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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM : [redacted]
Acting National Intelligence Officer for Africa

SUBJECT : Warning Report: Sub-Saharan Africa [redacted]

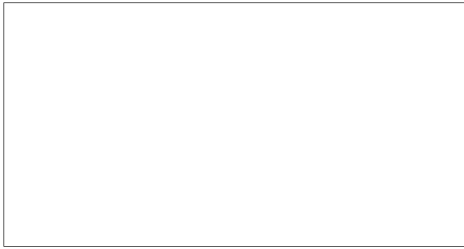
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Community representatives and specialists met on 20 September 1983 with the Acting NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants, but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you. [redacted]

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CHAD:

Despite dissident activity in southern Chad, Community analysts generally agree that Habre can retain control over that part of the country and describe the accounts of growing dissidence as overdrawn and attribute them to the French. The dissidence is poorly organized and smacks more of localized banditry than any concerted effort to unseat the Habre regime. The NSC representative expressed some concern over Habre's determination to recapture northern Chad, which he would have to do without French assistance. Such a move on the part of the headstrong Habre, either in the form of a conventional offensive or a guerrilla campaign--which some analysts thought would not succeed against the greatly expanded Libyan presence in the north--would jeopardize chances for a settlement in Chad. Analysts were in general agreement that the French would have to remain in Chad for a long time before an accommodation is arranged that would permit their departure.

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SOUTH AFRICA:

Analysts expect the South African white electorate to pass Prime Minister Botha's proposed constitutional reforms in the referendum scheduled for 2 November. The referendum is a critical test for Botha's blueprint for limited reforms, but he is likely to garner the votes of English-speaking South Africans who see the alternative--no change at all--as unacceptable.

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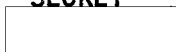
ANGOLA:

Analysts noted the stepped up Soviet arms deliveries to Angola in recent months that are designed to enhance the Angolan government's defenses against the growing threat from UNITA. At the same time, Angolan forces are being stretched increasingly thin as UNITA tries to move into new areas.



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