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U.S. urged to undo communist advances

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A former head of covert action for the CIA believes the free world must "roll back" communist gains — not just contain them — and considers Angola in southern Africa an ideal starting point.

Max C. Hugel, who resigned under fire in 1981 because, as he says, fighting media charges of earlier stock manipulation appeared a "no win" deal even though the charges were false, recommends covert action in Angola.

To do this, Hugel said in a wide-ranging interview with Washington Times editors and reporters, the United States needs to show Congress, the people and the world the significance of Soviet gains and the Soviets' true intentions.

Behind the local strategy, he said, whether in El Salvador or in Angola, is "world Marxist domination."

Hugel said regaining an area the Soviets are encroaching upon would be a far better goal than merely containing them where they are.

"You can't just stop them," Hugel insisted. "You have to roll them back to let them know they just can't continue on that basis.

"The only way that I could see rolling it back is to have covert action as part of our foreign policy, accepted by the president, accepted by the Congress and the American people," Hugel added.

Is there any hope of gaining such a policy?

"If you can't get a foreign policy initiative under this administration, I don't think you can," Hugel replied.

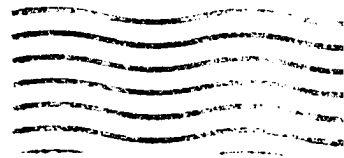
Hugel believes "the most logical" place to roll back communist forces is in Angola.

"If you roll them back there, you will start a rollback in other areas of the world," he said.



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