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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Africa
 FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
 SUBJECT: SNIE 70/2-82: Critical Issues in Namibia and Angola

1. In reading the draft on Namibia and Angola I found what seemed to be considerable redundancy, perhaps because there is so little to say that most of it becomes clear in the Key Judgments. The way it's structured we read time after time about each party's attitude to those 5 to 10 to 20 Cubans and about each party's requirement and attitude on UNITA, etc.
2. It's also short on factual detail. Anything that can be done to bring in specifics would give it more value -- even dispositions of South African, SWAPO and Cuban-Angolan forces on which there is photography.
3. Another probability would be to spell out some of the various scenarios indicated in the footnote at page 8. Detail on the Angolan "social and economic situation" which is merely referred to and on the cost to Angola of SWAPO support and hard currency to Cubans and Soviets would provide useful substance. Also more detail on SWAPO and UNITA forces and supply needs and sources.
4. What is Soviet presence in Angola - East German?
5. What is nature and extent of Luanda's support to African National Congress mentioned on page 14?
6. Is more detail available on Angolan defenses against UNITA (page 13)?
7. What is degree of Soviet support of Luanda regime (page 20)?
8. Finally, how do you see the value of this estimate as a matter of timing on at least two counts:
 - i) prospect of South African military action.
 - ii) the August 15 deadline or target set by South Africa and impending talks in New York.
9. Another thing that troubles me some is that the draft may have too much of the flavor of a report on diplomatic negotiations about which readers will know more than we and not enough the flavor of an intelligence assessment. I'd like to get your reactions to these reactions of mine and talk about how we can fix it and establish the most useful availability.

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