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George McLaughlin
Representative to Board of Governors
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

It has come to our attention that the U.B.C. Library is currently dealing with a company, Epic Data Sales, which does significant business with South Africa, according to a list published by the South Africa Action Coalition, and Oxfam. Another company listed is Xerox, and we understand that the Library is currently planning a major purchase of photocopying equipment-- Xerox is a likely contender for the contract. We have not investigated these companies ourselves, although it is common knowledge that Xerox, a major multi-national, is well established in South Africa. Xerox has recently, in response to pressure in the U.S., announced that it will continue to deal with South Africa, since it believes that progress is being made there regarding the problem of apartheid.

We request that you bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Governors, and ask them to intervene. It is inappropriate for the U.B.C. Library to deal with these companies.

We are not aware of previous discussions, or policy decisions at the Board of Governors regarding South Africa. Could you please provide us with this information.

Yours truly,

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cc. Doug McInnes
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bc. **Leslie Field**
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