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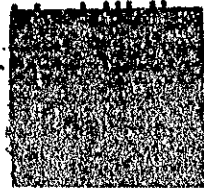
FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM W. H. LUERS, ACTING

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FEW RECENT REPORTS ON HOW EMBASSIES ARE USING THESE SITREPS. UNLESS YOU HAVE DONE SO, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT USE YOU ARE MAKING OF THEM. THE VIEWS OF THE MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM YOU ARE DISCUSSING THESE REPORTS COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR THINKING HERE ABOUT THE CUBAN/ANGOLA PROBLEM.
2. THERE FOLLOWS AN UPDATED SITUATION REPORT BASED ON CLASSIFIED SOURCES:

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A. DIPLOMATIC

(1) TWO CUBAN DELEGATIONS WERE PRESENT IN ADDIS ABABA

DURING THE JUST CONCLUDED OAU MEETING. ONE, HEADED BY OSWALD CIELOREDO, PCC SENIOR OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AND MEMBER OF THE PCC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, VISITED THE CONGO, NIGERIA, UGANDA AND ALGERIA PRIOR TO THE OAU MEETING. ANOTHER CUBAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY CUBA'S UN AMBASSADOR RICARDO ALARCON.

(2) IN LATE DECEMBER-EARLY JANUARY A MPLA DELEGATION VISITED JAMAICA, GUYANA, VENEZUELA AND PANAMA TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS CAUSE. THE DELEGATION IS STILL IN THE REGION.

B. MILITARY

(1) IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CUBA MAY NOW HAVE AS MANY AS 9,000 TROOPS IN ANGOLA, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CUBAN AIRLIFTS AND SEALIFTS WHICH HAVE PRESENTLY TRANSITED ANGOLA. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA MAY HAVE COST CUBA THE EQUIVALENT OF U.S. DOLLARS 30 MILLION. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE VALUE OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT CUBA HAS SENT TO ANGOLA, THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING MEN AND MATERIAL, AND THE COST OF MAINTAINING TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

(2) CUBAN TROOPS BORE THE BRUNT OF FIGHTING IN THE MPLA OFFENSIVE IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR LAST WEEK WHICH RESULTED IN MPLA CAPTURE OF UIGE (CARMONA). THE MPLA MAY BE PREPARING FOR AN OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTH, PARTIALLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE SWAPO (SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION).

(3) EIGHT SOVIET FIGHTERS, PROBABLY MiG 17S, ARE REPORTEDLY BEING ASSEMBLED IN LUANDA. THESE FIGHTERS ARRIVED FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE AT THE END OF DECEMBER. EIGHT MiG, TYPE UNKNOWN, ARE EXPECTED TO BE SENT TO ANGOLA FROM NIGERIA. NUMEROUS CUBAN PILOTS ARRIVED DURING DECEMBER. THE PILOTS ARE OPERATING MANY AIRCRAFT NOW AVAILABLE TO THE MPLA, INCLUDING A FOKKER FRIENDSHIP F-27. THE CU-

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BAND WILL OPERATE THE MIGS.

(4) CUBAN TROOPS WERE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF LUANDA BY JANUARY 9. THEY ARE CONDUCTING ALL SECURITY PATROLS, OPERATING POLICY CHECKPOINTS, AND WILL APPARENTLY SOON ASSUME CONTROL OF LUANDA'S AIRPORT COMPLEX.

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(5) CUBA MAY HAVE BEGUN TO USE 300 PASSENGER CAPACITY IL-62 AIRCRAFT (SOVIET) IN THE AIRLIFT SUPPORT OPERATIONS. THE IL-62 HAS ONE HALF THE CAPACITY OF BRISTOL BRITANNIAS AND IL-140 WHICH CUBA HAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AND HAS A LONGER RANGE AS WELL. IL-62 LEFT HAVANA FOR LUANDA JAN. 10 AND JAN. 11.

C. OTHER:

ALL PORTUGUESE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS NOW LANDING AT LUANDA CARRY AS CARGO AS MUCH FOOD AS POSSIBLE. FOOD SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL POPULATION HAVE BECOME TIGHT. KISSINGER

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