





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March 3, 1986

Doug Bullock  
Albany Central Federation of Labor  
420 Schenectady Street  
Schenectady, New York 12307

Dear Doug:

On behalf of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, I would like to thank you and the Albany Central Federation of Labor for your contribution of \$200 towards scholarships for the March Against Racism in Philadelphia. Your generous donation made it possible for many students and community people to attend the February 15 march.

The march was well-attended by several thousand people- unified and strong in their stand for racial equality and human rights. Again, we thank you for your part in making it possible to attend the march. We join you in the struggle for a non-racist society, for better working conditions for the people, for an end to all forms of oppression.

In solidarity,

*Leslie Wallace*

Leslie Wallace  
member of the Capital District Coalition  
Against Apartheid and Racism





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March 3, 1986

John Funicello  
Capital District Solidarity Committee  
191 Amsterdam Avenue  
Menands, New York 12204

Dear John:

On behalf of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, I would like to thank you and the Capital District Solidarity Committee for your contribution of \$50 towards scholarships for the March Against Racism in Philadelphia. Your generous donation made it possible for several students and community people to attend the February 15 march.

The march was attended by several thousand people- unified and strong in their determination to stand against the blatant racism working in Philadelphia as well as throughout the rest of the United States and abroad.

Again, we thank you for your part in helping to make it possible to attend the march. Together, we will continue in our struggle for racial equality and human rights for all people.

In solidarity,

*Leslie Wallace*

Leslie Wallace  
member of the Capital District  
Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism





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March 11, 1986

Howard Shaefer  
Region A Coordinator  
Public Employees Federation  
AFL-CIO  
159 Wolf Road  
Albany, New York 12205

Dear Mr. Shaefer:

On behalf of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, I would like to thank you and the Public Employees Federation for your \$50 contribution towards divestment of funds in South Africa.

PEF has taken a strong and important stand against supporting apartheid through continued investment of its retirement funds in South Africa. Your representation at the demonstration outside Ned Regan's office on March 7 made a strong statement to the press and to the public. It seems clear that PEF will have much impact on the eventual divestment of New York State funds as well as increasing the public's awareness of the atrocities committed by the racist South Africa government through the apartheid system.

Again, we thank you for your contribution. Together, we continue in the struggle for justice.

Towards a free South Africa,

*Leslie Wallace*

Leslie Wallace  
member of the Capital District  
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March 11, 1986

Dear Pastor:

First of all, we would like to thank you for announcing the March 7 divestment demonstration and rally. Many people have told us that they were first informed of the event by their pastor.

Secondly, we are again soliciting your support. As you can see from the attached flyer, we are planning a very exciting program for Friday, March 21 in commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre when 69 Blacks were shot down by the South African police as they were peacefully protesting the pass law system.

In this very special program we will be drawing the links between apartheid in South Africa and racism in the United States. Students from the Street Academy, Albany High School and South Africa will join community people in cultural expressions of the quest for freedom.

Highlighting the evening will be the Sechaba Singers, a group of nine men and women from South Africa who are known world-wide for their dynamic interpretations of freedom songs from their country.

We are sure that this evening will be enjoyable and meaningful for all who attend and we urge people to come on time as we expect a full house. We hope that you will be able to make this announcement and distribute these flyers on Sunday, March 16.

Once again, thank you in advance for your valuable help. If you have any questions or any ideas on how we can further promote this program, please call at 436-0562.

Towards freedom in Southern Africa,

*Vera Michelson*  
Vera Michelson, Co-Chairperson

*Merton D. Simpson*  
Merton Simpson, Co-Chairperson





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March 26, 1986

President Hines  
Siena College  
Loudenville, New York 12211

Dear President Hines:

We write to you on behalf on the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, a community sponsor of the Siena Race, Violence & Society Series.

The steering committee of this series has recently rejected our proposal to insert the enclosed speech into the program for Mrs. Coretta Scott King at the Palace Theatre on April 16, 1986.

As you can see, this historic speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Hunter College on Human Rights Day, December 10, 1965 was prophetic in nature and profound in content. It also happens to be in a one-page brochure size format making it easy to distribute!

In his statement, Dr. King analyses the horrors of apartheid and the South African regime vis-a-vis its relationship to the international community. He asks us to recall the "rape of Africa" and the Nazi Holocaust. And of course, Dr. King calls upon us to act:

"We, therefore, ask all men of good will to take action against apartheid in the following manner:  
"Hold meetings and demonstrations on December 10, Human Rights Day:  
"Urge your church, union, lodge or club to observe this day as one of protest;  
"Urge your Government to support economic sanctions;  
"Write to you mission to the United Nations urging adoption of a resolution calling for an international isolation of South Africa'  
"Don't buy South Africa's products;  
"Don't trade or invest in South Africa;  
"Translate public opinion into public action by explaining facts to all peoples, to groups to which you belong, and to countries of which you are citizens until an effective international quarantine of apartheid is established."



Since the Siena College Neibuhr Institute specifically addresses the issues of Race, Violence & Society, it is inconceivable to us that Siena would not welcome the addition of this very inspirational speech into the April 16 program which will be entitled "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King".

What is the legacy of Dr. King? Is it the acceptance of ideas most palatable and easy to digest? Is it the denial of ideals which make us a bit more uncomfortable or strike home where it affects us most? What inspiring words will we hear on the evening of April 16 by those introducing Mrs. King? Will they have a hollow ring?

Dr. King was not a dreamer. He was an activist. He was killed because of his actions and not his dreams. Let us not be participants in an attempt, unconscious or otherwise, to abort the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We urge you to ask the committee to reconsider its decision.

We await your response by April 7.

Towards a positive solution  
and a free South Africa-

*Vera Michelson*

Vera Michelson, Co-Chair  
(518) 436-0562

*Merton Simpson*

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cc: Merle Longwood,  
Siena College

Enclosure





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### CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM

#### Instructions for Phone Callers:

1. From time to time, the CDCAAR holds special events or supports an event called by another group relating to the struggle against racism or apartheid. One of the ways to promote attendance at such events and at routine meetings is by making phone calls to a list of members and supporters to inform or remind them of an event. Phoning is a "behind the scenes" job which is extremely important to our organizing efforts.
2. Phone lists have been put together. Each list is identified by a Roman Numeral (List I, List II, etc.) and each list contains 12 names. At this time, we have 13 lists (about 150 names).
3. For special events we will try to call everyone on the lists. A portion of names on the lists will be called as a reminder for regular meetings. Those to be called for regular meetings will be identified by an asterisk (\*) next to their name.
4. The calls about regular monthly meetings should be made 5 to 6 days before the meeting. When a special event is planned, the volunteer callers (you) will be notified about the details of the event. Again, calls should begin 5 or 6 days before the event, and finish up 1 or 2 days before the event.
5. When you make a call, identify yourself as a member of the Coalition and give your name; then, pass along the information about the event. If you cannot reach the person on your list, leave a message, if possible.



6. Collecting information. Sometimes it is helpful to collect information which will make cooperation with our supporters easier. Some examples: What time of day is best (or worst) to call this person? Do they want to attend only certain types of events? Do they need transportation, or can they offer rides? Do they want to be called at a work number? Is the person active in other organizations that cooperate with the Coalition? Any information that is offered which makes your job as a caller and the person's ability to work with the Coalition easier can be noted on your caller sheet. We will be more efficient; also, we will be more aware of the person's time and energy needs.
7. Each caller will be provided with a list of 12 names. This means you probably can make all your calls in 1 or 2 nights. (Persistence is sometimes required.)
8. You will be provided with a calling list sheet. There is a sample sheet attached. Please record the information about your calls. This will allow the Coalition to update the main lists so that we are not duplicating work. Write out any comments you feel are appropriate. These sheets will be your record of calls and will be helpful the next time you have to make calls.
9. Any information about people on your list which should be noted by the Coalition (change of phone number, change of address, person's willingness to do more work, etc.), you can call to Martin Manley and he will take care of it.
10. Any suggestions you have for making this system work better are welcome.

Thank you,

Martin Manley

MM:meb





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April 8, 1986

SWAPO  
801 Second Avenue  
Room 1401  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Comrades:

We are formally requesting the presence of a SWAPO representative on April 22 to briefly greet the group in the a.m., speak at the rally and assist in the lobbying effort in general (see attached flyer).

It is expected that there will be people coming from New York City and transportation could be arranged.

We are also inviting an ANC comrade.

Towards a divested New York State-

Your sister in struggle,

Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair

VM/lw





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April 8, 1986

Dear Pastor:

On February 14 we wrote to you regarding New York State pension funds that are invested in South Africa and Namibia- more than six billion dollars.

The divestment campaign in New York State continues with an eye towards victory.

Attached you will find a flyer. We hope that you will be able to inspire members of your congregation to participate in the statewide lobbying effort on Tuesday, April 22.

For those who can take off from work or are unemployed, we would appreciate participation in the full day or at least the morning session.

For those who are not available for the full day, please encourage attendance at the 12:30 p.m. picket line on State Street in front of the Legislative Office Building (L.O.B.) on State Street.

We must hasten the day when New York State no longer supports the racist regime in South Africa.

Sincerely,

*Vera Michelson*

Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair

*Merton Simpson*

Merton Simpson  
Co-Chair

For information call: (518) 436-0562

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African National Congress  
801 Second Avenue  
Room 405  
New York, N.Y. 10017

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April 9, 1986

Mayor Thomas Whalen  
City Hall  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Mayor Whalen:

Please note that the representative to the Albany Community-Police Relations Board from the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism is Mark Mishler. Mark is also a member of our steering committee.

His address is: 58 South Manning Blvd.  
Albany, New York 12203  
telephone 438-2845 (h)  
442-5654 (w)

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair

VM/lw





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April 30, 1986

Richard Dillard  
PEF Black Caucus  
3147 New England Thruway  
Bronx, New York 10469

Dear Richard:

On behalf of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism,  
I extend a message of solidarity. PEF's presence on April 22 was an  
inspiration to us all.

The Black Caucus and PEF are making a tremendous contribution to the  
anti-apartheid struggle in New York State and we look forward to a  
continuing working relationship.

Please pass this greeting on to your membership- a luta continua!

Towards liberation in Southern Africa-

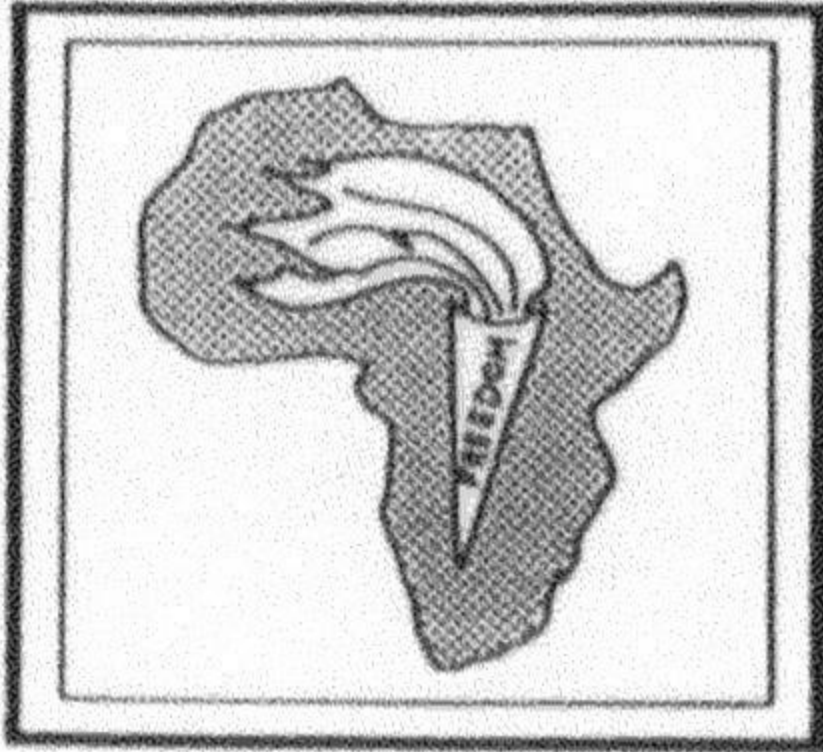
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Vera Michelson  
Co-Chair  
Capital District Coalition  
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cc: Barry Markman, PEF Vice-President  
Mae Ngai, Anti-Apartheid Coordinating Council  
Victor Mashebela, African National Congress  
Joe Walker, PEF Public Relations

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June 4, 1986

Dear Pastor:

As you may know already, this month is a very busy month for the anti-apartheid movement in the Capital District.

You are probably aware that we are organizing buses to leave Albany on June 14 for the massive anti-apartheid march and rally in New York City- more information on this is on the back of the enclosed flyer.

Additionally, we are very fortunate to be able to show the newest film on the liberation movement in Southern Africa "Winnie and Nelson Mandela".

This is an excellent film which will help us all understand more clearly the nature of the struggle Black South Africans are facing.

Once again, we call on you to inspire your congregation to participate in these most important events.

Your assistance is vital-

Thanking you in advance.

For peace, justice and freedom,

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WALTER, THAYER & LONG  
ONE COLUMBIA PLACE  
ALBANY, NY 12207

September 29, 1986

Prof. Arthur Kinoy  
Rutgers Law School  
15 Washington Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Arthur:

We write to solicit a national perspective on a piece of litigation that arose from the anti-apartheid protest held in Albany in September 1981 when the South African rugby team was allowed to play in our municipal stadium. We wrote to you previously (in June 1984) at the Center (copy enclosed). Morton Stavis called in reply, and we had a helpful conversation. I am also sending him a copy of this letter with the enclosures.

In June 1984, District Judge Miner (now on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals) had not yet ruled on the FBI motion to protect its informant. Enclosed is the Judge's decision, reported at 590 F. Supp. 261. The practical effect of the decision has been to keep the informant a well-guarded secret. The other enclosures are a motion asking the Court to reconsider its prior decision, or to allow us to apply for permission to appeal. My affidavits in support of the motion (without exhibits) explain the crucial role of the informant. Of course, many other papers have been filed in this action, but I will not burden you with them unless you request.

The motion for reconsideration or leave to appeal was submitted to Judge McCurn in lieu of Judge Miner due to his promotion. In August 1986, Judge McCurn denied the motion without writing an opinion other than to state he sees no reason to reverse Judge Miner. Neither judge, as far as we know, ever interviewed the informant.

We now anticipate summary judgment motions, which in most respects we expect to lose, since we have no way to answer defendants' assertion that they relied upon the secret informant. The information we need to answer those motions is possessed only by the informant or in documents that have been kept from us due to the Court's insistence upon keeping the informant's identity secret.



Prof. Arthur Kinoy  
September 29, 1986  
Page Two of Two

Of course, we consider our present posture in this action totally unacceptable. We have already tried to get access to the 2nd Circuit. We are motivated to appeal again once everything is final. Our reason for writing is to ask your opinion as to whether or not an appeal is advisable?

We have a District Court decision that strikes the balance between disclosure and non-disclosure of the informant in favor of non-disclosure in a situation in which we are persuaded that production of the informant "is essential to a fair determination of the issues." Roviaro v. U.S., 353 U.S. 53, 60-61 (1957). Will a decision against us by the Court of Appeals be so harmful in the struggle to break through the informant wall that we would be better advised to allow the District Court decision to stand unchallenged and unappealed? Or, do we present a set of facts in which the role of the informant is so obviously "essential" that we have to try to get a higher court to reverse Judge Miner?

We would not write if we did not think we were dealing with a problem that goes beyond our own lawsuit. We do not have the national perspective that you and Mr. Stavis have. Any comments, suggestions, or criticisms would be welcome and would be taken in the spirit of a unified struggle to curtail the use of that invidious creature, the secret informant.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We await your reply.

In Solidarity,

Lanny E. Walter

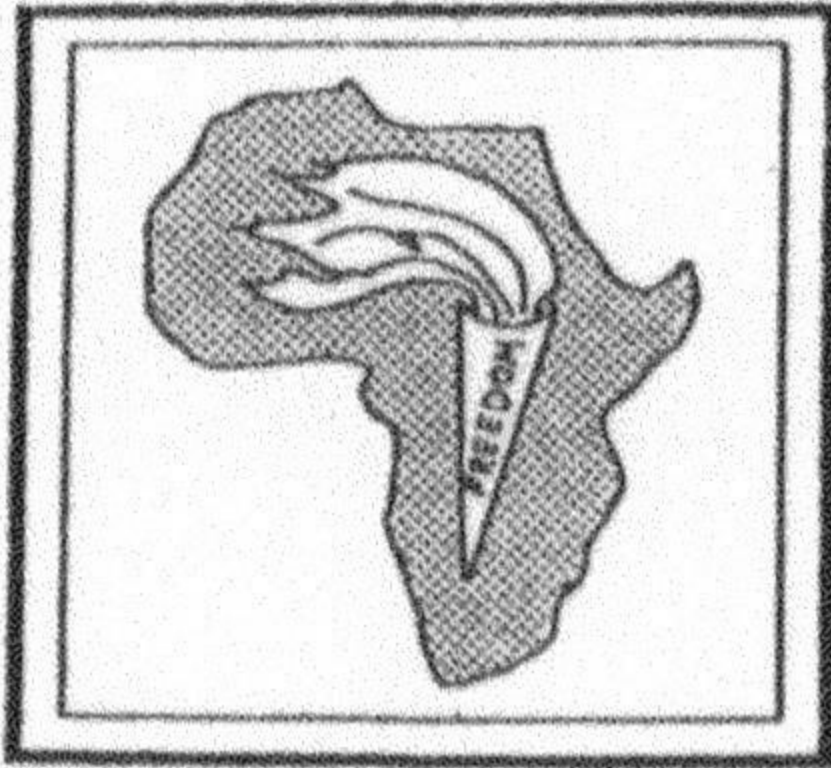
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Enclosures

cc: Morton Stavis, Attorney  
Center for Constitutional Rights

Vera Michelson ✓





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October 23, 1986

Mrs. Lillian Tillman  
Principal  
Albany Street Academy  
165 Clinton Avenue  
Albany, New York 12210

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

On behalf of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, we extend a sincere thank you to the students of the Street Academy for their involvement in an issue so vital as apartheid in South Africa. In particular we must mention Tracey Birmingham, Abraham Graves, Melissa Graves and Aaron Cooper who participated so willingly in the recent Victory is Certain concert.

Additionally Tracey, Abraham and Melissa helped us with the tabling at the African American Family Day Festival in Arbor Hill. In June of last year, six students went on the bus trip to the massive Anti-Apartheid Rally in New York City and their behavior and participation was exemplary.

These students are providing a model to other students in the area who are not yet involved in social and political issues.

We look forward to a good year ahead and a continued relationship with your students.

For peace, justice and freedom,

*Merton Simpson*

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*Vera Michelson*

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Against Apartheid  
and Racism**

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Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism  
ASUBA  
NYPIRG  
S.A. - Minority Affairs Office

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to extend our warm greetings of solidarity to the following groups on the SUNY at Albany campus: SCAAR, ASUBA, NYPIRG, and the Minority Affairs Office of the S.A. Your participation in the protest against the John Birch speaker on October 21, 1986 was a true example of student and community coalition effort.

Your presence brought a welcome energy and spirit to the demonstration. We look forward to continued collaborative efforts in the future.

Amandla - Victory is Certain  
The A.N.C. shall win!

*Vera Michelson*  
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*Merton Simpson*  
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Cochairs