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The following letter was sent today to Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress by H. Rapp Brown, Chairman and James Forman, International Affairs Director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Oliver Tambo  
President  
African National Congress

P.O. Box 2239  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Dear Brother Tambo:

Following the death of Chief Albert Lithuli the African National Congress stated to the International Seminar on Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa held in Kitwe, Zambia that it had decided to wage a revolutionary armed struggle against the illegal white South African government.

Since that seminar you have formed a military alliance with the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union. We have also been informed that you have sent armed guerillas into South Africa to commit selective sabotage and to wage an intense liberation struggle. We know that this decision was not made lightly or without adequate training and preparation to sustain the initial efforts. Therefore we are not surprised that the South African authorities are carrying on a three nation search for your guerillas. We send to you our moral support and we pledge to help in other ways as you request it.

Moreover, in the United States, we are this day, Sunday, the 27th of August, 1967, calling on black people not to buy new General Motors cars for the year 1968. We are fully aware that General Motors is a heavy investor in South Africa and the profits from exploited labor of our brothers in South Africa makes this company even richer.

We are making this appeal in the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan, where General Motors has its main plants. While we are aware there are other United States companies operating in South Africa, we believe by calling for a selective boycott of 1968 General Motors cars we may in some small manner assist the struggle for the armed liberation of South Africa. We hope by this action to pressure the United States capitalists to withdraw their investments before we see the sorry sight of the United States government sending troops, some of whom will be Negroes, to support the white racist regime in South Africa and to protect the white American citizens and their dollars.

In brotherhood,

H. Rapp Brown  
Chairman

James Forman  
Director, International Affairs