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June 7, 1979

Hon. Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senator
342 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tsongas:

We are writing formally to invite you to attend the 10th African-American Conference to be held at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia, from late Thursday afternoon, October 25 to Sunday noon, October 28. You will recall having been "alerted" to this conference last January by William R. Cotter, president of the African-American Institute, which organizes these African-American conferences.

We have participated in one or more of the last three African-American conferences organized by AAI, including the Williamsburg conference in fall, 1977 (the predecessor to the upcoming Homestead meeting); the ninth African-American Conference held in Khartoum, the Sudan, last November and the Houston regional conference on African policy issues, just concluded. We have found these meetings to be an invaluable forum for frank discussion of U.S. policies toward Africa and for contacts with African leaders who shape their countries' policies and attitudes toward the United States.

Participants in the Homestead conference will include, on the American side, Senators, Representatives and members of the Executive Branch. African participants will include cabinet ministers, ambassadors to the United States and United Nations, southern African liberation movement leaders and other key Africans.

The conference will focus on major decisions facing the 96th Congress in regard to African policy. These issues are expected to include economic interdependence, energy issues and issues relating to Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia), Namibia (South West Africa) and South Africa.

The costs of participants' transportation to and from Hot Springs, accommodations and meals will be covered under the conference budget, which is supported by grants to AAI from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and The Ford Foundation.

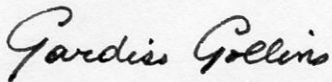
Spouses are cordially invited to attend. Their accommodations and meals (but not transportation) will be covered under the conference budget.

Africa looms ever larger on the Congressional agenda, and policy issues are likely to be even more important in the fall. We hope very much that you can attend this timely meeting.

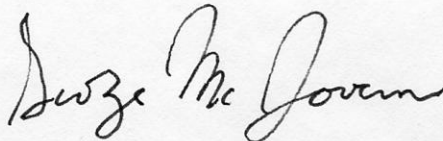
Please address your reply to Bill Cotter at the address given above. If you accept this invitation, detailed information and a draft agenda will follow.

With best wishes.

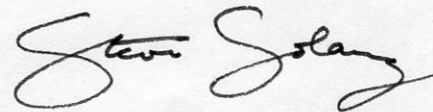
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