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Angola

RSA Army Reportedly Moving North in Cunene MB091302 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 9 Dec 87

[Text] With 24 hours to go before it is supposed to withdraw from the areas it occupies in southern and southeastern Angola, the invading South African Army has reportedly been moving north in Cunene Province. This indicates that South Africa is not keen on withdrawing its forces from Angola.

Military sources in the 5th Military Region have told ANGOP that the enemy, consisting of joint South African and UNITA forces, is using the corridor along the right bank of the Calonge River, between Mongua and Ondjiva towns. This indicates that it could soon attack the areas of Xangongo and Mongua, north of Ondjiva, the capital of the martyred Cunese Province.

These sources stated that all this movement on the battlefield is part of a general South African strategy to transform the area into a buffer zone for occupied Namibia. It is also an exercise for future quick incursions into Huila and Cunene Provinces, from the areas of Caibemba, Techamutete, Cahama, Xangongo, and Chiange. [Words indistinct] the corridor of eastern and southern Huila Province. This would be complemented by other South African movements from Cuando Cubango Province since the invaders' principal aim is to occupy Cuito-Cuanavale, which is an important strategic position on the battlefield, especially because of its airport.

This shows the response of the South African Government. Once again it has refused to observe resolutions of the UN Security Council. In any event, South Africa had stated that it would not withdraw its forces from Angolan territory.

In the face of these developments, it should be recalled that Antonio Franca Ndalo, chief of general staff of the FAPLA forces, recently stated that if South African military personnel remain inside Angola, FAPLA forces will be forced to go on the offensive. To that end, it will have the support of friendly countries.

Captured RSA Soldier Says Americans with SADF MB100604 Umtata Capital Radio in English 0500 GMT 10 Dec 87

[Text] The Angolan news agency, ANGOP, reports that Americans are fighting with the SADF and UNITA in southern Angola. It quotes the captured South African soldier, Simeoni Petrus, as saying U.S. nationals were among the South African forces that crossed into southern Angola in September. ANGOP says Petrus was captured in September and was a member of South Africa's 101 Battalion.

Military officials in Windhock claim they have no knowledge of the soldier, but promise to investigate the matter. A spokesman, however, says whoever the man is, he is saying exactly what would be expected from a captive who has to please his captors. Cuba Reportedly Wauts Oil Payment for Troops MB100654 (Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 10 Dec 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 10 Dec (KUP)—The Cuban Government is pressurising the Luanda authorities to provide crude oil as partial payment for the presence of the estimated 45,000 Cuban combet troops stationed in Angola, well-placed sources told KWA-CHA UNITA PRESS (KUP) news agency in Jamba today.

According to the sources, the MPLA regime is currently spending about three hundred million United States dollars per year on Cuban military and civilian personnel in Angola. In order to defray the cost of maintaining Cuban combat troops in the country, the MPLA regime is spending a total of about one hundred million dollars in Angolan local currency, added the sources.

Ambassador to Cuba Comments on Situation

For Havana television coverage of Ambassador to Cuba Manuel Pedro Pacavira's 20 November news conference in which he discusses the Cuban and Soviet presence in Angola, and for Havana radio commentary on the ambassador's speech to the International Union of Students meeting in Havana, see the Cuba subsection of the Caribbean section of the 4 December LATIN AMERICA DAILY REPORT.

Mozambique

2-Year Cooperation Accord With Algeria Signed MB100950 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0800 GMT 10 Dec 87

[Text] In Maputo yesterday, Mozambique and Algeria signed a 2-year cooperation accord covering the areas of agriculture, forestry, training, and trade.

According to AIM, within the context of agriculture the accord provides for expanded cooperation in the field of food production through Algerian technical and material support for Maputo's 1 November agricultural production unit.

The same source disclosed that in the field of forestry, the two countries have agreed to develop the production of wood in Cabo Delgado Province through a joint enterprise [word indistinct].

Within the context of training, the two countries discussed the possibility of sending Mozambican students to study in Algeria and Algerian aid to education in Mozambique.

In the field of culture, the two sides agreed to develop exchanges in the areas of the pr/se, television, and cultural and sporting activities.

The accord was signed by Jacinto Veloso, Mozambique's minister of cooperation, and Mohamed Aberkane, Algeria's deputy minister of cooperation in foreign affairs.

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Cuba

[Text] Jorge Risquet, member of the PCC Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee, has said in Paris that the road of the Haitian people to eliminate Duvalierism will be hard and difficult and the United States will interfere in the process. During a news conference held at the Cuban Embassy in Paris, Risquet added that he does not exclude the possibility of a direct U.S. invasion.

He also said the Sandinist government has made a great effort to fulfill the Esquipulas II agreement, which has not been easy since Nicaragua is at war and endures continued U.S. aggression.

In response to a question on Cuba's military presence in Angola, Risquet denied news reports from South Africa on alleged clashes between South African troops and Cuban internationalists.

Rodriguez Meets With Indian Minister of State FL051350 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1200 GMT 5 Dec 87

[Text] Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, received Eduardo Faleiro, Indian minister of state for external affairs, in Havana yesterday. They analyzed extensively the current international situation, paying special attention to the upcoming Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Washington.

Castro Speaks at Julio Diaz Hospital Ceremony FL050334 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 0232 GMT 5 Dec 87

[By (Samuel Hura)]

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC Central Committee, today inaugurated the 200-bed unit of of the Julio Diaz Rehabilitation Hospital in Boyeros Municipality, Havana City Province.

Fidel recalled that this project was part of the Turquino Program developed at that historical meeting of assistance center leaders in Havana in December 1985. He said they drafted the plan there which is making it possible to incorporate 5,000 beds in different hospital centers. This program is a great challenge, he said.

The president of the Councils of State and Ministers remarked on the creation of the Julio Diaz Contingent which was organized by the party to build the hospital. The group of workers received its banner today. During his remarks inaugurating the 200-bed addition to the hospital, Fidel said the contingent selected to build this extension has become a school. He stressed this resulted in the idea to create the Blas Roca Contingent, which is completing the East-West Highway, as well as another collective of workers. He said each municipality in Havana City has pledged to organize a similar group.

The principal leader of the revolution said the Julio Diaz Hospital [words indistinct] because of the extraordinary service it renders and the warmth of the doctors, nurses, and workers. Nothing will detain our rapid advancement, Fidel said. We are accumulating forces and resources to continue this effort to transform our capital, he added.

Contingent chief Juan Montalvo said at the inauguration ceremony that during the 18 months the project was under construction, Fidel visited them 15 times.

Our commander in chief explained these visits were because the collective is like a school which has given us ideas that have been applied in other areas.

Hospital Director Dr Hugo Martinez Sanchez presented Fidel with a photo album showing the work of the group, some of whom were presented (?to the public).

The first secretary of the PCC Central Committee noted the ceremony was attended by a group of U.S. city planners, who received a special invitation to the event. He said Cuban architects have toured different cities to study the strategy for the future development of our capital.

Our commander in chief announced the Julio Diaz Contingent would immediately begin its second project: a rehabilitation center which will become the best in Cuba and perhaps in Latin America because of its nature and conditions. He said the area of the project measures 17,000 square meters, 4 times larger than the area of the building just inaugurated.

He later referred to the third project of the contingent, which will be another unit for the Salvadoran combatants, young patriots and revolutionaries who were mutilated in the war of genocide promoted by the imperialists.

This is how we advance, he said, and on this road we can achieve anything we want. He stressed there are two exemplary collectives of workers at the Julio Trigo [as heard] Hospital, one composed of health workers and the other composed of the construction workers expanding that assistance center.

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Radio Comments on U.S. Presence in Haiti FL032112 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 1800 GMT 3 Dec 87

[Text] The Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of Peoples [MPSP] has urged the international community to prevent U.S. armed intervention in Haiti. The MPSP also accused the National Government Council [CNG], headed by General Henri Namphy, of trying to crush the Haitian people's aspiration for freedom and democracy. At the same time, it urges all the progressive forces of the world to condemn the crimes of Haiti's elitist regime, such as the ones committed last Sunday which led to the suspension of the presidential elections.

Meanwhile, Sylvio Claude, the Democratic Christian presidential candidate, denanded the immediate resignation of the CNG. He also emphasized that a general strike and a massive civil disobedience campaign will be declared if those who are in power do not relinquish it. The Autonomous Central of Haitian Workers [CATH] and prominent opposition leaders joined Claude in his demand, pointing out it was the peoples' movement that made it possible to end the Duvalierist dictatorship in February 1986.

According to a U.S. Embassy spokesperson in Port-au-Prince, U.S. officials have already been evacuated from Haiti and the same measure could extend to American citizens living there. Regional political observers have indicated that in the past evacuation has been a prelude to U.S. armed invasions like the one which took place in Grenada in 1983. They also recalled that Elliott Abrams, assistant secretary for inter-American affairs, a rabid anti-Sandinist and warmonger, alluded to the possibility of sending the Marines to Haiti in his declarations to the press this Tuesday.

Angolan Ambassador on Soviet, Cuban Presence FL201454 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 20 Nov 87

[Passages within quotation marks recorded]

[Text] Among the most important activities held on the last day of the 15th Congress of the International Union of Students were the demonstrations of solidarity and support for the just struggle carried out by the Angolan people against the constant aggression of the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] forces and the South African regime.

Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Manuel Pedro Pacavira granted a news conference to the journalists and delegates attending the congress.

[Pacavira, in Spanish] "The talks held between Angolan and U.S. representatives are based on the premise that the United States would persuade South Africa to give up its policy of aggression and respect the decisions of the United Nations, as well as be willing to participate in the (?arrangement). Nevertheless, the reality of the matter is entirely different. The increased military aggression of the past few weeks in southern and southeastern Angola demonstrates the opposite."

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Pacavira later described the role of Cuban troops and Soviet military advisors in Angolan territory.

[Pacavira] "Everyone knows there are Soviet military advisers in Angola but no troops.

"Yes, there are Cuban internationalist troops in Angola but they are not there to fight against the UNITA counterrevolutionary bands. They are there to prevent a South African invasion, which has always been a latent threat. This has been and is the role of the Cuban internationalist soldiers.

"For 2 years now, tens of thousands of Cuban combatants, along with their Angolan brothers, have prevented the repetition of the racist invasion of 1975 when South African troops got as far as 200 km from Luanda. It was at this time, when Angola was invaded from the south and the north and a mortal danger was hovering over the new republic, that Agostinho Neto requested the solidarity and presence of Cuban troops

"Why do the Pretoria government's spokesmen say the Cuban and Soviet presence is increasing? Why are they making the unusual revelation of their incredible lack of respect for all norms of international law by reporting the presence of Mr Pieter Botha and his ministers in Angolan territory?

"There are several reasons. One of them is that, currently, they have suffered the greatest losses in terms of men—white men, of course, since the racists do not count the dead blacks even though they are soldiers recruited by force to serve in their Army—and they have suffered the greatest material losses since they were expelled from Angolan territory by the combined actions of Angolans and Cubans in March 1976.

"Their distorted mentality does not allow them to accept the fact that black people are capable of confronting [words indistinct] and come up with clumsy lies.

"Another reason is that the white community in South Africa no longer thinks as a single individual, a single racist. The constant and growing resistance of the oppressed people of South Africa has caused a breakup. The crack in the homogeneity of racist ideas and actions that characterized their always prepotent and arrogant policy of force can already be seen in the circles of power and even within the government itself.

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"In order to justify their dead to the white community, they are resorting to the inconceivable decision of confessing the presence of Botha along with his troops in Angola. How far will the racists go if the world fails to condemn and sanction them as they deserve?"

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He then demonstrated there have been no clashes between the Cuban troops fulfilling an internationalist mission in Angola and UNITA forces.

[Pacavira] "If it were true that the racist troops had clashed with the Cuban internationalist forces, the several dozen casualties they publicly admit would have to be 10 times higher, and the scandal in Pretoria and Johannesburg would have made the racist militarists reconsider their position."

Lastly. Pacavira asked all the delegates to the student congress for solidarity with the struggle waged by his people and all peoples of the world who seek freedom.

[Pacavira] "Angola demands from the international community, including this international student congress, the most forceful condemnation of the shameful regime of apartheid, of its terrorist policy against the independent countries of the region, and asks for the broadest solidarity for the patriots of the South-West African Peoples' Organization and the African National Congress who fight for the just rights of their peoples."

Radio Reloj Comments FL200057 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 2122 GMT 19 Nov 87

[Text] During a special speech at the 15th Congress of the International Union of Students [UIS]. Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Manuel Pedro Pacavira said that South African aggression against his country has been increasing with the assistance of the United States. He said that the United States provides political, economic, and military aid to the Angolan counterrevolutionaries, thus mocking UN Resolution 435.

The Angolan people and the people's movement for the liberation of his country desire peace. Pacavira said, and they call on all international organizations to unite in solidarity for the independence of Namibia.

The presence of Cubans in Agostinho Neto's fatherland would not be necessary, the ambassador added, if South Africa would withdraw from Angola, end the conflict in that region, and allow Namibia's independence.

Pacavira said his country renewed negotiations with the United States to end the war provided South Africa ends its attacks but this has not occurred. The Angolan diplomat said his country is constantly attacked by South Africa and proof of this is the massacre that occurred in Cassinga, the attacks in the Cunene and Huila Provinces, air attacks against Cangamba, and other incursions in southeastern Angola in support of the

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UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] forces. As a result, he said, the Angolan people haven't had a moment's peace from the bloody war that has cost more than 50,000 lives, thousands of injuries, and the loss of \$2 billion.

South Africa justifies its actions under the false premise that they are defending the UNITA from a Cuban offensive and they use this excuse to persue the SWAPO [South-West African People's Organization] patriots. he said.

Pacavira said that if you put an end to the apartheid regime, you will remove forever the principal cause of all the illnesses that create misery, pain, and death in southern Africa.

He said that Angola will not renounce its principles and will construct a society that wants peace and national reconstruction but not at the expense of renouncing Angola's solidarity with Namibian patriots.

If the racist regime of Pretoria receives aid from the U.S. imperialists and other Western countries, the ambassador added. Angola has the right to request assistance from nations throughout the world.

Neto's fatherland wants peace, Pacavira said, but Angola will never renounce its principles.

FDR Leaders' Return to El Salvador Viewed PA031530 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 30 Nov 87

["Topics Feature—weekly meeting with Radio Havana commentators." with Nestor Nunez and Amalia Sanmartino]

[Text] [Nunez] FDR President Guillermo Ungo, Hugo Navarrete, Hector Oqueli, and Ruben Zainora returned to El Salvador a few days ago. In other words, the top FDR leaders are in El Salvador to promote a democratic opening in their country according to the Esquipulas II agreements, which call for a dialogue with the opposition

[Sanmartino] This visit by the FDR leaders is not risk-free. Although all governments signed the Esquipulas agreements, not all of them have fully complied with the agreements. In El Salvador, the opposition is still being persecuted; the lives of those who do not agree with the Duarte regime are not guaranteed. In other words, these leaders are taking a very big risk. However, they adopted this decision because they want to contact all sectors interested in finding a political solution to the 7-year armed conflict in that Central American nation. I feel these leaders' return is much more important in view of the responsibility they now have.

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Deputy Minister Says RSA Uses Chemical Weapons MB242015 Dakar P.A.N.4 in French 1930 GMT 24 Nov 87

[Text] United Nations. 24 Nov (NAN/PANA)—Last Monday Venancio de Moura, Angolan deputy external relations minister, stated that the racist South African troops were using chemical weapons in southern Angola. In a press conference at the UN headquarters in New York, Deputy Minister Moura said that racist South Africa had used these weapons in Cunnen and Cuando Cubango Provinces, on the border with Namibia. This is the first time since it began its war of destabilization against Angola that the white minority regime has been accused of using chemical weapons. Asked whether there was evidence to substantiate this claim, the Angolan official produced photographs of weapons which, according to him, had been captured from South African soldiers in Angola. One of the photos showed a box with submachine guns. The box bore inscriptions stating that the merchandise hailed from Matadi, Zaire's only harbor.

Deputy Minister Moura did not specify either the type of chemical weapons used or the number of Angolans who had died as a result of the use of these weapons by racist South African troops. He also failed to indicate whether any victims had been hospitalized in Angola.

Turning to [words indistinct] by the press, according to which Nigeria and Kenya had offered to send their troops to Angola to help it repel the South Africans, Mr Moura stated: I am not aware that Kenya or Nigeria have decided to send troops to Angola. He said that Angola did not want other foreign forces. What we want, Venancio de Moura stressed, is to eliminate the causes for the deployanent of foreign forces in our country. He is attending a UN Security Council meeting on the situation in Angola.

Mr Moura also said that his country would accept material support from any country wishing to help Angola. He praised the Nigerian authorities for giving material support to Angola. He praised the Nigerian authorities for giving material support to Angola in an attempt to help end South African aggression. He also thanked the Nigerian Government and people for helping the Angolan Government in 1975. It should be recalled that the Nigerian Government under Murtala Muhamed and Olusegun Obasanjo granted \$20 million interest-free aid to the Angolan Government. [sentence as received]

The Angolan official rejected any possibility of talks or the start of negotiations between the Angolan Government and the South African-backed UNITA rebels. We have never considered negotiating with UNITA because we have never regarded that movement as a serious political entity, he stated. With regard to talks with the U.S. administration on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Mr Moura said that the U.S. would blatantly interfere with Angola's internal affairs 'le refused to comment on this issue.

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Dos Santos Receives Castro Solidarity Message MB241916 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 24 Nov 87

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, received a message from Commander Fidel Castro Ruz, chairman of the Cuban Council of State, in Luanda today. The message was delivered by Jorge Risquet, member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Politburo. It refers to the solidarity of the Cuban Government and people with Angola in the face of racist South Africa's escalation of aggression.

Shortly after his audience with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Jorge Risquet told the media that Cuba conderms racist South Africa's aggression against Angola and supports mandatory sanctions, as demanded by the international community. Ito eliminate the apartheid system as a whole. Jorge Risquet also expressed Cuba's solidarity with the struggle of the Namibian people for independence under the leadership of SWAPO, their revolutionary vanguard.

Botswana

BPP Seeks Self-Sufficiency in Food Production MB240731 Gaberone Domestic Service in English 0510 GMT 24 Nov 87

[Text] The Botswana People's Party, BPP, says once elected to power it will introduce state farms in an effort to reduce reliance on other countries.

Speaking at a political rally in Marapong over the weekend, the councillor for (Gulibale). Mr (Watsasa Kechala), said such farms would not only make the country self-sufficient on food production, but it will also create employment for Botswana. He charged that Botswana's political economy was still being controlled by foreigners. Mr (Kechala) also urged that the ruling party had failed to improve the lives of Botswana. He called [word indistinct] policy. He also suggested that ethnic languages should be given priority in national curricula.

Mr (Kechala) also made a scathing attack on the Botswana National Front [BNF]. He said the party's policies were aimed at deceiving Botswana. He said people should stop voting for it.

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MPLA, Cubans on 'Rampage' in Huambo Town MB230657 (Clandestine) KUP in English to Central and Southern Africa 0600 GMT 23 Nov 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 23 November (KUP)—Cuban and MPLA soldiers have gone on rampage in the city of Bela Vista, situated in the central Angolan province of Huambo, killing, raping, and maiming defenseless civilians.

According to reports reaching KUP from the area, a total of 34 civilians have so far died in recent days at the hands of Cuban and MPLA soldiers in the city. The soldiers are reported to be ripping open stomachs of pregnant women using AK-47 rifle bayonnets while men have their male organs cut off. In a recent incident, 45-year-old Mrs Kanga Chikandi of Sachipanguele vil-lage was raped in front of her children by a group of Cuban and MPLA soldiers.

The reports add that MPLA soldiers in the area are cutting down crops belonging to the local population in a bid to prevent them from allegedly giving food to UNITA.

KUP Says MPLA Conscripting Convicted Prisoners MB230653 (Clandestine) KUP in English to Central and Southern Africa 0600 GMT 23 Nov 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 23 November (KUP)—The Luanda authorities have (?began conscripting) convicted prisoners to serve in the Army following the loss of thousands of its troops in the abortive Soviet-Cuban backed military offensive against UNITA's strategic stronghold at Mavinga and mounting desertions within its ranks.

Reliable sources told KUP in Jamba today that the regime recently issued a secret countrywide order for the release of prisoners convicted for criminal offences aged between 13 and 30 in order to put them into the Army and replace those soldiers killed in the fighting against UNITA. According to the military sources, young Angolans recruited into the MPLA Army by force are continuing to desert on a large scale ever since military offensive was repulsed by UNITA.

Civilians More Hostile Toward Soviets, Cubans MB210822 (Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 21 Nov 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 21 Nov (KUP)—The relationship between Sovi-et, Cuban and MPLA soldiers on the one hand and the Angolan civilian population on the other is deteriorating daily, according to two MPLA military commandos captured by UNITA forces during recent fighting along the Lomba River.

In an interview with KUP in Jamba yesterday, Domingos Antonio Manuel and Jose Carlos, 25, said that the Angolan civilian population is becoming increasingly hostile to the Cuban and Soviet personnel because of disrespect and abuse to which they are subjected.

Referring to segregative Soviet practices, the two noted that two of the best hotels in the city of Lubango in Huila Province (Novo and Makonji hotels) are exclusively reserved for Soviet military personnel and that Angolan and even Cuban troops are not allowed to enter their premises.

They also said that relations between the Soviets and Cubans are strained, because the former want all the work to be done for them.

Botswana

Constitutional Amendments on Presidency Issued MB231739 Gaberone Domestic Service in English 1610 GMT 23 Nov 87

[Text] The amendments to the constitution of this country to restrict the post of the president and that of vice president to citizens by birth and descent have now been made official and have been published in the latest Government Gazette.

According to the constitution, the person must also be 30 years or older in order to qualify for presidency.

The vice president will be chosen by the president among members of the National Assembly.

Mozambique

Mocumbi Denounces Support in U.S. For MNR MB231810 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 23 Nov 87

[Text] Dr Pascoal Mocumbi, the Mozambican minister of foreign affairs, has energetically denounced tactics in the U.S. to counter the White House's policy of cordial relations with the Mozambican Government.

Minister Mocumbi stated that over the last few weeks, forces opposing the U.S. administration's policy of cor-dial relations with Mozambican authorities have begun to spread the hideous lie that the Mozambican Govern-ment has secretly agreed to the distribution of food by donor agencies in the so-called bandit-controlled regions of our country. He added that we denounce this energetically and absolutely reject any such possibility.

Minister Pascoal Mocumbi warned of a growing disin-formation campaign in the U.S. which aims at securing recognition for the armed bandits and undermining

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Castro: I will answer this question in order of importance. First. on the Soviet-U.S. agreement. It is the question of an historic event and merit cannot be attributed to the new Soviet policy. Soviets made significant concessions. But, this is the beginning, a way toward achieving ambitious goals. The achieved agreement refers to a small part of nuclear arms and the aim is—and this is the essence of efforts exerted by the USSR—to achieve a 50-percent reduction in nuclear arms.

I believe that this would be an enormous step and I believe that it is possible. In my opinion, the basic barrier is in the U.S. stand concerning Star Wars. There is no doubt about the fact that if the agreement on space weapons is not signed and if the United States insists on the policy named Star Wars, the only answer will be a mass arms buildup. This would be a plot against reducing nuclear weapons.

Regional problems were also marked by progress. You have mentioned Central America and southern Africa. and I would also mention Afghanistan. Progress has been achieved in the growth of awareness on a need for finding a solution. International awareness also increased in relation to the Iran-Iraq war, as well as Southeast Asia. All this means that progress in relations between the two nuclear superpowers perhaps also contributed to the reduction of general tension and the creation of a climate that could help resolve regional problems. Changes in these regions also contribute to it.

Something happened in Central America that seemed unbelievable—the agreement between Central American countries that was supported by the other Latin American countries. This is one more proof of a tendency toward the greater independence of Latin America. I believe that Nicaragua made an enormous effort to fulfill its share of responsibilities contained in the agreement. opposing maneuvers from the United States, whose obvious intention is the sabotage of the agreement.

There are also prospects for resolving problems in southern Africa. This I can discuss, because we have been present in this conflict for 10 years now. There are possibilities for a solution. I believe that the key here is in the hands of the United States. All depends on the Washington attitude to the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] movement. If the United States is ready to observe the sovereignty of Angola and stop their aid to UNITA. I believe that this would create great possibilities for achieving a solution to the problem of Namibia, the application of resolution No 435, the stabilization of the situation, and the achievement of peace. Angola, for its part, should make a concession. I think that the main thing is that the solution is reached by means of participation of all the interested parties. But it all depends on the attitude of the U.S. Adminstration to Angola.

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Question: How do you assess the present situation in the Nonaligned Movement? Can more be expected now from nonaligned countries?

Castro: I believe that this is so, I believe that we can expect more from these countries. This is reaffirmed by the problems I have already mentioned. These are international economic problems and problems in connection with seeking a solution to the arms race, while seeking a solution to disarmament. I think that it is the duty of nonaligned countries to play a very important role now. However, the movement is far larger, numerous and I would just add that it is more complex than before. It is more heterogenous now. It has more force but at the same time greater efforts are needed to gather its members for a more specific action. All the member-countries of the movement- including Yugoslavia, Cuba, and Algeria, in fact all the countries-should be aware of the time in which we live and realize that we should actively participate as protagonists, in the current international events. This is really a very big need. I think that Yugoslavia and Cuba fully agree on this. We must all ask ourselves what we should do and we should all be ready to do what is possible, but also to strive to do even more.

MINREX Note on RSB's Attacks Against Angola FL181324 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1200 GMT 18 Nov 87

[Text] The Cuban Foreign Ministry [MINREX] released a note today condemning South Africa's new attacks against Angola. MINREX says the fascist Pretoria regime—imperialism's watchdog in southern Africa reported with outrageous cynicism last weekend the unusual and shameless presence of President Pieter Botha and several of his ministers in Angolan territory. This visit was to praise the racist troops that increased their flagrant attacks against Angola in the last few weeks participating together with the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] counterrevolutionary bands in combat against the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola, FAPLA.

The Cuban note says that, up to now, the insolent South African interventions in Angolan territory were supposedly justified by the persecution of SWAPO [South-West African People's Organization] combatants who entered Namibia from southern Angola to confront racist soldiers occupying their fatherland illegally. The reported excuse this time to conduct their repeated but now ostentatious atrack against the Angolan people has been the pretext of having to confront an alleged reinforcement of Cuban and Soviet troops threatening to wipe out UNITA forces. This official version of Botha's government unequivocally shows once more that those counterrevolutionary bands thrive thanks to Pretoria's military support and the growing logistical supplies given by the United States: the puppet Savimbi does not hide this but, on the contrary, boasts about it saying that, in fact, this U.S. aid has become its main support.

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This shameless intervention of the racist regime should not surprise us because from the time Angola. Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and other Frontline States achieved their independence South Africa has not stopped attacking and destabilizing them. Together with the United States, it has created the decisive factors that prevent the peoples of the region to live in peace and work towards their development.

MINREX later adds that because of their racist arrogance they cannot admit that black people, whom they consider inferior, confront them with fear. Faced with this display of unwillingness to find a negotiated solution to the conflict, Cuba confirms its solidarity with Angola and the front-line countries, and its willingness to maintain its moral and material support to the People's Republic of Angola for the defense of its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

'Wide Angle' Program on Drought

FL191403 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 0200 GMT 17 Nov 87

["In studio" interview with Agriculture Minister Adolfo Diaz Suarez by "Wide Angle" program host Pedro Martinez Pirez—live or recorded]

[Text] [Martinez] Minister Diaz. I would like you to tell us what impact the drought has had on Cuban agriculture.

[Diaz] As the Cuban people know, we have been affected by a drought for approximately 5 years. We are basing our agricultural development on intense production; a search for better ways to use our land which, as you know, is limited in size; and we are also implementing techniques to make our land yield more. Water and irrigation play a very important role in this.

We also have land that depends strictly on nature for its water. An example of this is the land used to grow coffee and pasture. This means that these areas do not require an irrigation system, and water in those areas is not supplied by a dam or a minidam. These areas are the most affected by a drought.

During these past few years we could say that we have recorded an increase in the production of citrus and other agricultural products despite the drought. Rice production has increased. However, our water supply is just not enough. Therefore, we must say the drought has affected our agriculture in the past few years, and we could add that this year has been one of our worst years.

Despite all this, a great effort has been made in the field of agriculture this year. We could add that we have planted more than 7.030 caballerias of tubers. This amounts to 1,230 more than we planted last year, and much more than we have planted in the past 5 years. This year we also surpassed, by 1,270 caballerias, the number of caballerias planted with orchard products.

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This year we also strongly promoted the production of rice, and our spring crop has been one on the biggest ever. During the winter, we did not have enough water; therefore, we were able to plant only 1,870 or 1,900 caballerias of rice. During a good year, we would normally plant 2,600 or 2,700 caballerias [words indistinct]. Despite this effort, in some cases we were forced to plant some areas two or three times because the water shortage resulted in the loss of the crop.

[Martinez] Could you give us an example of this?

[Diaz] I will give you an example. This year we planted 4,500 caballerias of corn, 1,500 caballerias more than we planted last year. However, we lost more than 800 caballerias of corn because the drought damaged the crop.

The cattle industry has been greatly affected by the drought. During the 1986-87 drought, we counted 1.45 million head of cattle. Today, right in the middle of spring, we have been able to keep more that 500,000 head of cattle alive only because we are using trucks to haul the water they need. There is no other way for these animals to obtain water. We already know that for the 1987-88 dry season we will have to keep at least 1.55 million head of cattle alive at the various rice collection centers and other centers. I brought this up to give you an idea of the huge amount of work we have to do because of the drought.

[Martinez] How much water does Cuban agriculture need?

[Diaz] Well, 27 percent of the land used in agriculture needs to be irrigated. I am talking about specific products. For example, rice [words indistinct] we have only 27,000 hectares planted with rice—without water we cannot undertake major rice production: 70 percent of citrus crops are irrigated; approximately 50 percent of the 15,000 caballerias planted with tubers and orchard products is irrigated; and 70 percent of tobacco land is irrigated. The rest of the products we grow depends mainly on the rainfall. They do not have support systems: they do not have irrigation systems.

We have studied the water problem and calculated that our agriculture needs at least 18 billion cubic meters of water. However, today—although when the revolution triumphed there were only 40 million cubic meters of water in reservoirs—we have only 6 billion cubic meters of water in reserve. This is not counting our subterranean sources. As suggested by our commander in chief, we are also working on conserving our resources and saving water. This is something we began during the early days of the revolution. The fact that when the revolution triumphed we only had 40 million cubic meters of water impounded, and today we have 6 billion cubic meters can only mean that we have been working to resolve the problem. We were aware of the need for [words indistinct].

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Castro Attends GOSR Activities in Moscow

Delegation Leaves Havana

FL041220 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1200 GMT 4 Nov 87

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the PCC and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, left for Moscow yesterday at the head of the Cuban delegation attending the activities marking the 70th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution [GOSR].

The Cuban delegation is also composed of PCC Politburo members Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers; Julio Camacho Aguilera, Cuban ambassador to the Soviet Union; and Jorge Risquet Valdes, secretary of the Central Committee. Carlos Aldana Escalante, secretary of the Central Committee; Jose Abrahantes Fernandez, member of the Central Committee and interior minister; and Carlos Lage Davila, member of the Central Committee and Council of State, joined the delegation.

Nikolay Ryzhkov Greets Castro

FL041616 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1602 GMT 4 Nov 87

[Text] Our Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the party and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, arrived today in Moscow to head the official Cuban delegation attending the celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. At the airport in Moscow, Castro was greeted by Nikolay Ryzhkov, chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Council of Ministers and member of the Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee, and Vladimir Kamentsev, deputy chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Council of Ministers and member of the CPSU Central Committee.

The Cuban delegation is formed by PCC Politburo members Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers; Julio Camacho Aguilera; and Jorge Risquet. Carlos Aldana, secretary of the Central Committee; Jose Abrahantes, member of the Central Committee and Carlos Lage, member of the Central Committee and Council of Ministers, also accompanied Fidel Castro on his trip to the USSR.

Mojsov Leaves Cuba, Ends Latin America Tour LD032034 Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian 1655 GMT

[Text] Havana, 3 Nov (TANJUG)—Lazar Mojsov, president of the SFRY Presidency, left Havana today at the end of a 3-day official and friendly visit to Cuba. At Havana Airport Mojsov and other members of the Yugoslav delegation were given a cordial send-off by Cuban President Fidel Castro. Present at the airport also were Yugoslav Ambassador to Havana Mihailo Popovic and members of the diplomatic corps.

The two statesmen expressed very high opinions of the visit and hopes for an even more successful development of relations between Yugoslavia and Cuba in both the bilateral sphere and activity within the movement of nonalgined countries and other international forums. Before midnight last night Mojsov and Castro had one more informal meeting at a cocktail party given by Yugoslav Ambassador Popvic in the Yugoslav Embassy in Havana.

The Cuban party daily *Granma* today dedicates its two first pages to reports about the final day yesterday of the visit by the Yugoslav state delegation to Cuba. The coverage includes a photograph of Mojsov and Castro taken while touring a research ship built in a Yugoslav shipyard.

From the first day of the visit the Cuban leader accompanied his Yugoslav guest with whom he spent more than 20 hours in very detailed, frank [iskren], and cordial talks which focused on bilateral cooperation and the situation in the world.

Milos Milosavljevic, vice president of the Federal Executive Council, FEC, yesterday had separate talks with Jose Lopes, vice president of the Council of Ministers and minister president of the central Planning Board. The talks concentrated on future plans in the sphere of economic cooperation between the two countries. Federal Secretary Raif Dizdarevic and his counterpart Isidoro Malmierca considered international topics.

According to a joint assessment this meeting between the heads of two nonaligned and socialist countries will contribute to an even greater understanding, exchange of experiences, and discussions about future activities.

Cuba was the last stop in Lazar Mojsov's short tour of Latin America and the Caribbean which also included Argentina, Peru, and Mexico. Assessing the outcome of the tour, Lazar Mojsov said that he was impressed by the large number of new ideas and concepts the region's individual countries had to offer on the problems of development and efforts further to consolidate their independence. He noted that Yugoslavia and Latin America are linked by a long tradition of friendship and cooperation and that prospects exist for further advancing bilateral relations as, he stressed, Latin America is a continent of enormous intellectual, economic, and natural potential which, like Yugoslavia, insists on a devel-

Parliamentarians Visit Republic of Angola

For Luanda reportage of the visit of an official delegation from the National Assembly of the People's Government, led by Secretary Lois Morejon Mendez, to the



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People's Republic of Angola, see the Southern Africa division of the 2 November Africa (Sub-Sahara) Daily Report and subsequent issues.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Haiti

Violence Continues in Wake of CEP Fire

CNG Orders Investigation

FL042114 Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole 1400 GMT 4 Nov 87

[Text] The Ministry of Information and Coordination reports that the National Council of Government [CNG] was astonished to learn that a fire had broken out at the main headquarters of the Provisional Electoral Council [CEP] on the night of 2 November 1987. This incident can disrupt the electoral process and affect the election process. It can even disrupt civil order.

Aware of its responsibilities towards the people, which aspires to a peaceful restoration of the nation's institutions, the CNG has formed an investigating committee charged with investigating the fire at the CEP headquarters as well as with the identification and trial of the guilty parties as required by law.

The CNG deplores this fire, and has ordered all the authorities responsible for security to take whatever measures are necessary to guarantee the advancement of the electoral process.

The above is a note from the Ministry of Information and Coordination dated 3 November 1987 and signed by acting Minister of Information and Coordination Francois Gerard C. Noel.

'Bandits' Shoot Official

FL042122 Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole 1200 GMT 4 Nov 87

[Text] Threats and sabotage do not occur only during the night. They also occur in broad daylight.

Yesterday, bandits went to the 293d registration office on Rue Mgsr Guilloux, where they seized the electoral registers and shot the registration office president, (Cadet Antoine Lynse), in the left thigh. This happened yesterday, in broad daylight, in the middle of the day. These men do not operate only at night. They carry out their criminal activities in broad daylight.

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Group Attacks CEP House FL042148 Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole 1200 GMT 4 Nov 87

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[Text] The residence of Emmanuel Ambroise [member of the Provisional Electoral Council, CEP] was attacked last night in Morne Hercule, Petionville. Apparently, they even managed to set fire to a CEP jeep. We have a report from a witness.

[Unidentified witness] I called to report what I saw. Last night, at exactly midnight, I saw an act of vandalism in Morne Hercule, Petionville, on the street behind the Petionville marketplace. Mr Emmanuel Ambroise's residence is on that street.

Three unidentified individuals, who arrived in a jeep without license plates, tried to set fire to the CEP jeep that was parked in the yard in front of Mr Emmanuel Ambroise's house. Then they tried to break into the house through the decorative concrete blocks; but since the population mobilized and went after them, they had to stop.

Meanwhile, there were witnesses who tried to call the police, the barracks, and the Leopards [no further identification provided], but they practically laughed at us. So, there is zero security. If it hadn't been for the people of Morne Hercule, who mobilized, the incident would have been much more serious. Thank you.

[Announcer] We call to mind a note read last night over the national television station which according to Tele-Nationale was from the Ministry of Information and signed by Gerard C. Noel. It said that the National Government Council, CNG, was very upset and had practically choked upon learning that the CEP headquarters had been set on fire. In the note, the CNG promised to order that security be provided. Yet that same night, there was a new attack, on Emmanuel Ambroise's residence in Morne Hercule, Petionville.

Men Attack PDCH Headquarters

FL042202 Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole 1200 GMT 4 Nov 87

[Excerpts] There was a new attack on the Haitian Christian Democratic Party [PDCH] headquarters last night. This was reported by party member (Wisler Pierre-Louis). This morning, we interviewed him.

[Begin recording] [Reporter] Mr (Pierre-Louis), can you tell me what happened last night at PDCH headquarters?

[(Pierre-Louis)] At 0100, two men coming from the direction of the Holiday Inn got out quickly in front of the PDCH headquarters. One man threw a Molotov cocktail that he had in his hand; the other fired two shots into the air. After this man fired his two shots, he threw a Molotov cocktail and immediately thereafter the inside

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UNITA Denies Reports of Civilian 'Massacre' MB030845 (Clandestine) KUP in French to Central and

Southern Africa 0600 GMT 3 Nov 87 [Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola,

3 Nov (KUP)—UNITA has categorically denied the allegations made by the Luanda government that it carried out a massacre of civilians in a village in Huambo Province on 24 October.

A communique signed by UNITA's secretary for information, Jaka Jamba, says that the allegations are aimed at diverting international attention from the embarassing large-scale military defeats suffered by the combined Soviet, Cuban and MPLA forces in fighting with UNITA along the Lomba River, and the recent capture by the movement of two high-ranking Cuban Air Force officers in eastern Angola.

The communique adds that the military successes enjoyed by UNITA in all parts of the country, as MPLA Defense Minister Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale recently admitted, are an indication of the support UNITA receives from the population.

The communique further adds that statements made by the captured Cuban Air Force officer, LI Colonel Manuel Rojas Garcia, confirm that the combined Soviet, Cuban, and MPLA forces are facing growing hostility from the population as a result of the atrocities and indiscriminate bombardments carried out against innocent and defenseless civilians.

KUP: UNITA Claims 27 MPLA Dead in Ambushes MB030641 (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Central and Southern Africa0600 GMT 3 Nov 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 3 Nov (KUP)—Authorized military sources revealed in Jamba today that 27 MPLA soldiers were killed in UNITA ambushes last Thursday in the Angolan provinces of Cuanza Sul and Uige.

Among the MPLA soldiers killed in the ambush between Matinal and Quitexe near the provincial capital of Uige, Carmona, were Second Lieutenant Jose Matias of the 82d Battalion. In the same attack, Jacinto Ngongo, a member of the MPLA secret police (MINSE), was also captured.

The sources added that during these attacks, UNITA destroyed 3 military vehicles and captured 29 AK-47's, 8 RPG rockets, and a large quantity of ammunition.

During the operations, UNITA losses were three dead and two injured.

Cuban Parliamentarians Tour Cabinda Province MB022006 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 2 Nov 87

[Text] The delegation of Cuban parliamentarians visiting our country is now in Cabinda Province. The parliamentarians, accompanied by our country's People's Assembly First Secretary Lucio Lara, were received at the airport by party, government, and People's Assembly officials of Cabinda Province. During its brief stay in Cabinda, the Cuban parliamentary delegation, led by the secretary of the National Assembly of the people's government of Cuba, will study this province's socioeconomic situation, particularly in the field of forestry, where a large contingent of Cuban workers are assisting at the 7 September Emadeiras Timber Company.

Soviet Team Discusses Capanda Dam Project MB031417 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 3 Nov 87

[Text] In Luanda yesterday, the Angolan-USSR joint subcommission for energy began talks on energy cooperation and the construction of Malange Province's Capanda power plant.

The construction of Capanda Dam will permit the implementation of other agricultural and industrial economic projects. It will also play an important role in the electrification of certain rural areas in Malange Province.

Engineer Manuel Vicente, of the technical and development department in the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, told ANGOP that Capanda power plant will produce a total output of 520 megawatts, from four subplants with a capacity of 130 megawatts each.

The Angolan-USSR joint commission for energy is also discussing issues of cooperation in the exploration of energy systems and preparing a report on the National Enterprise for Electrical Construction, ENCEL.

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LA VANGUARDIA Interviews Manuel Mocumbi PM031133 Barcelona LA VANGUARDIA in Spanish 23 Oct 87 p 12

[Interview with Foreign Minister Manuel Mocumbi in Madrid by Alberto Miguez; date not given]

[Text] [Miguez] Mr Minister, a few months ago the Renamo guerrillas were boasting of controlling very extensive areas of Mozambique's territory. What is the current situation?

[Mocumbi] Matters have changed considerably since the failure of the "bandit" (guerrilla) offensive at the end of last year. At present it is the government troops which have the initiative. The "bandits" are carrying out indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets. These actions have been concentrated in the southern area since Malawi's tolerance ended. In the south of the country they can be supplied from South Africa without problems.

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Angola

Dos Santos Leads Delegation to Moscow MB011815 Dakar PANA in French 1805 GMT 1 Nov 87

[Text] Luanda, 1 Nov (ANGOP/PANA)—Angolan Presiden! Jose Eduardo dos Santos left Luanda today for Moscow, in the USSR, where he will attend the festivities marking the 70th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

The Angolan president is accompanied by an important delegation, including External Relations Minister Afonso van Dunem; Pascoal Luvualu, secretary general of the National Union of Workers of Angola, UNTA; and Navy Commander Jose Antonio Condesse de Carvalho.

FRG's Genscher Meets Dos Santos, Departs MB301340 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1245 GMT 30 Oct 87

[Text] FRG Foreign Affairs Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher ended his visit to Luanda, which lasted less than 24 hours, today, after meeting with several of Angola's highest-ranking officials.

FRG Foreign Minister Genscher arrived in Luanda yesterday. After holding talks with Angolan External Relations Minister Afonso van Dunem and Energy and Petroleum Minister Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, the FRG official met with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos this morning.

The meeting with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos was held behind closed doors. However, it is believed that it focused on economic issues and the international political situation, particularly in southern Africa.

In a brief press conference, FRG Foreign Minister Genscher, who has already left Luanda, stated that his talks with the Angolan authorities were constructive. He said that the FRG will support Angola in its intention to join the World Bank. He also expressed deep appreciation for the Angolan Government's initiatives for peace in southern Africa.

[Begin Genscher recording in German fading into Portuguese translation] I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your invitation once again and for the hospitality that I was given. Above all, I would like to thank you for these very constructive talks here in Luanda. We have reached an accord to develop and improve our relations. We would also like to intensify our political dialogue and increase our economic cooperation. Moreover, we would like to hold talks on an accord on investment protection. We also will support Angola's desire to join the World Bank and the IMF. Through this policy, we would like to encourage, Angola's reform policies. We are interested in stability. economic development, and peace in southern Africa, and would like to contribute to that end. We believe that UN Security Council Resolution 435, which we helped draw up, must be implemented. We hope that the UN Security Council will approve a resolution in this regard, and we believe that this will give new impulse to the peace process in southern Africa.

We would also like to encourage the Angolan Government to continue and intensify their talks with the United States and we hope that those talks will succeed.

i feel encouraged after my [word indistinct] and informative talks with the president of the People's Republic of Angola. I am also happy to say that your minister of external relations has accepted my invitation for a visit to the FRG next year. [end recording]

Cuban Assembly Delegation Arrives on Visit MB302013 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 30 Oct 87

[Text] A delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba arrived in Luanda today for a 6-day visit. The delegation is led by Lois Morejon Mendez, secretary of the Cuban National Assembly. In an interview with ANGOP, he said that the aim of this visit is to strengthen friendship and cooperation between the national assemblies of the two countries.

The Cuban official stated that regular meetings have led to great progress in friendship, cooperation, and work done by the two assemblies.

While in Angola, the Cuban delegation will meet with Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, minister of state for production; Juliao Mateus Paulo, secretary of the MPLA-Labor Party for state and judicial organs; and Venancio de Moura, deputy minister of external relations.

The Cuban delegation was expected to meet Comrade Lucio Lara, first secretary of the People's Assembly, today. According to the schedule of the visit, they will also visit Cabinda Province.

Foreign Trade, Fisheries Ministers Sworn In MB310630 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 31 Oct 87

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the party and president of the republic, yesterday swore in the new fisheries and foreign trade ministers. Francisco Ramos da Cruz and Domingo das Chagas Rangel, respectively. The ceremony was held at the Futungo de Belas in Luanda and attended by several party and government members.



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Dr Savimbi declared that from now on, UNITA will adopt a policy of "an eye for an eye", and castigate Soviet-Cuban neo-colonialism and its MPLA-Labor Party puppets as well as all those who support them.

The UNITA leader criticized the position of the Organi-zation of African Unity, OAU, on Angola saying the pan-African organization has so far not succeeded in solving a single conflict in the continent and should therefore leave Angolans in peace to force the Soviets and Cubans out of Angola, at any cost.

Dr Savimbi reminded the OAU that the resolution unanimously adopted in January 1976, calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Angola, was defied by the presence of Cuban forces who numbered 12,000 in 1976 and 45,000 in 1987.

UNITA Reports 232 MPLA, 7 Soviets Killed MB050605 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English

0500 GMT 5 Oct 87

[Text] UNITA has said in a statement in Lisbon that its forces killed 232 Angolan Government troops and 7 Soviet advisors in fierce fighting along the Lomba River in southern Angola at the weekend. According to the statement, UNITA forces repelled an MPLA offensive and captured 185 vehicles, including 4 Soviet T55 tanks, and mobile radar units. Twenty UNITA troops were killed.

The UNITA leader, Dr Jonas Savimbi, said at the weekend that the MPLA government was trying to capture the UNITA stronghold at Mavinga with the eventual aim of attacking the UNITA headquarters at Jamba. Dr Savimbi said the next few weeks would be decisive in the battle for Angola and southern Africa.

Cubans Storm Villages, Kill Livestock

MB040647 (Clandestire) K ?P in English to Central and Southern Africa 0600 GMT 4 Oct 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 4 October, (KUP)-A group of armed Cuban troops recently stormed the villages of Mukishi, Kambondo and Katala in the Angolan province of Malange looting property and slaughtering livestock belonging to the civilian population, sources told KUP today.

The sources said that the Cuban soldiers threatened to shoot the protesting villagers claiming that they were being paid low salaries for defending them (the Angolans).

In a separate development, reports reaching KUP from the Angolan coastal town of Benguela say that landmines laid by Cuban soldiers around their military barracks in the town centre adjacent to the "Cinema Monumental" threatre is posing a grave danger to the residents.

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Mozambique

LIBERATION Interviews Joaquim Chissano PM060732 Paris LIBERATION in French 30 Sep 87 p 25

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[Interview with President Joaquim Chissano by Pierre Haski in Paris-date not given]

[Text] Liberation: In view of your country's problems, what is your priority on this foreign tour which has started with France?

Joaquim Chissano: We are trying to obtain a little more understanding about our problems, and especially about the efforts we are making to overcome them. Our priorities are, first, to implement our economic recovery program and, second, to strengthen our defense capabil-ity. We want to strengthen existing relations with France which are working very well, but we think that a great deal can still be done in all spheres-economic, cultural, and even military.

We also intend to discuss the situation in southern Africa and to see how we can reduce the destabilization caused by South Africa. We are going to see what the Western countries, including France, can do. This is a mission which I am carrying out on behalf of all the frontline countries

Liberation: You already have military cooperation with one Western country, namely Britain. What exactly do you want from France?

Joaquim Chissano: I do not know what can be done, but we are going to submit a request for aid to strengthen our defense capability. There are many spheres-transport, communications, in fact everything which the West terms nonethal equipment-in which we can venture to ask for help. We will see to what extent France is capable of participating in Mozambique's defense.

Liberation: Can you see any way out of the vicious circle in which your country is trapped?

Joaquim Chissano: There has been a marked change which must be continued with the international community's help. This change has come about primarily in South Africa as a result of the South African people's struggle, but also as a result of action by the international community. In addition, there has been a change in the balance of forces in our country. We have resumed the military initiative and there has been a very marked economic change. The two things go together and require an improvement, through our own efforts but also through support from the international community.

Liberation: Do you believe that your conflict with Renamo can be solved by military means?

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Angola

President Dos Santos Receives Cuba's Risquet FL141204 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 14 Sep 87

[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos met yesterday with Jorge Risquet, member of the Communist Party of Cuba Politburo. Risquet gave the Angolan president a message sent by Cuban President Fidel Castro. The meeting lasted more than 90 minutes, and during that time Dos Santos and Risquet discussed bilateral matters and the South African situation. Special emphasis was given to the negotiations underway for the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution on Namibia, an end to the South African aggressions agains: Angola, and peace and security in the southwestern area of the continent.

ANGOP Commentary Decries RSA 'Obstinacy' MB121533 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 12 Sep 87

[ANGOP commentary: "The Racists' Obstinacy"]

[Text] Acting as if it had the right to occupy portions of the territory of the People's Republic of Angola, the racist South African army has recently intensified its acts of terror against the Angolan people.

Racist South Africa tries to pass from aggressor to victim in an alien country by lying and playing on ideological differences. The false arguments put forward by the Pretoria regime gradually increase as it increases its criminal actions against the peaceful state of Angola. In the face of condemnation from the international community, the apartheid regime's mentors devote themselves to continuously fabricating lies to justify the constant armed aggression carried out by their army against civilian targets and others of vital importance to the development of the People's Republic of Angola. Thus, the Pretoria leaders intend to continue in their obstinacy by not withdrawing their army from the areas they occupy in the People's Republic of Angola, a move which would lead to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435/78 of Namibian independence.

Since the proclamation of Angola's independence, the racist and reactionary troops in the service of international imperialism have tried to hamper our country's socioeconomic development for fear that the success of the Angolan revolutionary process would serve as an example to the other struggling peoples in southern Africa. Over these 12 years of independence, we have experienced violations and acts of aggression from the defenseless civilian population and our socioeconomic infrastructures and aimed at stifling our national reconstruction and undermining the ongoing revolutionary process, which continues under the firm leadership of the MPLA-Labor Party.

To impose war on a people who are trying to build their happiness in peace is a shameless violation of the fundamental norms of human rights. The People's Republic of Angola, which does not mount aggression against anybody, is now forced to wage war in defense of its fundamental gains—independence, liberty, and sovereignty.

Conscious of its responsibility in the conflict in southern Africa, the People's Republic of Angola has always shown readiness to encourage dialogue between the parties directly involved in the Namibian question within the framework of the decisions made by the United Nations. Accordingly, the Angolan Government has already pronounced itself in favor of a negotiated solution to the Namibian question, contrary to the propaganda reports circulated by the racist clique installed in Pretoria.

Unable to halt the struggle for liberty of the southern African peoples, the South African Government is spreading reports to the entire world of so-called SWAPO military activities originating in Angola in order to justify its army's aggression. Added to these racist maneuvers is the so-called policy of linkage [preceding word in English], which is also defended by the U.S. Government, which supports the South African Government in its destabilization of the Frontline States, which are a firm rear guard of the national liberation movements fighting against colonialism and racism in the southern region of Africa.

The international community is aware that the UN Security Council, which has frequently noted and examined South African military aggression against the Pcople's Republic of Angola, recognizes the right of the Angolan state to take the necessary measures for defending and safeguarding its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Recently, certain radio stations, news agencies, newspapers, and magazines in Western countries have tried, under various pretexts, to blame Angola for the delay in the implementation of the UN resolutions by tacitly supporting the viewpoints of Pretoria when it raises problems which are irrelevant to the UN decisions on Namibia, such as the inviability of the argument of the presence of the Cuban internationalist troops in Angola. Thus, the South African Government, backed by the U.S. Administration, invents problems in order to logically confuse the international community and subsequently hinder the process leading to Namibia's independence.

Regardless of its ability to increase its defense capacity with the assistance of the United States and other Western countries, as well as its ability to ferociously intensify repression inside Namibia, the defeat of the apartheid regime is inevitable. Recognizing the irreversibility of this truth and fearing the establishment of a popular regime that would speed up the struggle of the South African people, Pretoria tries in vain to destabilize the People's Republic of Angola in order to thwart the advance of the process of the total liberation of southern Africa in general and of Namibia in particular.

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SADF Intensifies Military Actions, Bombs Town MB101238 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 10 Sep 87

[Text] The racist South African army continues to intensify its armed actions against the sovereign and independent territory of the People's Republic of Angola. This was disclosed to ANGOP by an official military source today. According to that source, new military actions from 5 to 9 September focused on the region of Mavinga in Cuando Cubango province and on Cunene Province.

On 5 September, two South African aircraft overflew the region of Cuito-Cuanavale in Cuando Cubango Province. On the same day, another South African aircraft overflew the region of Evale, in Cunene Province, while a number of jetfighters flew over areas west of Chiria, Baia dos Tigres, and Xangongo.

On 6 September, South African forces in a convoy of 48 Buffalo, Casspir, and AML-90 vehicles moved through the area of (Namacumbe) and later concentrated 21 km from Ondjiva. On the same day, South African forces using artiliery and vehicles moved along the area of (Bumba), 15 km from Mongua.

It is also unknown that on 6 September, South African forces using AML-90, Buffalo, and Casspir armored vehicles moved along the area of Cuamato, in Cunene Province.

Finally, on 8 September at 1740, eight South African aircraft, including 4 Mirage and 4 Buccaneer aircraft, bombed Cunene Province's Xangongo district, resulting in the death and wounding of many residents and the destruction of their property.

Tonha on Namibian Independence, Cuban Troops MB101933 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 10 Sep 87

[Text] Angolan Defense Minister Colonel General Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale has said that a peace platform for southern Africa could be achieved when South Africa grants independence to Namibia. In an interview with the Portuguese news agency LUSA, the Angolan minister said that everything could be solved as soon as Pretoria recognizes the Namibian people's right to independence, withdraws its troops in our country and those stationed along the border, and puts an end to its aid to the UNITA puppet group. Col Gen Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale said: We believe that it is possible to find a peace platform not only between Angola and South Africa, but also for the region, because once UN Security Council Resolution 435/78 is implemented, independence for Namibia will follow.

The defense minister told LUSA journalists that there is still a danger of new attacks against the People's Republic of Angola, and the internationalist Cuban troops will remain on Angolan territory as long as that danger exists. He said that FAPLA forces are the ones currently facing the actions of internal groups supported by South Africa and the attacks by the South African army.

Col Gen Pedale said that in order to face the UNITA puppet gang, there are now the territorial troops, in addition to the People's Defense Organization. He explained that the territorial forces consist of volunteers, the majority of whom are former soldiers organized in small units in their original residential areas.

On the possibility of military cooperation with Portugal, the defense minister told LUSA that this has been prevented by political problems. He noted, however, that this does not mean that closer cooperation with Portugal in specific sectors could not exist in the future.

UNITA Communique Reports 1-7 Sep Fighting MB101711 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 1500 GMT 10 Sep 87

[Communique issued by FALA's Chief of General Staff Demostenes Amos Chilingutila in Jamba on 8 September]

[Text] 1. In view of the attempt by the Soviets and Cubans, who use FAPLA forces as their running dogs, to occupy Mavinga, fierce clashes have taken place in the vicinity of the Cunzumbia, Cuzizi, and (Fuguemwe) Rivers, which are tributaries of the well-known Lomba and Cueio Rivers.

A. The 8 September clashes were witnessed and filmed by foreign journalists.

B. On the same front from 1 to 7 September the enemy suffered 106 dead and 230 wounded. Two MI-8 helicopters and 1 MIG-23 were shot down, and 10 T-55 and (?mbt-1) tanks destroyed. A total of 57 FAPLA troops were captured and 7 surrendered to our forces.

C. The Soviets and Cubans and their FAPLA lackeys have deployed 11 brigades and 3 tactical groups, totalling 16,000 men in the Cuito-Mavinga region. They are also using 120 tanks and more than 200 assault vehicles.

2. The following are the most important incidents that have taken place during the military campaign against enemy positions throughout Angola:

The garrisons of Nambuangongo in Bengo Province, (Safimi), Cuanza Sul Province, and (Lumbo) in Huambo Province were captured. An ambush was launched on the (Taivita-Calicuma) road in Cabinda Province. The Cuban barracks at the Bie airport were attacked. The Chilombo and (Muhaco) garrisons in Cazombo were captured. In an attack on Chimbuande in Cabinda Province, operative officer Estevao Manuel Gomes was killed.

3. The Swedes who collaborated with the Luanda minority government and were captured during the attack on the Porto Quipire garrison, have been identified as follows: FBIS DAILY REPORT

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FAPLA Repulses 'Bandit' Attack in Chongoroi MB311252 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 31 Aug 87

[Text] An authorized military source told our Benguela provincial correspondent that a group of about 200 armed bandits tried to infiltrate the portions of Chongoroi district. They were thwarted by the people's vigilance and our forces' prompt response. The enemy fiel a disarray.

As a result of this action, FAPLA forces killed 11 criminals and wounded another 2. A child who was being used (?by the criminals) was freed and is now under medical and social care. Our forces also captured six AK light weapons, ammunition, and a number of mortar shells.

UNITA Claims Government Curfew in Huambo MB310705 (Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 31 Aug 87

[Text] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 31 Aug (KUP) — Dusk to dawn curfew has been declared in Huambo in central Angola. The residents are obliged to carry identification at all times. Those who fail to observe these regulations are regarded as enemies of the revolution and arrested.

According to military sources, these measures were taken 3 weeks ago and already hundreds of men, women, and children have been arrested. It is also believed that both young and older men are being sent to military camps where they receive training and are forced to join the armed forces.

Despite the information blackout by the Luanda regime, political observers believe that this is a desperate attempt to crush UNITA, whose forces are increasing their activity both inside and outside Huambo.

Edmundo Rodrigues Quental, chief of staff of the MPLA's 4th military region, and 2 captains were among 26 MPLA soldiers killed in an ambush by UNITA between Bela Vista and Huambo 3 weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Huambo police has been given powers to confiscate the merchandise of black marketeers and arrest them.

UNITA: Growing Numbers of Children Sent to Cuba MB300904 (Clandestine) KUP in English 0600 GMT 30 Aug 87

[Excerpt] Jamba, provisional capital of the free land of Angola, 30 Aug (KUP) — A new intensified wave of recruitment of Angolan children to Cuba thousands of kilometres across the Atlantic Ocean has been reported recently in the Angolan capital Luanda. Military sources told KUP Sunday that thousands of parents of the young victims aged between three and ten years are angry with the position taken by the Luanda regime. Although they are not officially voicing out, it is said that publicly, the parents are mumbling against the evil which they claim to be an exchange with thousands of Cuban troops stationed in Angola.

The illegal campaign which was at first restricted to certain areas, is now said to be widespread in all "municipios" [districts] throughout the country. Only a few of the thousands who were sent to Cuba have returned. The Luanda regime has made no justification for the sending of children. [passage omitted]

Belgian-Swiss-Canadian Credit Obtained

MB290921 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 28 Aug 87

[Text] Following talks in the United States and Canada by delegations from the National Angolan Fuel Company and the Angolan National Bank, Angola has obtained a financial credit estimated at \$330 million from the Belgian-Swiss-Canadian group, (Demaiar-Zelatr). The sum is repayable over 20 years with an annual interest rate of 7 to 8 percent. As a result of the talks, the consortium of (Citizen, Energy, Unocal, and Eneco) companies will join (Cunoco) company in oil prospecting in block 6 of the Angolan offshore oil fields, south of Luanda. The \$300 [number as heard] million credit proposal has already been submitted to the Angolan Government for approval by 15 September when the negotiation deadline expires.

MOZAMBIQUE

RSA Foreign Trade Group Visits for Talks MB311139 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 31 Aug 87

[Text] A South African Foreign Trade Organization [SAFTO] delegation arrived in Maputo this morning for talks with Mozambican businessmen. Tomorrow, the SAFTO delegation will meet with Francisco Caravela, secretary of state for light and food industry, and is also expected to hold talks with Trade Minister Aranda da Silva and other Mozambican Government officials.

On arrival at Maputo International Airport, the South African delegation was welcomed by Carlos Ribeiro, deputy chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

Industry, Agriculture, Trade Figures Rise MB291921 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 29 Aug 87

[Text] Trade Minister Aranda da Silva said in Maputo today that industry experienced a growth of 34 percent in the first 6 months of this year. Our exports also increased by 32 percent, and agricultural trade went up by 17 percent in relations to last year.



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Relocation of 20,000 Cuban Troops Proposed MB171600 Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English 17 Aug 87 p 7

[Text] Lisbon — In a new bid to get the rebel-plagued Benguela railway operational again, Angola has proposed withdrawing some 28,000 Cuban troops stationed south of the 13th parallel below the rail line — to the centre and north of the country.

A Portuguese special correspondent in Luanda said Angola's "entirely new" proposal was made to Washington after Jose Eduardo dos Santos met with Fidel Castro in Havana two weeks ago.

The withdrawal would take two years and, once completed, the question of Cuba's presence in Angola would cease being a part of the stalled negotiations over independence for neighbouring Namibia.

The correspondent said Luanda officials were likening Cuban forces stationed in the rest of Angola to the French presence in Chad or Washington's detachments at the Kamina airbase in neighbouring Zaire. This base is now a major route for U.S. arms shipments to UNITA forces.

U.s. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker, who described his latest round of talks with Angolan officials as "a waste of time," had previously told Luanda that Washington wanted "unequivocal guarantees" all Cuban forces would be repatriated and talks with UNITA rebels opened in exchange for a deal on Namibian independence.

People's Assembly Concludes Second Session MB142118 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 14 Aug 87

[Text] The Attorney General's Office, the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Fisheries, and the Cabinda and Zaire Provincial People's Assemblies will participate in the forthcoming People's Assembly session to report on their activities. This was decided at the second session of the supreme organ of state power, which ended today.

The session also decided that disciplinary measures will be taken against certain public service sectors that do not supply their information to the Ministry of Planning on time to enable it to draft its report [words indistinct] of the national plan.

During this second session, the People's Assembly deputies approved the Family Code, the status of foreign aid workers, the composition of the working commissions of the next people's assembly, the resolution on the creation of the Agostinho Neto Order, and the granting of vanguard worker and merit awards.

Several deputies, including Artur Vidal Gomes Kundi de Azabo, Manuel Bernardo de Sousa, Evaristo Domingos Kimba, and Marques Monakapui Bassovava have ended their terms as dep-

uties. Others like Faustino, current minister of agriculture, and Carlos Antonio Fernandes, have become new members of the country's supreme organ of state power, as well as of its standing commission. Other deputies were elected to fill the existing vacancies and some of the candidate deputies became full deputies.

Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the republic, who is chairman of the People's Assembly, chaired the meeting which began the day before yesterday.

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Losses Total R90 Million

MB161616 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1609 GMT 16 Aug 87

[Text] Johannesburg, aug 16, SAPA — At least R90 million has been lost by Anglo American, Gencor [General Mining Union Corporation] and JCI [Johannesburg Condolidated Investments] in revenue and profits since the country-wide strike by mineworkers last Sunday, according to the Labour Monitoring Group [LMG].

The group said in a statement to SAPA today that the three mining houses worst hit by the strike had averaged a loss of R17 million a working day at the present level of the gold price.

Worst hit was Anglo American, whose foregone profits amounted to just under R60 million to date, while the Gencor group lost about 80 per cent of its potential profit for the week — an amount of over R16 million.

"Rand Mines foregone profit cannot be calculated because cost figures have not been released by the Harmony mine, the only strike-hit mine in the group," LMG said.

"It is also estimated that for the three worst hit groups to meet the union's demand for 30 per cent across-the-board wage increases it would cost them approximately R150 million for the year 1987-88, over and above the cost of their current offer of 17 to 23 per cent. The difference between the union's demand and management's offer thus represents nine days of lost profits," the statement said.

"These calculations take into account only potential revenue lost as a result of ore not being brought to the surface during the strike. It is assumed that no ore is being brought to the surface at strike-hit mines.

"In addition, the mines will not have made their usual outlay on black workers wages and on materials consumed during underground operations (such as explosives). Using 1985 Chamber of Mines data, we estimate that black wages amount to approximately 30 per cent of total working costs.

"At current wage levels (including the increases implemented by the chamber on July 1, 1987), this represents approximately R30

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ANGOLAN PRESIDENT, CASTRO BEGIN OFFICIAL TALKS

FL312354 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 2300 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] Official talks began today between the Cuban and Angolan delegations headed by Presidents Fidel Castro and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, respectively. The talks began this morning and coninued through this afternoon. They were held in a fraternal and unified atmosphere.

Also present on behalf of Cuba were Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Jorge Risquet, and Division General Abelardo Colome Ibarra, all members of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Politburo. Carlos Aldana, secretary of the PCC Central Committee, was also present.

Foreign Minister Alfonso Van Dunem, Vice Minister of Defense Francisco Magalhaes Paiva, and Secretary for Agricultural Folicy Santana Andre Pitra represented Angola at the meeting.

Discuss Southern Africa

LD010517 Lisbon Domestic Service in Portuguese 2100 GMT 31 Jul 87

[Text] The delegations led by the Angolan and Cuban presidents, Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Fidel Castro, have begun official talks in Havana. Bilateral relations and the situation in southern Arica are the main topics of the talks. These talks are taking place following the recent meeting of the Angola-Cuba Joint Committee and the resumption of Angolan-U.S. negotiations on the independence of Namibia and the Cuban military presence in Angola.

Attend Performance

FLO11245 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] Presidents Fidel Castro and Jose Eudardo dos Santos attended a performance at the Angolan House of Culture last night. The two statesmen enjoyed a show which was representative of the two countries' folklore. The event was organized on the occasion of the Angolan head of state's friendly and working visit and the 13th anniversary of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola.

Dos Santos had visited Guanabacoa's municipal museum earlier. He was accompanied by Armando Hart, member of the PCC Politburo and minister of culture, and Pedro Ross Leal, member of the PCC Central Committee.

Issue Communique

FL040127 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 4 Aug 87

[Text] A communique issued as a result of the official talks held between Commander in Chief Fidel Castro and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chiefs of state of Cuba and Angola, respectively, states that the two presidents agreed on the assessment of the origin and basically positive nature of the general changes taking place on the international scene. They hailed the peace initiatives the Soviet Union is intelligently and firmly promoting for the end of the arms race, the preservation of humankind from nuclear holocaust, and for people's security.

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They also said they were pleased with the escalation of the struggle of the popular masses in South Africa against the shameful apartheid regime, the continued combat by the SWAPO [South-West African People's Organization], only and legitimate representaive of the Namibian people, for the increasing unity and cooperation among front-line states, and for the encouraging results of the recently-concluded summit of the OAU in Addis Ababa.

Reviewing the international responsibilities Cuba and Angola share regarding southern Africa and their historic commitment to support the implementation of the UN Security Council's resolution on Namibia's independence, the two parties confirmed their political will to unite efforts aimed at finding a solution that takes into account the legitimate interests of all parties involved and guarantee the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of the People's Republic of Angola.

With that objective, Cuba and Angola also agreed on the willingness of adapting their common position within the framework of the principles of the November, 1984 platform and is supplementary text with the constructive purpose of achieving a fair and honorable agreement that would favor Namibia's independence, Angola's safety, and peace for all southern Africa's states.

President Jose Eduardo dos Santos expressed his appreciation for the warm treatment and fraternal courtesies given to his delegation and extended an invitation to President Fidel Castro to visit the People's Republic of Angola at a convenient time and date for the two sides. The invitation was accepted with satisfaction and gratitude.

Dos Santos Leaves

FLO31209 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 3 Aug 87

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the PCC Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, and Army General Raul Castro Ruz, were at the Jose Marti airport to bid farewell to Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, president of the MPLA [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola]-Labor Party and of the People's Republic of Angola, who returned to his country after a friendly and working visit at the invitation of Fidel. During his stay, the Angolan president held talks with the head of the revolution and with other members of the Cuban Government and the PCC. The Angolan leader also placed a wreath at the monument honoring our national hero, Jose Marti, on Revolution Square, and visited the House of Angolan Culture, the Guanabacoa museum, and the genetic engineering and biotechnology center.

HAITIAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT CALLS OFF STRIKE

FLO11210 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 Aug 87

[Text] The Haitian democratic front has decided to call off until further notice a general strike that has been in effect for 2 days yesterday [31 July] demanding the resignation of the current government council. The front's spokesperson explained that the meausure will be implemented for the time being to spare the population from additional suffering but said it could resume next week. The strike, which is the 10th staged since the domestic crisis began in Haiti in late June, was also called to protest the deaths of 10 people last Wednesday who died when the Army attacked protestors.



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Foreign Ministry Announces Dos Santos Visit to Cuba MB301951 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 30 Jul 87

["Press Release" issued by the Ministry of External Relations]

[Text] At the invitation of Comrade Fidel Castro, commander in chief of the revolutionary armed forces, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee, and president of the Councils of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party, and president of the People's Assembly and the People's Republic of Angola, has been on an official friendly and working visit to Cuba since 30 July 1987.

RSA Military Violations Reported to OAU Committee MB290909 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 28 Jul 87

[Text] At the first meeting of the OAU Ad Hoc Commission on Southern Africa held in Lusaka on Saturday, the Angolan Government presented a resume of the military operations carried out by the regular South African Army against Angola over the past 2 years.

The document states that since last year the racist South Africans have carried out more than 900 airspace violations and more than 40 ground attacks against FAPLA positions and the civilian population.

Recently, the South African Army has stepped up its activities both inside Angola and along the southern border of illegally occupied Namibia by concentrating and moving personnel and equipment. The document denounced the fact that in the first 6 months of 1987 South African forces violated Agolan airspace 75 times and attacked our troops and the civilian population in Mupa and Mongua 33 times. In May, actions were carried out against Namibe railroad in Bibala, while over the next 2 months, maneuvers were initially centered on Chamutete, Anhanca, Evale, Mupa, Mongua and Xangongo, followed by the siege of the city of Ondjiva, the capital of Cunene Province. However, the siege was broken by our FAPLA forces.

The Angolan delegation which took part in the Lusaka meeting also reported that bombings by the South African Air Force as well as reconnaissance flights have taken place in those areas. The document also points out that other important violations were perpetrated by the South African Air Force in the provinces of Huila and Namibe, over 250 km inside Angola, as well as in Mavinga and Cangamba in Cuando Cubango, in support of war materiel resupply missions for the UNITA armed gangsters via parachute. They also use the occacions to take aerial photographs of our troops' positions in those areas.

The participants in the first meeting of the OAU Ad Hoc Commission were informed that a total of eight battalions from the South African regular army are currently in Angola, two of which are in Cuando Cubango Province, supporting UNITA gangsters, making a total of 6,800 men. These forces are supported by over 200 Casspir and Buffalo vehicles, several dozen AML-90 armored cars, and bombers and helicopters.

UNITA Reports 29 MPLA, 2 Cuban Troops Killed MB300716 (Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 30 Jul 87

[Text] Jamba, Provisional Capital of the Free Land of Angola, 30 Jul (KUP) — UNITA forces killed 29 MPLA soldiers and 2 Cubars in fighting in Angola's Luanda, Lunda, Moxico, Bie, Uige, Zaire, and Cuando Cubango Provinces over the last 3 days. This was disclosed in a communique issued by the Chief of General Staff of the FALA forces, which also stated that 95 MPLA soldiers were wounded and 14 taken prisoner, and that 21 military vehicles were destroyed. During the same period, UNITA suffered 6 dead and 21 wounded, and 1 soldier is missing.

UNITA Commentary Decries Dos Santos Offer MB301822 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 1500 GMT 30 Jul 87

[Station commentary]

[Text] [Words indistinct] USSR agent Jose Eduardo dos Santos told [words indistinct] journalists on the occasion of the release of the U.S. pilot a few weeks ago that there will only be a reduction of Cuban troops after Namibia became independent. It will be recalled that then this Soviet agent [words indistinct] the absurd stance that the (?end) of apartheid in South Africa was the condition for the reduction of thousands of Cuban soldiers operating in Angola.

Taking the release of the U.S. pilot for granted — which he claimed to be a gesture of goodwill — it did come as a surprise to anyone that Eduardo dos Santos then dared to use the same unsuitable and unfounded arguments with Dr Crocker. Like most Americans, Dr Crocker refused to be fooled. It will be recalled that the Moscow agents within the MPLA even dreamed of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States. However, the U.S. envoy did not let himself be caught in the Soviet trap. His professional competence prevented such a disaster from taking place.

Soon after the MPLA agents and their bosses realized that Dr Chester Crocker was disappointed by the Luanda talks, another Soviet agent, Van-Dunem Loy, was touring the USSR and Eastern bloc countries. Nothing could tell us that the tour was not part of regular consultations with the MPLA advisers, which are held during critical situations like the one surrounding the Luanda talks.

As expected, a few days later agent Eduardo dos Santos made the point of disclosing in Lusaka the new instructions that he had received from Moscow, namely the proposals for a new accord which he described as his government's flexibility. However, as



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We will fulfill our duty more, and we will fulfill it better. To those who at one time believed that blood was useless, that Moncada led to adversity and not to victory, that the Granma was useless, or that the war in the mountains was useless, we say today it was proven that the sacrifice was never useless. Those who believe that one day all this effort, all this heroism, and all this blood will be useless should know that today more than ever before and with greater confidence than ever before we can say the sacrifice has been absolutely fruitful and absolutely useful. Those who believe that one day the blood of the good was shed in vain. Our revolution [applause], our people, and our party can never be underestimated. Free fatherland or death: We will win!

ANGOLA'S PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS VISITING

MB301951 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 30 Jul 87

["Press Release" issued by the Angolan Ministry of External Relations]

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VIDEO TERMINALS MANUFACTURED FOR SOVIET UNION

FL301427 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Jul 87

[Text] Cuba will export to the Soviet Union 2,600 (?CID7205)-type video terminals this year. This new model designed by Digital Research Central Institute specialists will be manufactured at a Havana computer enterprise located at the Lenin industrial zone.

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DOMINICAN PRESIDENT OFFERS 'FACILITIES' TO JORGE

FL091300 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 9 May 87

[Text] Dominican President Joaquin Balaguer offered today facilities to former President Salvador Jorge Blanco, who is in serious condition after suffering a heart attack. The former president was staying as a guest at the home of Venezuelan Ambassador Abel Clavijo.

Possible Transfer to Atlanta

FL091340 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1207 CMT 9 May 87

[Text] The chief of the medical team treating former Dominican President Salvador Jorge Blanco for acute coronary failure has announced that efforts are being made to transfer him to Atlanta, United States, as soon as possible. The former Dominican president, who sought refuge 8 days ago at the Venezuelan Embassy in Santo Domingo after a court hearing on charges of administrative corruption, continues to be under Venezuelan protection.

ANGOLAN, IRISH DEPUTIES BRIEFED; SRI LANKANS LEAVE

FLO70111 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 2300 GMT 6 May 87

[By Gisela Bel]

[Text] Lucio Lara, first secretary of the Angolan People's Assembly today received the keys to Havana. This act was in recognition of Lara's revolutionary merits in seeking Angolan independence.

The Irish delegation of parliamentarians, which has been in Cuba since Monday [4 May] and is headed by [Liam Nyland], chairman of the Finance Committee of the Irish Parliament, was received at the National Assembly of the People's Government [AMPP].

During a productive meeting with Luis Mendez Morejon, ANPP secretary, (Hyland) and his companions learned of the structure and efforts of local AMPP organs. They also expressed their desire for expanding relations between the two parliaments.

Also in Havana, a meeting was held between Lucio Lara, first secretary of the Angolan People's Assembly, and Pedro Chavez, president of the City of Havana Province ANPP.

This afternoon, Mr (Norman Guargaragni), vice president of the parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and his delegation, departed after a 6-day visit.

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Ramon Darias, minister president of Cuba's State Committee for Standardization [CEN], and other officials were on hand at the airport to welcome him. Kolmogorov is visiting our country to meet with his Cuban counterpart and discuss the present status and prospects of economic and scientific-technical relations between the USSR's Gosstandart and Cuba's CEN.

Arriving on the same flight from Shannon were (Liam Hyland), member of parliament and chairman of the finance committee of the Irish parliament, and his delegation. Mr (Hyland) is here at the invitation of the National Assembly of the People's Government of Cuba. He will visit several places of economic and cultural interest during his stay.

UJC'S ROBAINA RETURNS AFTER WORKING VISITS ABROAD

FL012132 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 May 87

[Text] Roberto Robaina, member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Central Committee and first secretary of the Union of Young Communists [UJC], arrived at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport during the predawn hours of 1 May, International Workers Day, after paying various official working visits to several countries.

Robaina headed the Cuban delegation to the recently-held youth congress of the Popular Liberation Movement of Angola-Party of Labor [MPLA-PT] and the 27th congress of the Leninist Komsomol. He tells us about his experiences:

[Begin Robaina recording] First, the congresses were very interesting events related to the reality of the Angolan people and the Soviet youth and people. In general, they were very critical about the problems of the Angolan youth and the Komsomol. I believe they reflected the problems the two countries are experiencing. A very deep discussion of their problems was conducted. Not only a deep discussion of their problems but also a solution and a solution proposal to each one of the difficulties were noted. We also used the visit, in addition to the congresses, to visit with our young people who are fulfilling military and civilian missions or simply those who are cooperating and with our young people who are studying there.

[Unidentified female reporter] We understand you met with your counterparts in other countries. Which countries were these?

[Robaina] Yes, we paid belated exchange visits to the UJC in Romania, Bulgaria, GDR. Important meetings were held with youth organizations of those countries. The visit to Romania was long overdue. We were able to discuss our experiences with all those youth organizations and make a thorough analysis of the main problems we have and the tasks we are working on. Making good use of some hours we spent en route, we held important directorate, and with the directorate of the CSSR youth to organize the upcoming UIS congress which will be held in our country. Important decisions were made regarding the final phase of the planning of the congress.

[Reporter] Do you remember any interesting anecdotes of this working visit?

[Robaina] Yes, there were many interesting ones but none as stimulating as meeting with our young people who are fulfilling military missions in southern Angola.

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We were able to meet with close to 2,000 youths who have remained in their same combat trenches for 2 years. Their only request was for the PCC leadership, Fidel himself, and the revolution to be told that they are willing to continue fulfilling the missions the revolution entrusted to them.

[Reporter] Thank you very much for this exclusive television interview. I wish you success in your career.

CASTRO MEETS WITH INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER

FL021507 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1202 GMT 2 May 87

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee, has received in Havana Mr Rajeswara Rao, general secretary of the Communist Party of India.

During the fraternal meeting, the Indian leader gave Fidel his positive opinions on our country, the achievements of the revolution in developing revolutionary awareness, the construction of socialism, and the high internationalist spirit of the Cuban people.

During the talks between our commander in chief and the Indian leader, it was obvious that satisfactory relations exist between the two parties.

Fidel and Rao also expressed the common goal of expanding ties between the peoples and Governments of Cuba and India, strengthening the Nonaligned Movement and its struggle for national independence, and increasing economic and social development and world peace.

FORMER ARGENTINE MILITARY LINKED TO NEOFASCISTS

PA262141 Havana International Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 25 Apr 87

["Our America" commentary read by Norberto Hernandez]

[Text] As promised, today we will further discuss a topic touched on recently: The close relationship in the 1970's between the Argentine Armed Forces and Italian neofascist groups headed by Stefano Delle Chiai, which were protected and partly financed by the evil Propaganda-2 [P-2] Masonic Lodge.

The murky mechanism of this relationship started to become evident during the initial trials against top Argentine officers. However, it became clearer in May, when Chilean intelligence agent Armando Fernandez Labios unexpectedly testified about the assassination in Washington of former Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier.

We must add that the assassination in Buenos Aires of General Carlos Prats and his wife was also brought up. Prats, who preceded Pinochet as commander in chief of the Chilean Army, and who was a prominent supporter of a return to constitutionality in his country, had moved to the Argentine capital after the 1973 coup d'etat.

In the attack against Letelier, a special group of the former National Directorate of Chilean Intelligence (Lavina), headed by U.S. citizen Michael Townley, was involved. This group also assassinated Gen Prats.

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VALDES ATTENDS POLICY SEMINAR IN COSTA RICA

FL231655 Havana Radio Periodico del Aire in Spanish 1600 GMT 23 Apr 87

[Text] Seven countries of the region are holding a comparative foreign policy seminar on the Central American crisis in San Jose, Costa Rica. At the last session, the participants studied the Cuban position. Juan Valdes Paz, official of the Cuban center for American Studies, said that Cuba's policy toward the isthmus is based on the participation of the popular movement as an alternative for change. Valdes said that Cuba supports the Nicaraguan principles of political pluralism, mixed economy, and nonalignment, and believes that these principles are in accord with the Central American situation. Valdes urged a negotiated political solution to the Central American conflict while recalling that the U.S. policy toward the subregion has been aimed at preventing self-determination, promoting interventions, and issuing threats of direct aggression.

VISITING ANGOLAN OFFICIAL PLEASED WITH IPU MEETING

FLO41857 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 1700 GMT 4 May 87

[Text] This morning in Havana, Severo Aguirre del Cristo, vice president of the National Assembly of the People's Government, held official talks with Lucio Lara, first secretary of the Angolan People's Assembly. The two parliamentarians arrived in Havana yesterday from Nicaragua where they attended the 77th IPU assembly. After talking to Aguirre del Cristo on matters related to the Cuban parliament, Lucio Lara spoke of the Managua meeting.

[Begin Lara recording in Spanish] I think that the results of the IPU in Managua has surpassed the expectations of many. We thought that it would be very difficult to achieve a climate of peace in Central America. This was one of the issues that concerned us the most. This battle on the Central American issue has been won. [end

The representative of the Angolan People's Assembly praised the work done by the Nicaraguans before and during the meeting. He said that the Nicaraguans had won the affection and understanding of all those who participated at the meeting. Lucio Lara also told the press that, independently of the ideologies and positions of the delegates at the meeting, the results proved that a similarity of views prevailed on the issue of peace and other important matters.

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MEXICO SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS -- Havana, 27 Apr -- Mexico and Cuba today signed two agreements dealing with social security and cooperation and social solidarity. The agreements were signed by Ricardo Garcia Sainz, director of the Mexican Social Security Institute, IMSS. The Cuban people and Government thanked IMSS for the latter's support of this country. [Summary] [Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish 28 Apr 87 p 1 PA]

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UN AMBASSADOR REFUTES VERNON WALTERS' CHARGES

FL291437 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 29 Apr 87

[Text] Oscar Oramas Oliva, Cuban ambassador to the United Nations, has sent a letter to the chief executive of the WALL STREET JOURNAL refuting accusations made by Vernon Walters, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in an article published on 21 April.

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Oramas Oliva said that it is not ethical or even conceivable to insult other countries when one does not share or support another country's perceptions or proposals.

The Cuban ambassador was referring to Walters' criticism of Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, and Mexico, countries which voted in favor of a motion made by India preventing a U.S. move to include Cuba as a topic for discussion at the meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

CPI GENERAL SECRETARY MEETS WITH RISQUET

FL291959 Havana Radio Periodico del Aire in Spanish 1600 GMT 29 Apr 87

[Text] Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Politburo, has met with C. Rajeswara Rao, general secretary of the Communist Party of India [CPI]. During the meeting, Rajeswara was briefed on the historic struggle of our people and the agreements reached during the party's third congress. Rao, who is visiting Cuba as guest of our party's directorate, spoke of the positive impressions he has received during his visit to several provinces of the country, his admiration for the great achievements of the revolution, and the similarities between India and Cuba.

AGREEMENT WITH ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE SIGNED

FL290237 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 0203 GMT 29 Apr 87

[Text] The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, ICAP, has established in this capital bilateral friendship and cooperation agreements with similar institutions from Angola and Mozambique. The documents were signed by (Domingo Cuello da Crus, Agner Sansao Motenba), and Reinaldo Gonzalez, from Angola, Mozambique, and Cuba, respectively. The agreements include the work of publishing achievements and experiences in the construction of the new society. They also are aimed at broadening and strengthening friendship and solidarity between the people of Cuba and of those two African nations. They will be a stimulus and guideline for future work. Likewise, these cooperation projects were called a logical continuation of the large and unquestionable fraternal ties which join Cuba with these two African countries that will continue the search for new ways of cooperation.

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For Phnom Penh media reports on the visit of a Cuban cooperation delegation to Cambodia, see the Cambodia section of the 30 April Asia & Pacific DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

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Plane Flown by U.S. Citizen Reported Shot Down

'Esplorage Work' Alleged MB241924 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 24 Apr 87

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[Text] Angolan Air Force jet fighters last Tuesday shot down a light aircraft piloted by a U.S. citizen at (?Otechinjau), in Cunene Province's Cahama municipality. This was revealed by ANGOP, which quoted 5th military region military sources in Lubango city.

The same sources expressed the belief that the aircraft was carrying out espionage work on behalf of the South African Army. It was (?trying) to reconnoiter FAPLA positions in Cahama. The pilot was carrying a U.S. passport and was immediately helped by [words indistinct] the aircraft. He is in good health.

Pilot Delivering Plane to RSA MB260729 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 26 Apr 87

[Text] A colleague of the American pilot of a light civilian aircraft reported to be shot down over Angola area this week says the pilot was flying the aircraft to South Africa to deliver it to the National Airways Corporation. The American colleague, Mr Clark Woodard, identified the pilot as Mr Joe Longo of Greensburg in Pennsylvania. Mr Woodard denied Angolan allegations that Mr Longo was on a spying mission.

The official Angolan news agency said Angolan jet fighters had shot down the aircraft 125 km north of the border with South-West Africa/Namibia. The Angolan reports did not identify the pilot. The agency quoted military officials as saying that the pilot, the only person aboard, was in good condition after being picked up at the site on the crash 160 km from the city of Lubango in southern Cunene Province.

MPLA Sacks ANGOP, JORNAL DE ANGOLA Editors MB240559 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 24 Apr 87

[Text] Comrade Roberto de Almeida, secretary for ideology of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, yesterday reshuffled the national media sector. Accordingly, the editors of ANGOP, Raimando Sotto Mayor, and Jornal de Angola, Mario Guerra, have been relieved of their duties. However, Raimundo Sotto Mayor will remain in charge of ANGOP until his replacement is appointed. Mario Guerra has been replaced by Adelino de Almeida, who has until recently been division chief within the Department of Information and Propaganda of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee.

Meanwhile, Francisco Simons, chief of the information department of Radio Nacional de Angola, has been appointed program

director within the Televisao Popular de Angola. These reshuffles were discussed by the Secretariat of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee at a meeting on 7 April.

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Assembly Head Leaves for Managua; Stops in Cuba MB270703 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] The Angolan People's Assembly will be represented in an interparliamentary meeting to be held in Nicaragua. Lucio Lara, the first secretary of the People's Assembly, who will represent Angola in that important forum, has left Luanda for Managua.

On the way to Nicaragua, Lucio Lara stopped over in Havana, Cuba, where he held talks with Jorge Risquet, member of the Cuban Communist Party Politburo. Both men exchanged viewpoints on international politics and on issues of bilateral interest.

FAPLA Forces Thwart UNITA Action in Matala MB241340 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 24 Apr 87

[Text] The FAPLA forces have prevented the UNITA puppets from (?carrying out any type of operation) in Huila Province's Matala municipality.

Fausto Antonio Manuel, Matala municipal commissioner, told ANGOP that the people in that area are deeply committed to defending Matala from the enemy's criminal actions. Matala municipality, which is the third most important urban center in Huila Province, is currently experiencing military calm in the wake of the latest offensives by FAPLA forces and military units consisting of peasants defending their plantations.

UNITA Reports Attacks, Helicopter Downing MB240722 (Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 24 Apr 87

[Text] Free Land of Angola — UNITA forces shot down one MI-17 military helicopter and destroyed two Soviet-made T-55 tanks in fighting over the past 10 days in four Angolan provinces.

According to a military communique released by the military chief of staff, General Demostenes Amos Chilingutila, 18 transport vehicles were also destroyed during the operations which took place in the provinces of Zaire, Benguela, Lunda and Moxico.

UNITA forces also attacked the 54th FAPLA Brigade, which is supported by Soviets, between the 15th and 18th of April while trying to transport supplies between Luena and Lukusse and forcing it to remain stationary at Lumaka.

During the period, 88 FAPLA soldiers were killed and another 109 wounded. UNITA's casualties were put at 7 dead and 16 wounded.

UNITA forces also blew up the Kakuilo river bridge, southeast

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MEETING OF FRIENDSHIP WITH USSR GROUPS HOSTED

FL200318 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 20 Apr 87

[Text] Representatives from 17 countries are attending the international meeting of leaders of friendship associations with the Soviet Union, which began today in the plenary hall of Havana's Atlantic Hotel. The goal of the meeting is to promote the exchange of opinions and information on the friendship and solidarity work carried out by the participating organizations with the sister Soviet people. During the 3-day meeting, they will analyze material related to the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the triumph of the Great October Socialist Revolution and current international relations.

Today's speakers gave their unrestricted support to the Soviet Union's peace initiatives and underscored the constructive nature of the Soviet Union's foreign policy in maintaining peace. The delegates unanimously criticized the destabilizing maneuvers of the United States in Central American and other areas of the world.

PCC SECRETARY MEETS WITH CPGB SECRETARY GENERAL

FL211456 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 21 Apr 87

[Text] Lionel Soto, secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Central Committee, has met in this capital with Gordon McLennan, secretary general of the Communist Party of Great Britain [CPGB], who is visiting Cuba at the invitation of the PCC Central Committee. A broad and fraternal exchange of views on subjects of common interest took place during the meeting. Patricia Davis, member of the CPGB National Executive Committee, Eloy Valdes, and Julio Ballesta, deputy chief and official of the PCC Central Committee General Department of Foreign Relations, respectively, also attended the meeting.

TALKS ON TELEVISION COOPERATION WITH ANGOLA BEGIN

FL202342 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 19 Apr 87

[Text] Official conversations between the highest leaders of the Cuban and Angolan television networks began this afternoon in Havana. The talks are headed by Ismael Gonzalez, member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and president of the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television, and Carlos Garcia, general director of the Angolan People's Television. The topics include Cuban assistance to the African state as well as areas in which cooperation should be increased.

The meeting was also attended by Manuel Pedro Pacavira, member of the Central Committee of the MPLA-PT [Popular Liberation Movement of Angola-Party of Labor] and Angolan ambassador to Cuba.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FIFTH UJC CONGRESS, PART 4

FL201956 Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish 0100 GMT 10 Apr 87

[Part 4 of "highlights" of the Fifth Union of Young Communists, UJC, Congress held at the Palace of Conventions in Havana; 1-5 April -- all delegates identified by caption -- recorded]

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DOES NOT OPPOSE TRADE RELATIONS

FL231616 Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 23 Apr 87

[Text] The Dominican Republic Government does not oppose establishing trade relations with Cuba. This was said in Santo Domingo by Dominican Agriculture Minister Norberto Quezada. He asserted that the only thing that banned trade was a clause signed by former administrations with the IMF. He added that this clause was cancelled when the Dominican Republic fulfilled its agreements with the financial organization.

ANGOLAN TV, RADIO WORK PROTOCOL SIGNED

FL230215 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 23 Apr 87

[Text] Cuba and Angola signed a work protocol this afternoon in the areas of radio and television. The agreement will be effective until the end of 1989.

Ismael Gonzalez Gonzalez, president of the ICRT [Cuban Institute of Radio and Television], and Carlos Garcia, general director of the Angolan People's Television, signed the document on behalf of their respective countries.

The work protocol provides for the exchange of specialized personnel and programs that will, in one form or another, improve the quality of the material offered to the population.

GROUP OF 77 DISCUSSES 'HAVANA DECLARATION'

FL231503 Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish 1100 GMT 23 Apr 87

[Text] The 3d day of sessions of the Group of 77 ministerial meeting was characterized by hard work by regional work and draft groups. The draft of the declaration, which is already being called the Havana Declaration, was anlyzed by the three regional groups created to unify the views and positions of each geographic area.

The subjects to be proposed for discussion at the Seventh UNCTAD Conference have been almost completely defined. The commissions and working groups should end their discussions during this morning's sessions.

The agreements reached will be announced during the closing session of the Group of 77 ministerial meeting on Friday [24 April].

Nicaragua Calls for Unity

PA230352 Havana International Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 22 Apr 87

[Text] The Group of 77 ministerial meeting currently underway in Havana is the beginning of an effort by the underdeveloped countries to solve the serious problems that have resulted from the current international economic order, Nicaraguan Foreign Trade Minister Alejandro Martinez Cuenca, who is attending the meeting, told this station.

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PMI61251 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 14 Mar 87 First Edition p 4

[TASS report: "Soviet-Angolan-Cuban Consultations"]

[Text] In line with established practice, there was an exchange of opinions in Moscow on 10-11 March involving delegations from the USSR, Angola, and Cuba, during which there was a discussion of the international situation, in particular the situation in southern Africa.

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The participants in the consultations were unanimous that the long conflict in southern Africa is causing suffering to the peoples of the region and is a seat of tension that is complicating the world situation in general.

The existence of the disgraceful apartheid regime in Pretoria, backed, beneath the banner of so-called "constructive engagement," by the U.S. Administration and its allies, is the cause of the criminal oppression of the people of South Africa, the illegal occupation of Namibia, the aggressive actions against Angola and Mozambique, and the increasing destabilizing actions against other "Frontline" States.

The People's Republic of Angola is the victim of direct aggressive actions by the racist armed forces and criminal acts by their stooges — the gangs of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) — against defenseless civilians, and acts of sabotage against economic facilities and communications. The sides resolutely condemned the efforts by Pretoria and Washington to destabilize the situation in Angola and, ultimately, to overthrow people's power and set up a puppet regime obedient to imperialism.

The Angolan delegation expressed a high opinion of Soviet and Cuban international assistance in the matter of economic and social development and in strengthening its defenses in the interests of rebuffing the imperialist policy of aggression and interference.

The sides confirmed their commitment to a just settlement of the conflict in southern Africa and advocated stepping up the collective quest for ways of arranging such a settlement involving the United Nations, the OAU, the group of "Frontline" States, the Nonaligned Movement, and all interested forces supporting freedom, justice, and peace in the region, which can be achieved only on condition that the odious apartheid system is eliminated.

The participants voiced their active solidarity with the African National Congress (ANC) and South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO) and noted that despite the savage repression and neocolonialist maneuvers by the South African racists, the liberation struggle of the peoples of South Africa and Namibia continues to grow.

The USSR, Cuba, and Angola are advocating the elimination of the disgraceful apartheid system in South Africa and the immediate granting of independence to Namibia in accordance with UN decisions.

Concerning the present international situation, the sides stressed that the Soviet proposals aimed at the elimination of mass destruction weapons and creation of an all-embracing system of international security are of exceptional importance for the future of the world.

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Particular mention was made of the constructive nature of the new Soviet initiative put forward by CPSU Central Committee General Secretary M.S. Gorbachev on 28 February.

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The tripartite meeting took place in a comradely, fraternal atmosphere, in the spirit of complete mutual understanding. It was attended by:

Marshal of the Soviet Union S.L. Sokolov, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and USSR defense minister; A.F. Dobrynin, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee; V.A. Medvedev, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee; and A.L. Adamishin, USSR deputy foreign minister; on the Soviet side,

P. Maria Tonha, member of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party (MPLA-PT) Central Committee Politburo and Angolan defense minister, and A. Van Dunen, member of the MPLA-PT Central Committee Politburo and Angolan minister of external affairs, on the Angolan side,

J. Risquet Valdez, member of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) Central Committee Politburo and Secretariat, and Division General A.O. Sanchez, deputy minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces, on the Cuban side.

MOZAMBIQUE'S CHISSANO RECEIVES DELEGATION

PM161415 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 13 Mar 87 First Edition p.4

[TASS report: "Common Desires and Intentions"]

[Text] Maputo, 12 Mar — The peoples of Mozambique and the USSR are united by a common desire to maintain peace. We wholly support the Soviet Union's untiring efforts in this direction. Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, chairman of the Mozambique Liberation Front, stated here. Yesterday he received the Soviet delegation that has been participating in a session of the Soviet-Mozambican Intergovernmental Commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation and Trade.

The USSR and the other socialist countries are our traditional friends, J. Chissano said. The development of relations with them is the number one question for Mozambique. He stressed the great importance of the present commission session held in Maputo on the eve of the celebrations to mark the 10th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the USSR and Mozambique. The Mozambican leader advocated the further strengthening of bilateral ties.

SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTIES ARRIVE IN ANGOLA

LD161902 Moscow TASS in English 1636 GMT 16 Mar 87

[Text] Luanda March 3 TASS — By TASS correspondents Aleksandr Korzun and Grigoriy Sobolev:

A group of deputies [words indistinct] has arrived in the People's Republic of Angola today.

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CONSULTATIONS WITH ANGOLA, CUBA HELD 10-11 MAR

MB141552 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 14 Mar 87

[Text] On 10 and 11 March 1987, the periodically scheduled Soviet-Angolan-Cuban tripartite consultations took place in Moscow during which burning issues facing the present international situation were discussed, particularly the prevailing situation in southern Africa.

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The participants in the consultations were unanimous in noting that the conflict in southern Africa, whose principal cause is the criminal regime of apartheid existing in South Africa supported by imperialist's most reactionary forces, has a serious negative influence on the world situation in general. They condemned increasing aggression by the racist Pretoria regime against Frontline States, particularly Angola and Mozambique.

The sides emphasized that the policy of constructive engagement has no other aim than the reinforcement of South Africa's aggressive military apparatus which in collusion with lackeys, UNITA puppet gangsters, carry out massacres and criminal activities against defenseless civilian populations, acts of sabotage against economic infrastructures and communication links in a vain attempt to overthrow the people's power in Angola and install a puppet regime subservient to imperialist orders.

The representatives of the USSR and Cuba reaffirmed their total support for the just and unselfish struggle waged by the Angolan people in defense of their dignity, independence, and sovereignty.

The Angolan side stressed its appreciation for the internationalist assistance from the USSR and Cuba in the economic and social development of the People's Republic of Angola and in the strengthening of its defense capacity in the face of intensification of South Africa's policies and acts of aggression and destabilization. The sides reaffirmed their unwavering stance in favor of a just and lasting solution to the conflict in southern Africa. They spoke in favor of actively collectively searching for a solution which would include the participation of the United Nations, the OAU, Nonaligned Movement, and all interested forces -- forces which in words and actions favor liberty, justice, and peace in the region.

The participants expressed their unconditional solidarity with the ANC and SWAPO, having underlined that despite ferocious repression and neocolonialist maneuvers by the Pretoria regime, the liberation struggle waged by the South African and Namibian peoples continues to develop favorably. The USSR, Cuba, and Angola spoke firmly in favor of the eradiction of the shameful system of apartheid in the Republic of South Africa and immediate granting of independence to Namibia on the basis of the relevant UN resolutions, notably UN Security Council Resolution 435/78.

During an exchange of opinion on current international issues, the sides underlined the transcendental importance to world destiny of Soviet proposals for the elimination of massive destruction weapons and the creation of a world system of international security.

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Particular attention was given to the constructive nature of the new Soviet initiative launched by Mikhail Gorbachev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, on 28 February 1987.

The consultations took place in an atmosphere of fraternal friendship, comradeship, and mututal understanding.

Participating in the consultations on the Soviet side were Marshal S.I. Sokolov, candidate member of the Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee and the USSR's minister of defense; A.F. Dobrynin, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee; V.A. Medvedev, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee; and A.I. Adamishin, the USSR's deputy minister foreign affairs.

Representing Angola were Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee the MPLA-Labor Party and minister of defense of the People's Republic of Angola; and Alfonso Van Dunem Mbinda, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party and minister of external relations.

The Cuban side was represented by Jorge Risquet Valdes, a member of the Politburo and Secretariat of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee.

DELEGATION DEPARTS ON FRONTLINE STATES TOUR

LD151730 Moscow TASS in English 1737 GMT 15 Mar 87

[Text] Moscow March 15 TASS -- Today a group of deputies of the USSR Supreme Soviet (parliament), led by Pavel Gilashvili, vice-president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, left by air for the "Frontline" states of southern Africa.

The group will visit Angola, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania.

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SHULTZ URGES CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT OF CONTRAS

FL130050 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 0000 GMT 13 Feb 87

[Text] U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has insisted the United States continue supporting the mercenary bands operating against Nicaragua. Making new attacks against Cuba and the Soviet Union, Shultz said U.S. aid to the contras is based on its right for self-defense and collective defense with its democratic allies.

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Shultz' statements were made after reports indicated it was unlikely Congress would approve more aid for anti-Nicaraguan mercenaries.

It was also reported that the Reagan administration decided to postpone asking Congress for 1988 assistance amounting to \$105 million.

U.S., HONDURAN FORCES CONDUCT MILITARY EXERCISES

FL130145 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1918 GMT 12 Feb 87

[Text] Close to 1,500 U.S. and Honduran soldiers began today a so-called readiness and emergency exercise on the Salvadoran border. The exercises are being conducted in the area of Flores, La Paz Department, on the border with El Salvador de Morazan where guerrillas fighting against the Jose Napoleon Duarte regime have their main detachments.

The Salvadoran guerrillas said the presence of U.S. troops near the Morazan Department endangers its forces and constitutes an offense to Salvadoran sovereignty. Guerrilla spokesmen indicated the entire Honduran border zone will be mined to prevent any U.S. attempt to enter Salvadoran territory.

ANGOLAN COOPERATION TALKS CONCLUDE 12 FEBRUARY

FL122324 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1901 GMT 12 Feb 87

[Text] Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba, and Antonio dos Santos, member of the Politburo of the MPLA [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola]-Labor Party, praised in this capital Cuban-Angolan cooperation. The two leaders signed the final document of the sessions of the Cuban-Angolan general cooperation commission after 3 days of talks. The two parties considered them productive.

Risquet said cooperation becomes more and more effective. He talked to the press shortly after signing the document which covers the areas of forestry, energy, health, education, sugar, food, fishery, and others.

Antonio dos Santos stated that as an underdeveloped country, Angola is grateful for the advantages the cooperation offers. They have been able to increase their knowledge, especially on cadres training.

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Jorge Risquet mentioned the roots which link the two countries. Antonio dos Santos said Risquet's words regarding cooperation between Cuba and Angola were eloquent and accurate. He added the meetings ended successfully in line with the relations between the two countries and peoples and indicated that cooperation will improve quantitatively and qualitatively.

The final document of the bilateral commissions' sessions highlights the development of cooperation between Cuba and Angola and foresees increases in areas considered to be of vital importance for the economy of that brother country.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ADDRESSES FRELIMO ON ANNIVERSARY

MB100550 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1730 GMT 9 Feb 87

[Text] On the occasion of the Frelimo's 10th anniversary and the day of the Mozambican heroes, the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Central Committee sent a message to the Frelimo Central Committee.

The PCC Central Committee expressed the belief that the Mozambican people and the other southern African countries will bury apartheid forever. The message of the PCC states that, as against colonialism, Frelimo will exterminate the armed bandits in the pay of Pretoria and will know how to defend the fatherland of Mondlane and Samora Machel.

SUGAR MILLS TO CLOSE OVER EXCESSIVE FUEL USE

FL122254 Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish 1800 GMT 12 Feb 87

[By Dioddo Maso]

[Text] One of the most radical agreements reached at the recently-concluded meeting of the Joint Management Council of the Sugar Ministry [MINA2] and the Sugar Workers Trade Union is to shut down the refineries that spend more fuel than what was allotted for production.

The refineries that will have to shut down if they do not reduce their excessive use of fuel are the Espana Republicana in Matanzas, Manuel Martinez Prieto in Havana City, Agramonte in Camaguey, Arquimides Colina in Granma, and the Ramon Porfiano in Sancti Spiritus.

The decision was adopted at the suggestion of Antonio Rodriguez Maurell, vice president of the Council of Ministers.

[Begin recording] Before concluding, I would just like to say once again, let's stop talking so much and let's do more of the very things we have discussed. Though this has not been brought up here, let's make this pledge, even if only symbolically and put it somewhere, and that is, to make this the last time we have to meet to discuss problems of this type. At least those of us who have been here should not be mere soldiers, as I have said 20 times, of this policy and that you have just formulated, of this line of work you have just set out. Let's make the most important accord reached in your analysis on the seeds, the varieties, and the planting, gentlemen, by fulfilling what has been agreed. [end recording]

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ANGOLAN DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR COOPERATION TALKS

F1071552 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1509 GMT 7 Feb 87

[Text] The 12th session of the bilateral commission of Cuban-Angolan cooperation will be held in Havana on Monday [9 February] with a large representation from the fraternal African country.

The Angolan delegation headed by Antonio dos Santos, Politburo member of the MPLA [Popular Liberation Movement of Angola] Labor Party, was received by leaders of the Communist Farty of Cuba and Government at the Jose Marti International Airport.

The delegations will examine cooperation ties between the two countries in the fields of health, agriculture, sugar production, fishery, construction, and the creation of technical cadres, among other things.

The 12th session of the Cuban-Angolan commission which will meet in this capital on Monday with a large Angolan representation met in Luanda last year.

ANGOLAN ENVOY EYES TROOPS, NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE

PA080340 Havana International Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 7 Feb 87

[Report on interview with Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Manuel Pedro Pacavira by Bianca Gobin in Havana; date not given -- recorded]

[Excerpt] [Passage omitted] [Gobin] During the interview, Manuel Pedro Pacavira also referred to the so-called linkage policy created by imperialism, which seeks to condition Namibia's independence to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

[Pacavira — broadcast in progress] ...and for us Angolans — the Angolan Government, party, and people — that is nothing but equivocation to evade the real problem, to distract the attention of the international public from the real problem, which is Namibia's independence, and which has nothing to do with the presence of Cuban troops in Angola. Cuban troops are present in Angola based on a voluntary decision by the Angolan party and government, which the Angolan people's support, to preserve their revolutionary conquests, and to defend their territorial integrity. This is not related to the problem of Namibia's independence, because Namibia is a colony that has a right to independence and self-determination, just as all the peoples with colonial status do. [passage omitted]

GOVERNMENT RELEASES 'RIGHTS COMMITTEE' MEMBERS

PA071330 Paris AFP in Spanish 0438 GMT 7 Feb 87

[Text] Havana, 5 Feb (AFP) — Three Cubans arrested months ago linked to the self-proclaimed "Human Rights Committee" were released today, their relatives reported tonight. Those released were Enrique Hernandez Adolfo Rivero, and Samuel Rodriguez.

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Once again the Army had the final word.

[Garcia] To conclude, we are going to speak about some aspects of the foreign policy of the Vinicio Cerezo administraion. The backbone of that policy is its so-called active neutrality in the Central American region, a policy that has drawn strong opposition from the United States, which has made quite a few efforts to have it changed.

In recent months the shameless recruiting in Guatemala of mercenaries for aggression against Nicaragua as well as the presence of Nicaraguan contra chiefs in Guatemala have caused certain unrest. Cerezo himself has made statements against Nicaragua that contradict his proclaimed active neutrality. All this goes to show how right were those — including the guerrillas — who said that no one should get confused and believe that what is happening in Guatemala is similar to the democratic processes that have been initiated in Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. As you can see, the situations are very different.

ENVOY TO CUBA DISCUSSES RELATIONS IN CARIBBEAN

MB151432 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 15 Jan 87

[Text] In Havana, Comrade Manuel Pedro Pacavira, Angolan ambassador to some Central American countries who is residing in Cuba, has defended the tactics and strategies adopted by Third World countries to face imperialist maneuvers. Speaking to a team of journalists from Angolan national radio, Ambassador Manuel Pedro Pacavira discussed relations between Angola and the countries to which he is accredited as ambassador. The Angolan diplomat said that Angola attaches great importance to its relations with the Republic of Cuba, which he described as a great friend of the Angolan people. He added that great progress was made in 1986 in the relations between the two countries on all levels, especially in the political and social field.

On Nicaragua, Ambassador Pedro Pacavira said it is a country threatened by an enemy which is also threatening the Angolan people: imperialism. In this region imperialism is personified by the United States, while in southern Africa it is represented by the Pretoria racist regime.

He said Angola is interested in developing relations with the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and with Mexico, countries to which he is also ambassador. With regard to Guyana Pedro Manuel Pacavira said an Angolan presence is lacking in Guyana and a Guyanese presence is lacking in Angola. He noted that a Guyanese diplomatic mission in Angola would lead to an increase in cooperation between the two countries. He also spoke of relations with Mexico, a country that has maintained close relations with Angola after recognizing it as a republic 11 years ago. The Angolan ambassador added that the Mexican Government is particularly interested in developing friendship and economic cooperation, especially in oil industry. [passage indistinct]

CASTRO CLOSES FEU CONGRESS; PRESIDENT ELECTED

FL121705 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 11 Jan 87

[Announcer-read report over video on closing of the Federation of University Students Congress in Havana]

[Text] Our Commander in Chief, Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, has closed the Third Congress of the Federation of University Students. DAILY REPORT

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He criticized the aggressive U.S. policy on Nicaragua, noting that the U.S. Government has no right to intervene in the domestic affairs of another nation. Regarding his trip to India at the end of this month, the Peruvian president said that it will contribute to strengthening relations with a nation that plays an important role in the Nonaligned Movement.

ARGENTINA EXAMINES DEBT, SIGNS TRADE AGREEMENT

FL240417 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 0402 GMT 24 Dec 86

[Text] Cuba and Argentina have signed a document of negotiation in Buenos Aires to lay the foundations for the development of trade between the two countries. The document was signed by Ricardo Cabrisas, Cuba's foreign trade minister, and Juan Vital Sourrouille, Argentina's economy minister, who led their respective countries' delegations during the talks which lasted several days.

The document provides for an examination of the whole gamut of trade issues between the two Latin American states, including the restructuring of Cuba's debt with Argentina.

Cabrisas described the negotiations as productive because they are an important step toward decisions that will be adopted by the two parties on the road to greater integration.

EDUCATION CHIEF NOTES COOPERATION IN ANGOLA

FL052250 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1917 GMT 5 Jan 87

[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has said Cuban cooperation with his country has a special character and includes several areas.

Agreeing with the highest Angolan leader's New Year's message to his people, Recaredo Ramon Rodriguez, chief of the Cuban education contingent since October, 1985, affirmed that the education sector is the one that has been felt the most in our cooperation with Angola.

Since the arrival of the first teachers in Cabinda on 19 February, 1976, approximately 9,000 Cuban educators have brought teaching to Angola, said Ramon Rodriguez. The chief of the education contingent in Angola added that at certain times there were more than 2,000 Cuban teachers. Currently teachers work in 13 of the 18 Angolan provinces.

Cuba also has an advisory role in other social affairs.

RISQUET ARRIVES IN ETHIOPIA, PRAISES RELATIONS

FL252228 Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 2136 GMT 25 Dec 86

[Text] Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the party's Politburo, has said that Cuba's relations with Ethiopia could not be better. He arrived today in Addis Ababa on a friendly and working visit.

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Dos Santos Greets Castro, Cuba on Anniversary MB031521 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 3 Jan 87

[Message of congratulations from Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, to Cuban President Fidel Castro on the occasion of 28th anniversary of the Cuban revolution — date not given]

[Text] Esteemed comrade, on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the triumph of Cuba's revolution, I have the honor of warmly greeting you, comrade, the Cuban people, the Central Committee of the Communist Party, and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on behalf of the Angolan people and the MPLA-Labor Party.

On this memorable day we remember the heroism and bravery of the revolutionary Cuban fighters, who demonstrated by their own example the inevitable victory of oppressed people in South America, who fight against tyranny, imperialist domination, and injustice, thus making a valuable contribution to the struggle of peoples fighting for liberty, progress, and justice.

We also know of the great successes attained by your people in the 28 years since the revolution in the political, social, and economic fields, which consolidated and made irreversible the conquests achieved by the victory of 1 January, despite the adverse conditions which developed and the constant acts of provocation and aggression carried out by imperialism. The Cuban revolution thus became a source of inspiration and example for peoples fighting against exploitation, oppression, and underdevelopment.

We express our appreciation for the important contributions, which the Cuban internationalists have made to our country in the military, economic, and social fields; for the defense of our territorial sovereignty; and for the national reconstruction of the People's Republic of Angola. We reiterate our unwavering solidarity with the brotherly people of Cuba, its Communist Party, and government in the common struggle against imperialism in order to establish world peace, friendship, and understanding among nations. We also reiterate our desire to further strengthen the friendship, solidarity, and cooperation [words indistinct] which unite our peoples, parties and governments, in the consolidation of world socialism, and in the triumph of the cause of freedom and independence of all peoples.

Please accept, esteemed Comrade Fidel Castro, my best wishes for good health and personal well-being for you and for the prosperity and progress for the brotherly people of Cuba.

[Signed] Highest considerations, Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola. Foreign Minister Congratulates Cuba's Malmierca MB030831 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 3 Jan 87

[Text] On the occasion of the 20th anniversary [as heard] of the triumph of the Cuban revolution marked on 1 January, Angolan External Relations Minister Afonso van Dunem Mbinda has sent a message of congratulations to his Cuban counterpart, Isidoro Malmierca. In the message, the Angolan external relations minister expresses his deep conviction that the fraternal cooperative relations between the two peoples, parties, and governments will continue to strengthen within the framework of the policy of nonalignment and in the interest of world peace. The Angolan official also notes in his message the achievements of the Cuban people, party, and government in the economic, political, social, and cultural fields.

Central Committee Declaration Reviews 1986 MB021330 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 1 Jan 87

[Declaration from the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee read by Political Bureau Member Francisco Magalhaes Paiva Nvunda in Luanda on 31 December]

[Text] Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, dear com-We only have a few hours to go before the end of 1986, rades: a year which was marked by important national and international events. During this year and in accordance with the guidelines set by our party's second congress held 1 year ago, the party's organisation was strenghtened to make it stronger, united, and organized, (?which will) enable us to instill the required driving force in the struggle toward the building of socialism. In response to the historical decisions of our second congress, party members engaged themselves in voluntary work to make our party more vigorous and more capable in playing its vanguard role in our society. Our party noted with satisfaction the enthusiasm shown by its members in the fulfillment of tasks of its organizations and in the improvement of working methods, but nevertheless we recognize that we have an arduous path ahead.

Comrade president, in the year now ending concrete measures were outlined to deal with the difficult economic situation of the country caused by the fall in prices of our main foreign exchange earnings and to the increasing aggression from international imperialism against the People's Republic of Angola. These measures resulted basically from the need to minimize the difficult economic situation that we face and from the war that is imposed on us and which requires considerable human and finacial resources. At this time of reflection we consider that this austerity policy is not but the most efficient way to safeguard the supreme interests of the working classes at a moment when the party has defined as a priority task the defense of the people's revolution. The experience gained should guide us in the future as to how to (?handle) organizational mechanisms in an economy that supports the war and to make the war serve the defense of the economy.

Comrade president, in this modest message we want to stress the efforts of the brave combatants of the armed forces, security, and