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Summary:

Response to a request made by the South African Defense Forces Chief of Staff to supply UNITA/FNLA. The US believes that UNITA/FNLA are receiving sufficient support to meet their defensive needs.

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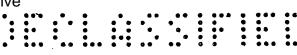
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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: SAG REQUESTS USG PROVIDE FNLA/UNITA WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF.: PRETORIA 4461

- IN RESPONDING TO SADE CHIEF OF STAFF'S REQUEST OF NOVEMBER 18 FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNITA/FNLA, DEFENSE ATTACHE SHOULD ADHERE CLOSELY TO LANGUAGE OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.
- 2. USB APPRECIATES AND SHARES SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCERN OVER DANGEROUS AND PROYOCATIVE ROLE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE PLAYING IN ANGOLA. WE DEPLORE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE MPLA IN ITS REJECTION OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND ITS PURsuit of Hilitary Conquest. We would regard the imposition BY FORCE OF A SOYIET/CUBAN-BACKED MPLA REGINE IN AMBOLA WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN:: WE UNDERSTRING, : NOWEVER, : THAT THE

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FNLA AND UNITA ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE ARMS ADEQUATE TO THEIR DEFENSE, INCLUDING SOME AIR DEFENSE CAPACITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA IS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN WHICH NG ONE GROUP DOMINATES THE OTHERS. WE HAVE MADE OUR DEEP CONCERN WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION KNOWN TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS.

INCLUDING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, AND ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. KISSINGER