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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - ANGOLA
FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ACTING ASST. SECY. MULCAHY
1. POLITICAL: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES SAID AUGUST 1 THAT
HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ANGOLA CARDOSO WILL BE REPLACED SOON
"FOR REASONS OF HEALTH" BY GENERAL SACRAMENTO MARQUES,
MEMBER OF GOP'S DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION. TOP-LEVEL
PORTUGUESE MISSION HEADED BY ARMY CINC FABIAO AND INCLUDING
FORMER ANGOLAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ROSA COUTINHO ARRIVED IN

LUANDA AUGUST 1. EMBASSY LISBON COMMENTS THAT ARRIVAL OF
LEFT-LEANING COUTINHO AND DEPARTURE OF CARDOSO HAS
GENERATED SPECULATION THAT GOP HAS DECIDED TO EITHER FAVOR
MPLA OR TURN POWER OVER TO MPLA.
EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS V. SIDENKO, WRITING IN NOVOYE
VREMYA, ACCUSED CIA OF BACKING OPPOSITION TO MPLA, CHARGING
SPECIFICALLY THAT CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALTERS HAS VISITED
ANGOLA POSING AS BUSINESSMAN. EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT
GENERAL ANTI-U.S. TONE OF ARTICLE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY
AT TIME WHEN SUCH BLATANT DIATRIBES HAVE ALL BUT VANISHED
FROM SOVIET PRESS.

2. MILITARY: SITUATION IN AND AROUND LUANDA REMAINS
STATIC AND RELATIVELY QUIET. HOLDEN ROBERTO IS REPORTED
BY OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWS AGENCY JULY 30 TO HAVE TOLD AN
AFP REPORTER AT AMBRIZ, ANGOLA (NORTH OF ANGOLA),

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7/ THAT TIME HAS COME FOR A NEW ATTACK, PRESUMABLY ON
LUANDA. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT FNLA
FORCES HAVE BEGUN TO MOVE TOWARD LUANDA FROM CAXITO.
HOWEVER, ROBERTO HAD REPORTEDLY RECEIVED ASSURANCES
FROM PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT HE WOULD NOT
RESIST AN FNLA ADVANCE TO LUANDA.

MILITARY SITUATION ELSEWHERE BASICALLY UNCHANGED,
ALTHOUGH FIREFIGHTS APPEAR TO BE FLARING UP IN MOST OF
MPLA'S ETHNIC AREA EAST FROM LUANDA TO MALANGE AND SOUTH
TO LOBITO. SOME FIGHTING ALSO REPORTED AT LUSO, IN
CENTRAL ANGOLA, WHERE FNLA AND UNITA REPORTEDLY JOINED
TO REPULSE AN EARLIER MPLA ATTACK ON JULY 24.

OF MORE IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM
CABINDA GULF MANAGER THAT FNLA PLANS AN EARLY ATTACK
ON CABINDA CITY, WHICH IS SOME 11 MILES FROM GULF
INSTALLATIONS.

3. EVACUATION: FRENCH EVACUATION AIRCRAFT JULY 31 TOOK
OUT ABOUT 150 PERSONS, MOSTLY EUROPEAN, AND INCLUDING
TWO AMCITS AND AUSTRIAN CONSUL. FIVE OTHER AMCITS LEFT
ON TEXACO WORKBOAT JULY 30. BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN
CONSULATE NOW CLOSED. REMAINING OPEN ARE ITALY,
FRANCE, FRG, BRAZIL, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, NETHERLANDS,
SOUTH AFRICA AND U. S.

JOHANNESBURG (SOUTH AFRICA) STAR REPORTS PORTUGAL TO
BEGIN TWO-MONTH AIRLIFT AUGUST 4 TO EVACUATE 200,000
PORTUGUESE FROM ANGOLA. WHILE THIS REPORT NOT RPT NOT
CONFIRMED, AN EARLIER REPORT STATED PORTUGUESE AIRLINE
TAP HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVACUATION OF 10,000
PERSONS FROM NOVA LISBOA IN CENTRAL ANGOLA. IN ADDI-
TION, MANY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES ARE REPORTEDLY FLEEING
INTERIOR TOWNS FOR LUANDA.

REFUGEES: ABOVE PROBLEM COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT UP TO

200,000 REFUGEES HAVE REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO NORTHERN
ANGOLA (BAKONGO AND FNLA TERRITORY) FROM ZAIRE. UNHCR,
UNDP AND ICRC ARE ALL STUDYING PROBLEM BUT HAVE NOT YET
DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. WE CONTRIBUTED
DOLS. 200,000 TO FIRST ICRC APPEAL TWO WEEKS AGO.

BOTH PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ANGOLA'S
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HAVE NOW REQUESTED UN FOOD
ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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