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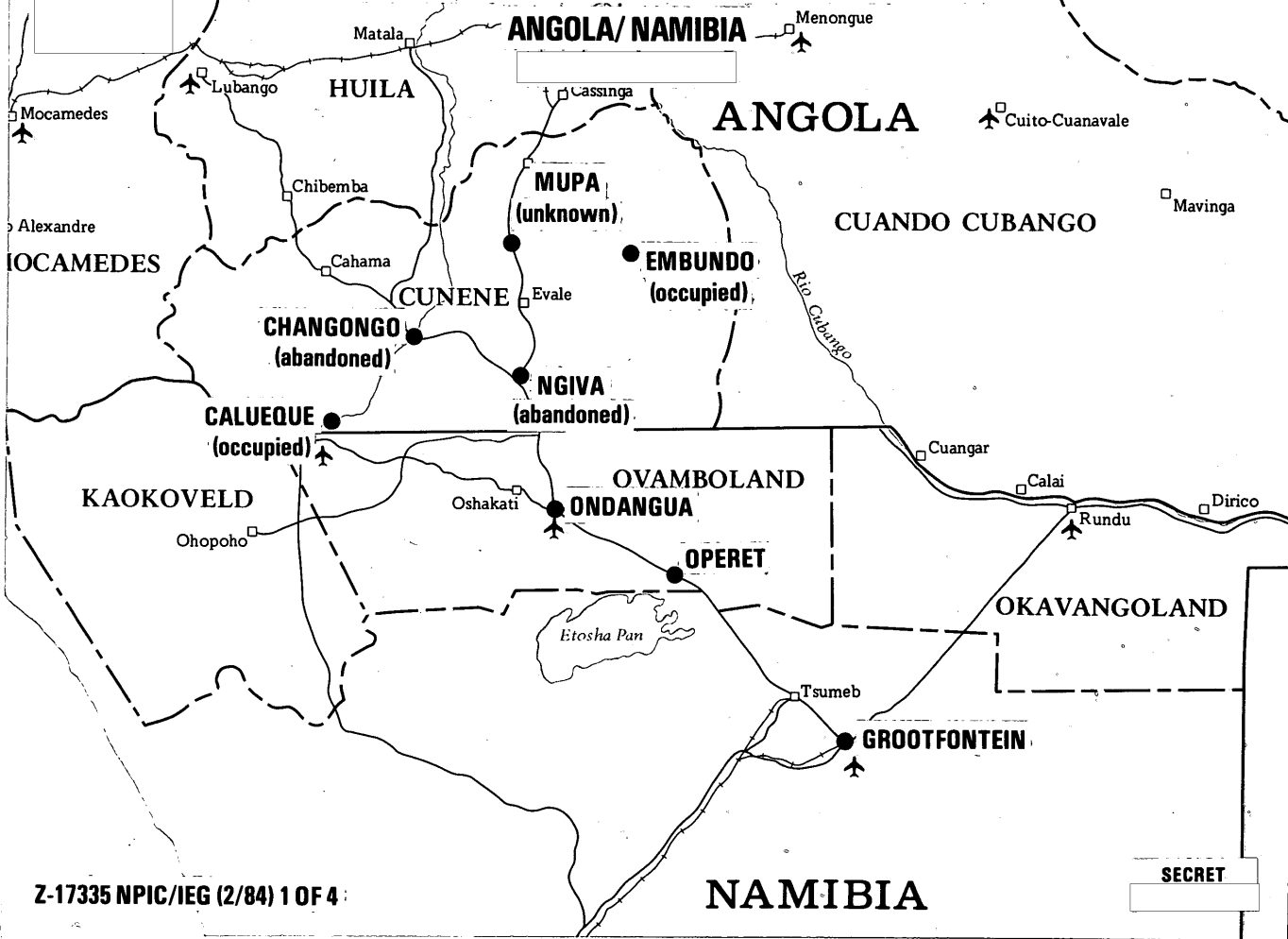
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1. SIGNIFICANCE: IMAGERY [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN UNITS WERE CONTINUING TO WITHDRAW FROM SUPPORT BASES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND WERE RETURNING TO NORTHERN NAMIBIA. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES HAVE ABANDONED THEIR FORMER SUPPORT BASES AT NGIVA AND CHANGONGO BUT HAVE RETAINED SUPPORT AND SECURITY ELEMENTS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA AT EMBUNDO AIRFIELD, AND A SMALL SECURITY ELEMENT AT THE CALUEQUE DAM SITE. DESPITE A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN ACTIVITY AT MUPA, THE PRESENCE OF SEVERAL TEMPORARY STRUCTURES SUGGEST A POSSIBLE CONTINUING SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE (GRAPHIC 1 OF 4). (SWN)

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT BASES AT NGIVA AND CHANGONGO HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED AND ABANDONED SINCE EACH AREA WAS LAST SEEN ON [REDACTED] ALL TENTS/TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND FUEL BLADDERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND NO MILITARY VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE SUPPORT AREA AT NGIVA AIRFIELD, APPROXIMATELY 20 NM NORTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER (GRAPHIC 2 OF 4). A GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM NGIVA WAS OBSERVED DURING EARLY FEBRUARY, AND IMAGERY [REDACTED] SHOWED THE SUPPORT AREA TO BE COMPLETELY ABANDONED. THE APPROXIMATELY 2,500-METER BLACKTOP RUNWAY REMAINS SERVICEABLE. DURING A PRIOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA IN MARCH 1976, THE RUNWAY HAD BEEN RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE BY SET CHARGES PLACED ALONG ITS LENGTH. (SWN)

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THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM CHANGONGO, FIRST SEEN UNDERWAY [REDACTED] APPEARS COMPLETE. THE PONTON FERRY AND TEMPORARY BRIDGE SPAN WHICH HAD PROVIDED ACCESS ACROSS THE CUNENE RIVER AT CHANGONGO SINCE EARLY DECEMBER 1983 HAVE BEEN REMOVED [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 3 OF 4). (SWN)

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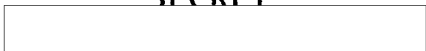
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A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN ACTIVITY WAS SEEN AT MUPA, WHERE A SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT BASE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING THE CURRENT OPERATION (OPERATION ASKARI) (NO GRAPHIC). CAPTURED ANGOLAN ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT SEEN HERE [REDACTED] HAD BEEN REMOVED. THREE MORTAR POSITIONS THAT HAD BEEN OCCUPIED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WERE UNOCCUPIED. HOWEVER, SMALL STRUCTURES THAT WERE PRESUMABLY USED FOR BILLETING PERSONNEL IN MUPA WERE STILL PRESENT. THE FRAMEWORK/FOUNDATIONS FOR TWO FUEL BLADDERS ALSO REMAIN IN THE NEARBY HELICOPTER LANDING AREA. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE FUEL BLADDERS WERE STILL IN PLACE. AT CHANGONGO AND NGIVA, BOTH THE FRAMEWORK AND FUEL BLADDERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. (SWN)

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IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA, AN INCREASED LEVEL OF GROUND FORCES ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN THE ONDANGUA AND OPERET AREAS WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE ONGOING WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN UNITS FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA. A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN VEHICLES WAS NOTED IN THE SUPPORT AREA OF ONDANGWA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 40 BUFFEL, 35 TRUCKS AND FIVE CAPTURED ANGOLAN MEDIUM TANKS WERE IN THE SUPPORT AREA (GRAPHIC 4 OF 4). IN ADDITION, A CONVOY INCLUDING FIVE BUFFEL (ONE OFF THE ROAD) AND TWO TOWED ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE MOVING TOWARDS THE AIRFIELD ALONG THE ROAD LEADING SOUTH FROM THE ANGOLAN-NAMIBIAN BORDER (NOT ON GRAPHIC). ELEMENTS OF THE TWO FOUR-GUN AA SECTIONS THAT WERE REPORTED HERE [REDACTED] REMAINED IN THE SUPPORT AREA. (SWN)

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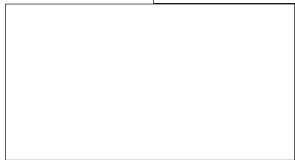
AT OPERET MILITARY CAMP A BN HQS [REDACTED], AT LEAST NINE BUFFEL, 15 TRUCKS AND ELEMENTS OF TWO AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY SECTIONS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE CAMP [REDACTED] (NO GRAPHIC). THIS EQUIPMENT IS PROBABLY IN TRANSIT AND WILL PROBABLY BE MOVED FURTHER SOUTH TO THE GROOTFONTEIN AREA. (SWN)

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