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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

1. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ARE POURING IN THAT THE SOVIETS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE COMMITTING SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THEIR ANGOLAN PROTEGES. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHETHER THEY INTEND A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEFORE NOVEMBER 11 OR A SHOWDOWN AFTER THE PORTUGUESE WASH THEIR HANDS.

2. I AM NOT PROPOSING THAT WE INTERVENE ON THE GROUND TO COUNTER THE SOVIETS. IF THE CHINESE CHALLENGE THEM, I AM PREPARED TO ENJOY THE SPECTACLE, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT VIEW WITH EQUANIMITY THE PROSPECT OF A RICH AREA LIKE ANGOLA FALLING TO EITHER POWER. WHAT APPALLS ME IS THE PROSPECT THAT THE MPLA MAY SOON TURN UP IN NEW YORK SIGNING SOVIET TUNES WHILE WEARING THE MANTLE OF AFRICANISM.

3. IS IT BEYOND OUR CAPABILITY TO DOCUMENT FOR THE WORLD NOW, BEFORE IT IS OVER, THE REAL NEO-IMPERIALISM OR NEO-COLONIALISM THAT THE SOVIETS ARE AT THIS MOMENT PERPETRATING IN AFRICA? I DON'T AIM TO ROAST THE SOVIETS, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN AN ANGOLAN DELEGATION DOES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK THEIR PUPPET STATUS IS SOMETHING NO ONE, AND CERTAINLY NO AFRICAN, CAN BLINK.
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