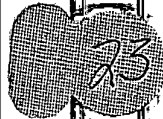
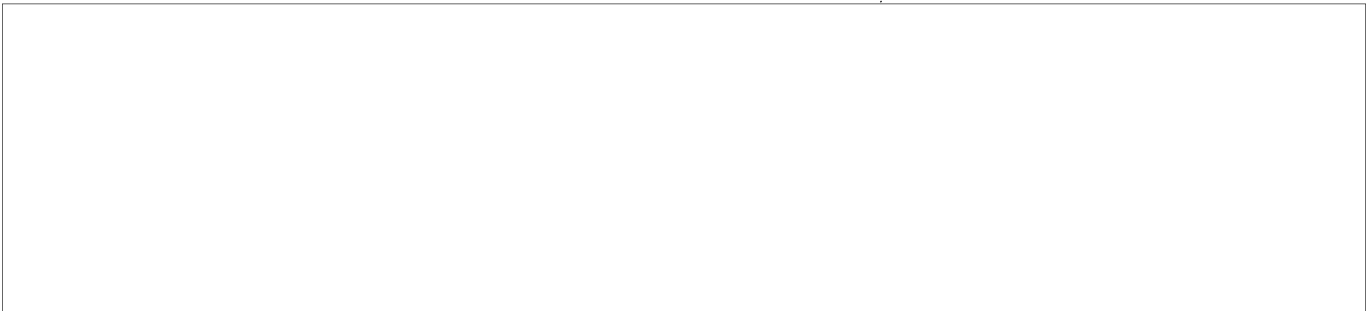


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
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SUBJECT: Angola--Extent of Castro's Control



3. Castro's involvement in approving Angolan military plans illustrates the extent of Cuban control over the conduct of military operations in Angola and probably negotiations aimed at achieving a political settlement. Based on recent manning practices, we believe that up to half the personnel in every major Angolan unit in southern Angola could be black Cuban troops.

4. One part of Castro's strategy is to leave behind large numbers of Cuban troops in Angolan uniforms to help the dos Santos regime complete the process of establishing internal security in Angola.

[redacted] makes it clear that an offensive against UNITA is not a matter of whether, but when, it will begin. After the South Africans complete their withdrawal from eastern Angola, military actions against UNITA strongholds will probably gather momentum.

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