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Briefings

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 18 July 1978 Briefing on Soviet/Cuban Involvement in Angola

25X1 1. Congressman Richard T. Schulze (R., Pa.) was given
 25X1 an unclassified briefing followed by a classified briefing on the current
 extent of Soviet/Cuban involvement in Angola. The briefing was con-
 ducted by with the assistance of 25X1
 Congressional Relations staff and the undersigned. In addition to
 Mr. Schulze in attendance were his legislative assistant Mr. Steven Parker
 and a secretary. Both staffers left the room during the classified portion
 of the briefing.

25X1 2. The Congressman said that he hopes to make a floor
 statement illustrating that the Soviets have, by establishing bases in
 Angola, gained a strong foothold on the West coast of Africa and that
 by virtue of this will control the shipping routes in that geographic
 area. The Congressman had hoped that we would have been able to
 provide him with unclassified information pointing towards the proof
 of this contention. We were not able to do so.

25X1 3. I suggested that, were he to prepare a list of questions,
 we might better be able to respond to his needs, although the great
 majority of our information was, by definition, classified and therefore
 useless to him in this regard.

25X1 4. After the meeting I told Mr. Parker that we would be
 happy to respond to his several questions and hastened to add that he
 ought to also talk with the Departments of State and Defense, the latter
 because most of the information sought by Mr. Schulze is military
 in nature. I added that, as Mr. Schulze is from Pennsylvania, he might,
 want to speak with someone from Gulf Oil as it is well known that they
 operate in Angola and presumably could supply him with some information.

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