I further submit that American investment has been an incentive to end racial discrimination and has given Blacks a higher standard of living.

As for violence, much of it is tribal warfare and Zulus against Indians. In New York City there are 4.3 policemen for every 1000 persons but in South Africa there are only 1.4 police officers per thousand population.

I sincerely believe that if we give the South Africans a few more years, they will be able to solve their own problems in a way which will not only give freedom to all of her people, but South Africa will remain an invaluable part of the free world.

On the other hand, if we demand complete change overnight to, say, a unitary state based on one man one vote, tribal warfare will break out, law and order will break down and the Communists, who are already prepared for such an eventuality will step in and take over, as they already have in many of the countries to the north.

Mr. President, there are ten different tribal groups in South Africa, each with its own culture, religion and language. They do not want to be ruled by another tribe! They want to rule themselves. Just one example. Ten years ago Rhodesia was a prosperous and peaceful nation which exported food to her neighbors. Today, Zimbabwe is a Communist dictatorship, where drought is rampant and where more than 40,000 members of the Matabele tribe have been slaughtered by the majority Mashona tribe within the last 12 months. The same thing could be said about the Congo, Angola, Mozambique and Uganda. These nations were simply given freedom too quickly without being prepared for it.

Mr. President I urge you to do what is right and veto the Sanctions bill passed by the House of Representatives, and which will undoubtedly pass the Senate. I am convinced that if you veto this bad piece of legislation, the Senate will sustain your veto and you will have the knowledge of not only having saved South Africa from Communism, but you will have done what is right. If you veto this legislation, the Blacks and other racial minorities will be thanking you ten years from now for being responsible for the freedom they will be enjoying.

Thank you for taking the time to read this request. God keep you!

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