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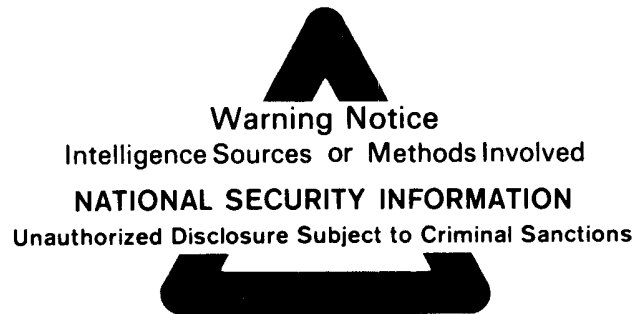
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PROBABLE UNITA HEADQUARTERS  
BIONGUE RIVER UNITA BASE CAMP COMPLEX, ANGOLA (SWN)

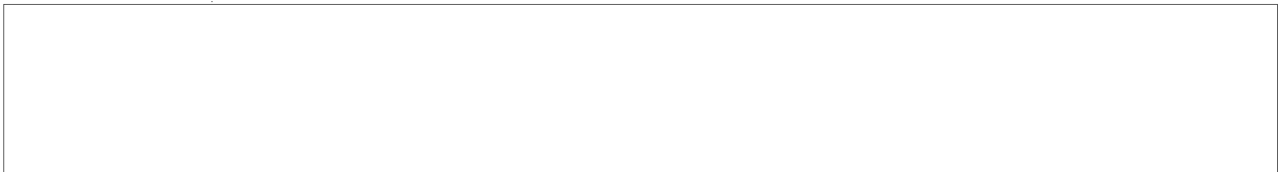


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- 1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA) IS BELIEVED TO BE IN SOUTHEASTERN ANGOLA AT BIONGUE RIVER UNITA BASE CAMPS 1 AND 2. (SWN)

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\_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDED THE FIRST GOOD LOOK AT THIS COMPLEX AND ITS FACILITIES. SITUATED ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER, THE CAMPS ARE A COMBINATION MILITARY BASE AND VILLAGE, COLLECTIVELY COVERING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 8 SQ NM. THE CAMPS CONSIST OF AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF HUTS AND HUT-LIKE STRUCTURES OF VARYING SIZES. A NETWORK OF INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS AND VEHICLE TRACKS WERE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE CAMPS. AGRICULTURAL PLOTS WERE SEEN IN OPEN AREAS. DEFENSE/SECURITY MEASURES WERE NOTED THROUGHOUT THE CAMPS AND INCLUDED NUMEROUS FOXHOLES AND WEAPONS FIRING POSITIONS, DEFENSIVE TRENCHES, AND AT LEAST SIX REVETTED THREE-POSITION PROBABLE AA SITES (ONE OCCUPIED) ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAMPS. AN ENTRANCE GATE AND CHECKPOINT WAS IDENTIFIED ON THE MAIN ROAD LEADING INTO CAMP 1. TROOP FORMATIONS, AND THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND VEHICLES INDICATED THE CAMPS WERE VERY ACTIVE. (SWN)

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CAMP 1 APPEARS TO FUNCTION MAINLY AS A HOUSING AND SUPPORT AREA. FACILITIES IDENTIFIED INCLUDED, A LARGE PROBABLE CIVILIAN HOUSING AREA, A VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND PARKING AREA AND A LARGE CIRCULAR SHAPED AMPHITHEATER (GRAPHIC 2). ADDITIONALLY, AN AREA WITH NUMEROUS LARGER HUTS PROBABLY USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES WAS ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE CAMP (NOT ON GRAPHIC). (SWN)

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CAMP 2 FUNCTIONS MAINLY AS A MILITARY HOUSING AND TRAINING FACILITY. PROBABLE UNIT SIZE BILLETING AREAS CONSISTING OF RECTANGULAR-SHAPED OPEN AREAS WITH A PERIMETER OF HUTS WERE IDENTIFIED ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE CAMP (GRAPHIC 3). ADDITIONAL AREAS CONSISTED OF CIVILIAN HOUSING, PROBABLE VISITOR HOUSING COMPOUNDS AND VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT FACILITIES (NOT ON GRAPHIC). TRAINING FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE CAMP AREA INCLUDED AN OBSTACLE COURSE, A LARGE PARADE GROUND, AND AT LEAST TWO ATHLETIC FIELDS. (GRAPHIC 4) TWO SMALL ARMS FIRING RANGES WERE SOUTHWEST OF THE TRAINING AREA (NOT ON GRAPHIC). (SWN)

TOGETHER, THE CAMPS COMPRISE THE LARGEST UNITA BASE IDENTIFIED TO DATE IN ANGOLA. THE SIZE, REMOTE LOCATION, AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SUPPLY ROUTES (VEHICLE TRACKS) WITH OTHER UNITA CAMPS IN THE REGION GIVE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS UNITA'S HEADQUARTERS AND PRIMARY BASE CAMP, FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS "JAMBA" IN OPEN SOURCE REPORTING. (SWN)

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