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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Current Intelligence Briefing on Africa for
Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.)
and Colleagues

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1. [] On 23 May, [] NFAC/CSS, briefed Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.) and six colleagues on trouble spots in Africa. The members who attended all or a portion of the briefing were Representatives John H. Cunningham (R., Wash.), Philip M. Crane (R., Ill.), Robert E. Bauman (R., Md.), Robert K. Dornan (R., Calif.), Lawrence P. McDonald (D., Ga.), and Tom J. Corcoran (R., Ill.). Thomas R. Smeeton, Minority Staff Consultant, House International Relations Committee, arranged the briefing and attended.

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2. [] covered the current situation and prospects in Ethiopia and Angola, and also touched on Zaire, Rhodesia, Zambia and Chad. She responded to questions from the members and replied to doctrinaire monologues by Representatives Dornan and McDonald that our job was not policy but information. The members obviously appreciated her knowledge of the area as evidenced by the fact that the briefing which began at 4:30 p.m. lasted about an hour and a half. Representative Derwinski was called to the floor for a vote as the meeting began and did not return.

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3. [] There were no follow-up items from the briefing. Several of the members did request atlases and NIS factbooks, which OLC provided.

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