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and extract from the Daily Express
containing inaccuracies about
the Anti Apartheid movement.

Dear Jim,

We are writing to you to draw your attention
to a story which appeared in the Daily Express of
22nd January: "Crisis Aids, the men who stayed
silent...", a copy of which we enclose.

The article contains a number of factual
inaccuracies with regard to the Anti Apartheid
Movement but we have reason to believe that some
of the information contained in the article was
probably collected by a plain clothes detective.
Many meetings of the Anti Apartheid Movement are
attended by police officers as well as plain
clothes men. Our meetings are perfectly lawful
and we have no objections to their presence.

The purpose in writing this letter is to
express our disquiet at the possibility of
certain of the information collected by detectives
being passed to one or both of the reporters who
have written the article in the Daily Express.
It is of course, perfectly proper that the
Daily Express should undertake enquiries into the
Anti Apartheid Movement and that such stories
appear. But we are nevertheless concerned at
the possibility of information being given by
security officers to journalists, especially when
as in this case, the paper concerned is notoriously
hostile to a particular movement. Moreover, we
have evidence from one of our Parliamentary
Conservative colleagues, closely connected with
the press, that information has been passed to
The Times by members of the Special Branch con-
cerning other organizations.

We shall be glad to have your assurance that
steps will be taken to ensure that this does not
happen again.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. ...

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Secretary of State for the Home Department.