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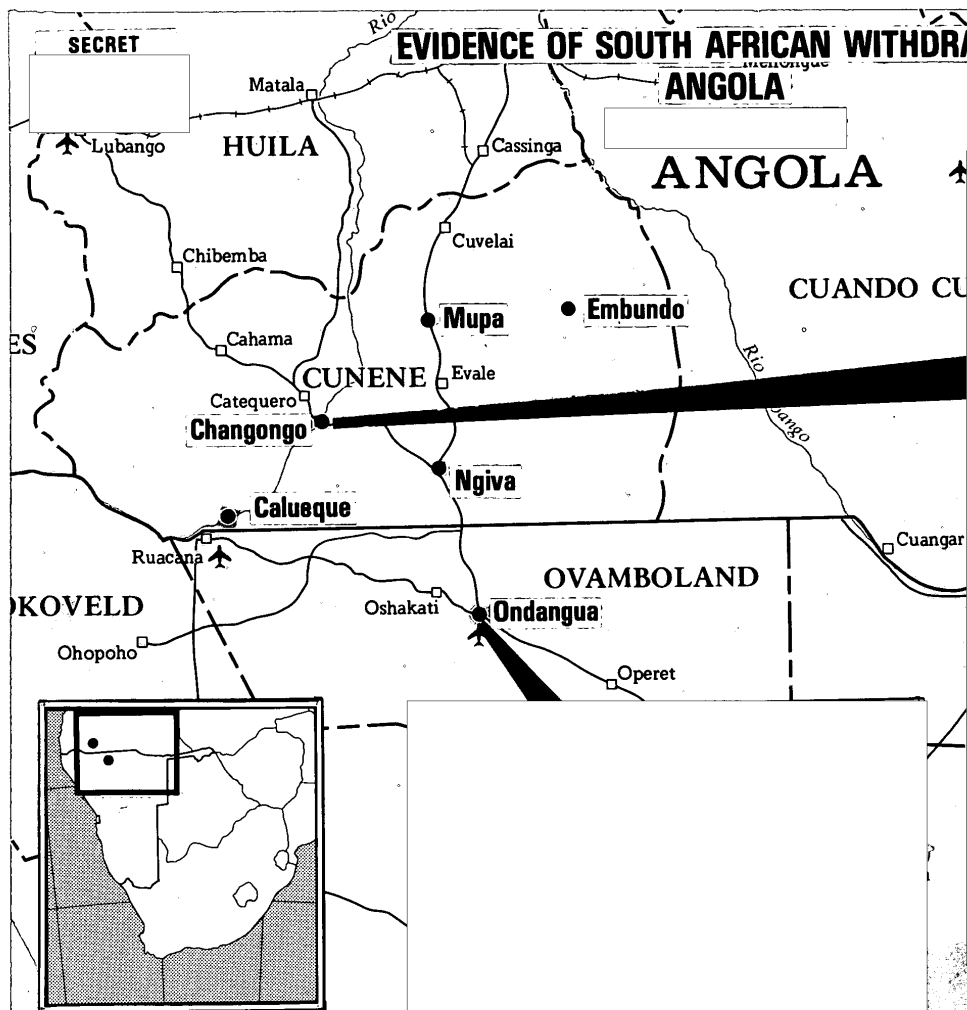
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EVIDENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL
ANGOLA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SOME SOUTH AFRICAN UNITS, PREVIOUSLY SEEN AT SUPPORT BASES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA, HAVE RETURNED TO NORTHERN NAMIBIA. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH A CONTINUING SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE WAS NOTED AT CHANGONGO, NGIVA, EMBUNDO, MUPA, AND CALUEQUE, PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES WERE EVIDENT AT SOME OF THESE LOCATIONS. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: [REDACTED] A REDUCED SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE AND EVIDENCE SUGGESTING FURTHER WITHDRAWALS OF UNITS WAS SEEN AT CHANGONGO MILITARY AREA AND NGIVA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. AT CHANGONGO, 40 NM NORTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER, A FOUR-GUN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY SECTION THAT HAD BEEN DEPLOYED HERE SINCE MID-DECEMBER 1983 HAS DEPARTED [REDACTED] ADDITIONALLY, AT LEAST TWO OF THE THREE FUEL BLADDERS AT THE HELICOPTER LANDING AREA HAVE BEEN REMOVED SINCE [REDACTED] THE AREA WHERE A MOTOR TRANSPORT UNIT WAS LAST SEEN [REDACTED] HAD ALSO BEEN VACATED. AT LEAST THREE VEHICLES WERE ON THE PONTON FERRY CROSSING TO CHANGONGO FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE CUNENE RIVER (INSET). TWELVE OTHER TRUCKS AND VEHICLES WERE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CUNENE RIVER. SEVEN OF THESE VEHICLES WERE LINED UP WAITING TO CROSS THE RIVER (INSET). A CONVOY OF 14 VEHICLES AND AT LEAST 32 ADDITIONAL TRUCKS AND VEHICLES (INCLUDING EIGHT BUFFEL) WERE PARKED IN THE MAIN SUPPORT AREA. (SWN)

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AIR DEFENSES HAVE ALSO BEEN REDUCED AT NGIVA AIRFIELD, APPROXIMATELY 20 NM NORTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER. TWO GUNS OF THE FOUR-GUN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY SECTION THAT HAD BEEN DEPLOYED HERE SINCE MID-DECEMBER 1983 WERE NO LONGER OBSERVED. AT LEAST 28 TENTS/STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SUPPORT AREA [REDACTED]. IT ALSO APPEARED THAT PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE TO LOAD ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONTO TRUCKS WITHIN THE SUPPORT AREA. (SWN)

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IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA, ELEMENTS OF TWO FOUR-GUN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY SECTIONS IN TRAVEL MODE HAD ARRIVED AT THE ONDANGWA AIRFIELD SUPPORT AREA, APPROXIMATELY 30 NM SOUTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER (INSET). THESE ARE PROBABLY ELEMENTS OF

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THE SAME AIR DEFENSE UNITS THAT HAD DEPARTED THE CHANGONGO AND NGIVA AREAS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. ADDITIONAL PIECES OF CAPTURED ANGOLAN EQUIPMENT HAD ALSO BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE SUPPORT AREA. (SWN)



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