

MEMORANDUM ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
IN THE U.S. AND IN SUPPORT OF THE NEGRO  
STRUGGLE PRESENTED BY THE AFRICAN NATIONALIST  
OFFICES IN CAIRO TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO.

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Your Excellency,

The Representative Offices of the African Liberation Movements based in Cairo view with great concern the plight of the Negro people in the United <sup>States</sup> ~~States~~ of America. The regrettable and shameful behaviour of the white Americans against the Negro people in the U.S., fills us with anger. The United States local authorities have been launching ruthless campaigns of suppression against defenceless Negroes. The beastly conduct of Governor Faubus and the intimidations against Negroes in Little Rock and Birmingham, Alabama, are fresh in our minds. So is the struggle of George Meredith to enroll at Mississippi University and continue his studies there. So is the brutal murder of Medger Evers and John Saunders. These are only one or two incidents that get publicised and known throughout the world, but we know of greater atrocities and barbarities inflicted on the Negro people by white secret societies, like the Ku Klux Klan. These beastly acts against the Negroes are being done every day that passes in the United States, but the outside world remains ignorant of the facts. We African people shall not forget, nor shall we forgive, these atrocities against a people whose only sin is being black, and demanding equality and the enjoyment of elementary human rights.

The efforts of the United States Government to intervene on behalf of the Negroes are commendable for what they are worth, but shall not dupe us into believing that the Kennedy Administration, is sympathetic towards the cause of the Negro people. Indeed what is happening in the United States is as a result of a decadent system upheld by President Kennedy himself and his ruling clique.

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Never before has the struggle of the Negroe people in the U.S. against injustices, discrimination and for full equality reached its present heights, and never before, have the Negroe people organised a mass demonstration such as to-day's March on Washington of 250,000 Negroes and other progressive white citizens, whose demand is re-cognition as equal citizens in the United States of America.

These poor victims of discriminatory laws of American states, these poor victims of day to day tortures in the hands of individuals or organised societies, these poor victims of day to day lynchings by the self-professed civilising race, have no intention of hurting anybody, but only want to have restored to them the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed for all peoples of the United States irrespective of their colour in the United States Constitution.

For generations, the Governments of the United States have been fooling the world into believing that everything was going on well in the country, they have shouted at the top of their voices about freedom and democracy, but these have only been on paper and never practiced.

Article XIX of the United States constitution reads as follows : " The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race colour or previous condition of servitude."

Despite these provisions of the constitution, less than 15 per-cent of voting age negroes are registered in Texas, Mississippi, and South Carolina, to mention only a few.

We the people of Africa are marching today together with our brethren in the United States. We support them whole-heartedly in all the measures they take in resisting this barbarism which has come to the surface once again. We staunchly and strongly support their struggle against racial discrimination and for equality and all elementary human rights. We assure

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them that the African people and all democratic mankind are behind them in their struggle and shall not leave them alone.

We strongly condemn the Kennedy Administration for its pretensions at helping the Negro people, and we also vehemently condemn U.S. local authorities for their ruthless suppression of defenceless Negroes. We call upon the United States Government to act quickly to:

- (a) Recognise the negroes as equal citizens of the United States and accord them all their democratic rights.
- (b) re-investigate all the lynching cases and other cases of brutalities and bring the culprits to justice.
- (c) exercise with greater firmness its constitutional right of intervening to put matters right in any state where the constitution is being deliberately flouted, and all humanity wronged.

Long live the struggle of the Negro people for freedom and equality.

We are,

Your Excellency,

- 1. African National Congress (South Africa) .....
- 2. Basutoland Congress Party (Basutoland)
- 3. UDENAMO (Mozambique)
- 4. South West Africa Peoples Organisation (S.W.Africa)
- 5. South West Africa National Union (S.W. Africa)
- 6. Pan Africanist Congress (South Africa)
- 7. Swaziland Progressive Party (Swaziland)
- 8. Zanzibar Nationalist Party/Zanzibar & Pemba Peoples Party  
(Zanzibar)
- 9. United National Independence Party (Northern Rhodesia)
- 10. Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (Southern Rhodesia)
- 11. Kenya African National Union (Kenya).