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 TO IMMEDIATE KINSHASA
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 133 OF 21 JUNE
 YOUR TELNO 71: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
 TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BEGINS :

'YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VISITED
 THE UK ON 2 JUNE.

I AM NOW WRITING PERSONALLY TO GIVE YOU MY IMPRESSIONS OF THIS
 MEETING. I MADE CLEAR AT THE OUTSET THAT I WANTED A FRANK AND
 WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION. INDEED, THE MEETING LASTED FOR OVER
 FIVE HOURS AND COVERED THE FULL RANGE OF REGIONAL PROBLEMS. WE
 FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON NAMIBIA AND THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN
 SOUTH AFRICA. MR BOTHA GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION OF BEING PERSONALLY
 COMMITTED TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BUT HE
 ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA OF AN ACCEPTABLE
 ARRANGEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA, SINCE
 HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT FAIR AND FREE ELECTIONS COULD TAKE PLACE
 IN NAMIBIA WHILE THEY WERE STILL THERE. I EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE
 I BELIEVED FOREIGN FORCES SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE COUNTRIES
 OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA
 AND NAMIBIA, AND CUBAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA) WE COULD NOT ACCEPT
 ANY FORMAL LINK BETWEEN THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN FORCES AND A
 NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT, FOR WHICH SCR 435 PROVIDES THE INTERNATIONALLY
 ACCEPTABLE BASIS. FOR HIS PART MR BOTHA SAID HE COULD SEE NO
 PROSPECT OF CUBAN WITHDRAWAL UNTIL THERE WAS RECONCILIATION IN
 ANGOLA. I SHOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW HOW YOU SEE THIS.
 WE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN SOUTH
 AFRICA. I MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT I CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND
 WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. I LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE NEED
 TO FIND WAYS OF SATISFYING THE POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACK

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POPULATION. I REFERRED TO NELSON MANDELA'S CONTINUED DETENTION AND SAID THAT I HOPED THERE WOULD BE PROGRESS ON THIS SOON. I SPOKE TOO, ABOUT THE APPALLING PRACTICE OF FORCED REMOVALS OF BLACK PEOPLES IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE ALSO DISCUSSED SOUTH AFRICA'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. MR BOTHA SHOULD NOW BE WELL AWARE OF OUR VIEW THAT THE ONLY AGREEMENTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO HAVE LASTING VALUE ARE THOSE WHICH ARE ENTERED INTO FREELY AND WITHOUT A SENSE OF DURESS.

AS YOU KNOW I AM ANXIOUS TO PUSH BACK COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT BELIEVE SOME SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES RUN COUNTER TO THIS. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IT WAS RIGHT TO TRY TO INFLUENCE MR BOTHA'S PERCEPTIONS AT FIRST HAND. I DO NOT EXPECT QUICK RESULTS, BUT I SEE THIS MEETING AS PART OF A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH WE MUST ALL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE SORT OF CHANGES WE ALL WANT TO SEE IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES.' ENDS.

2. IN DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE YOU SHOULD STRESS ORALLY THAT THIS MEETING WITH MR BOTHA SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE REGARDED, LEAST OF ALL BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS, AS CONDONING APARTHEID: NOR AS REPRESENTING ANY CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY.

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