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TELEGRAM NUMBER 2267 OF 25 JULY

INFO IMMEDIATE LUANDA, ROUTINE UKMIS NEW YORK, PRETORIA

LUANDA TELNO 22 TO WASHINGTON (NOT TO ALL): ANGOLA/NAMBIA

1. GELBARD (DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS) TOLD US THAT WISNER MET KITO IN CAPE VERDE ON 25 JULY. KITO'S PROPOSAL FOR THIS MEETING HAD BEEN RELAYED LATE ON 23 JULY THROUGH THE MOZAMBICANS, WHO HAD INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS CUBAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE JMC.
2. WISNER TELEPHONED GELBARD FROM CAPE VERDE ON AN OPEN LINE TO SAY THAT THE TALKS WERE GOING WELL AND WOULD CONTINUE ON 26 JULY. THE KEY ISSUES WERE BEING DISCUSSED. THE SIMULTANEOUS SWAPO/AG TALKS, HOWEVER, HAD FALLEN APART. ALTHOUGH SWAPO HAD APPARENTLY TRIED HARD TO MAKE PROGRESS, VAN NIEKERK AND CLEARY HAD DEMONSTRATED NO FLEXIBILITY. ANY MENTION OF SCR 435 HAD PROVED ANATHEMA TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. IN WISNER'S PRELIMINARY VIEW (HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE) THE AG'S HARDLING ATTITUDE WAS PRESUMABLY TACTICAL: FURTHER TALKS WERE NOT RULED OUT.
3. WISNER'S VISIT TO CAPE VERDE (BUT NOT REPEAT NOT HIS PURPOSE) HAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS HERE, WHO SUSPECT HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE AG/SWAPO MEETING. FOR SOME REASON, THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF REUTERS BELIEVE THAT BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE ALSO IN CAPE VERDE.

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