APARTHEID INFORMATION

WHEREAS, The Nobel Peace Prize was recently awarded to Bishop Desmond Tutu; and

WHEREAS, In recent weeks here in Washington civil rights and labor union leaders, public officials, educators and other concerned individuals have joined in protest against the South African government's policy of Apartheid, in a number of instances incurring arrest; and

WHEREAS, Attendees at this Midwinter Meeting are joining a national protest on the afternoon of January 7, 1985, at the South African Embassy; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association "opposes any use of government prerogatives which lead to intimidation of the individual or the citizenry from the exercise of free expression" and "encourages resistance to such abuse of government power, and supports those against whom such government power has been employed"; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association communicate to the United States Congress and President its wish that they use their authority to bring about diplomatic and economic sanctions against the South African Government; and be it Further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association support federal legislation that will prohibit federal tolerance, involvement, or encouragement of any United States enterprise or institution operating in South Africa; and be it Further

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association encourage its members to make information available about the situation of the oppressed majority in South Africa (which is the target of systematic censorship) diverse points of view, and about courses of action which might be pursued by concerned individuals.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
January, 1985, in Washington DC
Transmitted by
Robert Wedgeworth, Secretary of Council
February 18, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, DC  20500

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I have been instructed to transmit a copy to you. Copies are also being transmitted to the Vice President and the Speaker of the House.

Sincerely yours

Robert Wedgeworth
Executive Director

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cc: President Josey
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The Vice President
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC  20510

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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
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