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SUBJECT: ANGOLA CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: (A) LUANDA 1629 AND (B) LUANDA 1664

1. PRIOR TO MAKING FINAL DECISION ON DISPOSITION OF CONSULATE GENERAL, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR IMMEDIATE REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.
2. WHAT ARE THE PRESENT INTENTIONS OF THE OTHER CONSULATES (FRENCH, ITALIAN, BRAZILIAN, GERMAN, BELGIUM AND ANY OTHERS STILL OPEN) WITH RESPECT TO CLOSING OR STAYING OPEN AFTER INDEPENDENCE.
3. ASSUMING OTHER NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS WITH CONSULATES IN LUANDA DO NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE AN MPLA GOVERNMENT, HOW WILL THEY ARRANGE FOR THE CONTINUED

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FUNCTIONING OF THEIR CONSULAR OFFICES WITHOUT ABUSE TO THEIR POLITICAL POSITION.

4. IF WE SHOULD DECIDE TO TRY TO MAINTAIN CONSULATE FOLLOWING NOV. 11, DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ANY STEPS WE COULD EFFECTIVELY TAKE TO REDUCE THE RISKS TO OUR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT? POSSIBLE STEPS WHICH COME TO MIND ARE SEVERE REDUCTION IN STAFF, DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF AT LEAST SOME CONSULATE PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES CLOSER TO AIRPORT, AND DETAILED PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE QUICK EVACUATION.

5. WE APPRECIATE POINTS YOU HAVE MADE IN REFTELS ARGUING IN FAVOR OF EARLY CLOSING DOWN, AND WILL OF COURSE TAKE THEM INTO FULL ACCOUNT IN DECIDING HOW TO PROCEED.



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