



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 August 1986

Dear Tim,

BERMUDA: ANTI-APARTHEID COALITION PETITION

You may wish to be aware that during his visit to London in July Mr John Swan, Premier of Bermuda, asked Lady Young whether she would be prepared to accept a petition drawn up by the Bermuda Anti-Apartheid Coalition. Lady Young agreed and on 28 July a delegation presented a petition, addressed to the Prime Minister, concerning sanctions against South Africa. Lady Young agreed to forward the document to the Prime Minister.

I enclose a copy of the petition. It has been signed by approximately 3,000 people (the population of Bermuda is some 55,000). We are retaining the original. No further action is called for.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.,  
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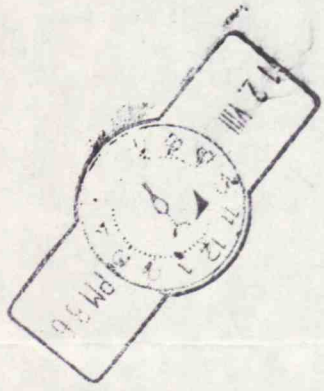
Dear Prime Minister Thatcher:

We, the undersigned people of Bermuda, are deeply troubled by the actions of the brutal, repressive and racist regime in South Africa. The regime's refusal to extend basic democratic and human rights to the majority black population shows nothing but contempt for the civilised order. Effective and mandatory sanctions are the only non-violent means whereby the international community can demonstrate its outrage in the present climate of manifestly failed diplomacy.

We have been told that our colonial status prevents us from imposing sanctions independently of your Government. Yet, should your Government continue to oppose effective sanctions aimed at the South African economy, you would be taking a moral stance which is wholly at variance with not only our own, but that of the bulk of the global community - including the U.S. House of Representatives.

It must by now be obvious that the regime is totally intransigent, and has benefited from your reluctance to date to join the call for effective sanctions. If and insofar as your Government remains unwilling to impose such sanctions, ours must be (as a people) a position of moral independence from the United Kingdom position.

Respectfully,





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*From the Private Secretary*

12 August 1986

This is just to record that we have received the Anti-Apartheid Coalition petition from Bermuda which you enclosed with your letter of 11 August.

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