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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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FM FCO 291130Z JUN 84  
TO PRIORITY LUSAKA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 201 OF 29 JUNE 1984

PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER  
1. GRATEFUL YOU SEND FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA:

BEGINS  
I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SETTING OUT SO CLEARLY YOUR  
THOUGHTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN YOUR LETTER OF 13 JUNE.  
YOU INVITE ME TO COMMENT ON THE TWO SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD  
IN IT.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE EARLY AND UNCONDITIONAL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 435 AND WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE THIS  
CLEAR. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO IGNORE THE  
FACT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE INSISTING ON AN ARRANGEMENT  
ON CUBAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AS A PRECONDITION FOR A NAMIBIA  
SETTLEMENT. MR P W BOTHA WAS EMPHATIC ABOUT THE NEED FOR THIS  
IN OUR DISCUSSIONS AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO  
THINK THAT HE COULD BE PERSUADED OTHERWISE. I ALSO BELIEVE  
THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE REGION  
WOULD BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY.

I FULLY SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA SHOULD  
BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE THEIR OWN INTERNAL DIFFERENCES WITHOUT  
OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. WE OURSELVES DO NOT AFFORD ANY  
RECOGNITION TO UNITA AND HAVE MAINTAINED THAT POLICY DESPITE  
THE NECESSITY OF DEALING WITH THEM OVER THE CAPTURED BRITISH  
TECHNICIANS. HOWEVER, OUR POSITION OF STRICT NON-INTERFERENCE  
IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH A WISH FOR RECONCILIATION WITHIN  
ANGOLA. THIS MUST SURELY BE THE HOPE OF ALL THE FRIENDS OF  
THAT COUNTRY.



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LASTLY, MAY I STRESS MY CONCERN THAT EARLY PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE TOWARDS A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. SOUTH AFRICA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA IS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION: AND THERE HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE AMERICANS, SOUTH AFRICANS AND ANGOLANS, AND BETWEEN THE VARIOUS NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES. I KNOW YOU HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THESE. I BELIEVE THAT CONTINUING EXCHANGES OF THIS KIND REPRESENT THE BEST HOPE OF MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS. PLEASE REST ASSURED OF MY DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE WHERE I CAN. ENDS.

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