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TO: PAUL

18 September 1979

FROM: CHRIS C.

RE: MCPL Briefing for Contributors "U.S. Policy Toward Africa"

1. You have agreed to moderate the panel on "U.S. Policy Toward Africa".
2. Others invited to serve on the panel are Solarz, Grey, Wolper, and McCloskey.
3. Format:

You will be expected to give a 5 to 10 minute presentation to begin the panel discussion.

MCPL asks that your remarks touch on the Rhodesia issue and how MCPL has been an effective force in the Senate on this issue.

You might mention how useful the MCPL "Legislative Alert" has been on the Rhodesia issue. The "Alert" kept your office informed of the amendments being planned and the timing of their introduction.

Also, you can say that MCPL participated in the Rhodesia strategy sessions organized by Congressman Solarz.

Also, MCPL now has a Rhodesian Sanctions Task Force of which you are a member.

4. Background for remarks:

The Constitutional Conference in London.

The Conference is moving ahead very slowly.

Yesterday, the Patriotic Front outflanked the badly divided Rhodesian delegation by accusing them of racism.

Smith wants to preserve a white veto in the Parliament and Muzorewa wants to reduce white power.

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Memo to PET from Chris C.

To date, the conferees have agreed to discuss the constitution, and the transition arrangements including the election, disposition of the security forces, and an interim administration.

Helms people are there, saying that U.S. will lift sanctions even if conference breaks up.

Rhodesia launched raids into Mozambique where they hit regular Mozambique Army forces.