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Dear Bob:

This note is an overdue commendation on the extremely well-done and useful SIIM: Angola: Implictions of a Cuban Troop Withdrawal for the Military Balance. Walt Barrows and his team did an excellent job in pulling together the various views in the intelligence community on a controversial matter. Moreover, this SIIM was well timed because it assisted me in preparing for our latest round of talks with the MPLA. Finally, the information contained in this SIIM will potentially be quite helpful in addressing some of the specific problems inherent in a Namibia-Angola settlement if and when we reach that juncture in the negotiations.

Again, congratulations on a job very well done.

Sincerely,

Chester A. Crocker

cc: Walter Barrows

Mr. Robert M. Gates,
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