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## Angola

- We are within an inch of a three-party agreement to form a coalition government.
- A Marxist group broke away, began receiving Soviet weapons and 50 Cubans joined up with them.
- The other two groups formed an alliance and sought help.

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- By the fall, 11,000 Cuban troops, supported by Soviet military assistance of over \$150 million, came into Angola.

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Cuban troop strength shot up to 30,000; the Soviet military assistance grew from 64 million in 1976 to 143 million in 1978 and now there are 561 million there.

- This is what we expect in Nicaragua.

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