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Dear Sir Geoffrey:

You quite correctly pointed out in your message of 24 June that recent events in southern Africa have intensified the pressures to impose some form of sanctions on South Africa. We have long felt that it is essential for the Western nations to work together as a means both of exerting some influence on South Africa's policies and of resisting pressure at home. South Africa's recent actions in Namibia, in Cabinda and in Botswana reinforce this need.

Our view on Chapter VII sanctions remains unchanged. We will oppose them in the Council, with a veto if necessary. The legislative battle within the United States over sanctions against South Africa continues. We continue to oppose all mandatory sanctions, particularly disinvestment, and are working with Congress to produce the most reasonable possible legislation. We will consider further steps after we see what kind of legislation emerges. Disinvestment does not appear at this time to be one of the sanctions which has great support in Congress.

I have asked Chester Crocker to meet with your Foreign Office colleagues in London on July 15 for bilateral discussions preparatory to a meeting of the Contact Group Africa Directors. He has gone over the agenda with me, and I believe it covers our areas of mutual interest comprehensively.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to ensure that our policies in the southern Africa region reinforce one another.

Sincerely,

/s/

George P. Shultz