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TOM BRADEN: We are asking, as of right now, whether you think Congress ought to lift the restriction on the CIA brought about by the Clark Amendment, which prohibits the Central Intelligence Agency from extending any covert aid to Angola.

On the Live Line is Howard Wolpe of Michigan, a Democrat, first term -- second term now, I guess. Anyhow, he's a member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the House Foreign Relations Committee.

What is -- you're a member of the committee. What's your view on the sanction against the CIA?

REP. HOWARD WOLPE: I think it would be a very serious mistake to lift the Clark Amendment restricting assistance to groups within Angola at this time. Angola has been very helpful to the United States in recent months and years, in fact, in a number of different areas. Most recently, they've been critical to assisting the United States, along with our Western allies and Canada, in resolving the conflict in Namibia. It was the Angolans that put pressure upon the SWAPO to agree to the United Nations plan. And the Angolans, in addition, have been very helpful in the efforts that we were making with respect to the settlement in Zimbabwe. They've assisted in reducing tensions in Zaire. They've been very supportive of American investments inside Angola.

BRADEN: Did you see that piece in the Wall Street Journal on that last point of yours?

The Wall Street Journal had a lead story, Pat -- I think it was last Friday -- pointing out many American firms who