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TO: The Secretary

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA - Kaunda's position on Recognition of FNLA/UNITA

The attached message, received [redacted] contains President Kaunda's reply to a query we sent him via [redacted] concerning what his position will be on recognition.

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The reply is about what we expected. Kaunda feels he must sit on the fence for the time being. We hope he does take the position "he wants to take" in the OAU. It parallels our own.

We are awaiting Mobutu's reply to a similar query.

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Kaunda indicated to Mark Chona, Presidential advisor, that he will continue to maintain an outward policy of neutrality on the Angolan issue. He has given instructions that the Government of Zambia will not recognize any movement on 11 November. He has subsequently noted that if the opposition to the MPLA seems to have significant support, he might be able to join such a group; but he could not afford to lead it. However, Chona was not sanguine about Zambia's maneuvering ability in view of the adamant support of Tanzania and Mozambique for the MPLA. He wants to take the position that the OAU States should not recognize any government until a government of national reconciliation is established.