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FOLLOWING IS FREE TRANSLATION OF BROADCAST BY ANGOLA RADIO ON 23
AUGUST.

BEGINS: WHILE THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM CONTINUES TO SHAKE WESTERN
EUROPE, LEAVING THE GOVERNMENTS UNABLE TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR MILLIONS
OF THEIR CITIZENS, THE REGENERATE SAVIMBI HAS FOUND AN EASY WAY
OF GETTING FUNDS, DEVELOPING HIS NOSTALGIC DREAM OF THE QUOTE
FUTURE OF ANGOLA UNQUOTE, WHICH GREATLY INTERESTS IMPERIALISM.
BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT IN JULY SOME DIFFERENCES APPEARED BETWEEN
SAVIMBI AND HIS ILLUSTRIOUS PATRONS WHICH CAUSED, ACCORDING TO HIS
OWN WORDS, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH
CONSERVATIVE PARTY (THE PARTY IN POWER) TO CALL HIM URGENTLY TO
LONDON. IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS PUBLIC SUPPORT THAT THE MOST
REACTIONARY WESTERN GROUPS, HIS NATURAL ALLIES, CONTINUE TO GIVE
HIM ALL POSSIBLE PUBLICITY, WELCOMING HIM INTO THE STUDIOS OF THE
BBC TO MAKE ALL SORTS OF CONJECTURES AND SPECULATION ABOUT ANGOLA,
WHERE HE CLAIMS TO CONTROL QUOTE A MAJOR PART UNQUOTE OF THE
COUNTRY.

SAVIMBI'S LANGUAGE CONTINUES TO BE WORN OUT AND WITHOUT ATTRACTION.
NOW HE IS MAKING SENSATIONAL DECLARATIONS TO THE PRESS, SAYING
THAT WESTERN EUROPE IS MOVING TOWARDS MORE CONCRETE HELP FOR HIS
PUPPET ORGANISATION. AND IN TRUTH THE SPEED WITH WHICH SOME
BOURGEOIS MEDIA HAVE ANSWERED THE PUBLICISED PROPAGANDA APPEALS
OF THE UNITA PUPPET GROUPS, SHOWS US CLEARLY THEIR COLLUSION WITH
THE UNITA PUPPETS, IN THE TERMS OF THE IMPERIALIST PLAN TO
DESTABILISE ANGOLA.

IT IS MORE THAN CLEAR THAT THE SURVIVAL OF THE SAVIMBI GROUP IS
DUE TO THE DIVERSE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE BIG MONOPOLIES WHICH
MAKE UP THE EUROPEAN BOURGEOISIE. THIS IS VERY CLEAR IN THE
DECLARATIONS MADE BY SAVIMBI TO THE BBC, WHEN HE CLAIMED THAT DURING
HIS STAY IN LONDON HE HAD CONTACTS WITH BRITISH PERSONALITIES (SIC)
WHICH WERE QUITE FRUITFUL.

IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT, IN REGARD TO SOUTH AFRICAN
HOSTILITIES AGAINST ANGOLA AND IN THE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE
PROCESS, THE BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS ARE HUNTING WITH THE HOUNDS AND
RUNNING WITH THE HARE. AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, LONDON HAS NOT
DENIED THE CLAIMS OF SAVIMBI IN THE NEWSPAPER 'TEMPO', AS TO
THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS VISIT TO THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRY. /IN

IN REALITY, FOR CERTAIN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS UNITA REMAINS THE LAST ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NEOCOLONIALISM AND DESTABILISATION OF ANGOLA, SINCE THE ANGOLAN REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IS MAKING CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS, DESPITE THE UNDECLARED WAR WAGED AGAINST US BY SOUTH AFRICA. EQUALLY BECAUSE THE SUCCESSES OF THE REVOLUTION ARE INCREASINGLY IRREVERSIBLE, THAT SMASHES THE HOPES OF IMPERIALISM OVER THE DOMINATION OF ANGOLA.

THE TRUTH IS THAT, TO THE ENEMY, ANGOLANS WILL NOT CEDE A FOOT OF LAND. THE KNOWN DESIRES OF THE RENEGADE SAVIMBI, WITH HIS KNOWN WESTERN SUPPORTERS, WILL BE OF LITTLE USE IN THE FACE OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN A SOCIALIST WAY AND TO SUPPORT THOSE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHO ARE STILL STRUGGLING. ENDS

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(attached)

1. THIS ARTICLE TOGETHER WITH A FURTHER FRONT PAGE PIECE IN TODAY'S JORNAL DE ANGOLA, IS PART OF A NOW SUSTAINED MEDIA CAMPAIGN. TODAY'S PIECE IS ANTI-WEST IN GENERAL BUT SAVIMBI'S INTERVIEW WITH THE BBC IS AGAIN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

2. SO FAR THE CAMPAIGN IS ONLY IN THE MEDIA. IT DOES NOT REFLECT A CHANGE IN POLICY BY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. INDEED IT IS NOTICEABLE THAT THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VENANCIO DA MOURA, (PAULO JORGE IS ON HOLIDAY) WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE FRIENDLY TO ME RECENTLY AND TOLD MY GERMAN COLLEAGUE ON 21 AUGUST THAT ANGOLA WANTED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE FIVE. THE SWAPO LEADERSHIP TOO HAS BEEN NOTICEABLY FRIENDLY OF LATE.

3. I BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT THE CAMPAIGN DOES REFLECT THE START OF A CHANGE OF MOOD AMONGST THE ANGOLAN LEADERSHIP, WHOSE BLESSING THE CAMPAIGN MUST HAVE. IN MY VIEW THEY ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY EXASPERATED AND DISILLUSIONED. ANGOLA, UNDER BOTH PRESIDENTS NETO AND DOS SANTOS, HAS STEADFASTLY HELD TO THE UN PROCESS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. PRESIDENT NETO PUT FORWARD THE DMZ PROPOSAL, PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS, WHEN ANNOUNCING THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION IN JULY, SPECIFICALLY REAFFIRMED ANGOLAN COMMITMENT TO SC 435 AND, IT IS FIRMLY BELIEVED HERE, STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO ALLOW CUBAN TROOPS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE INVASION.

4. NONE OF THIS CAN HAVE BEEN WELCOME TO THE SOVIETS BUT IT WAS ALL IN LINE WITH OUR HOPES OF ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IN ANGOLAN EYES ALL THEY HAVE HAD IN RETURN IS CONTINUED ATTACKS BY SOUTH AFRICA/UNITA (IN THEIR EYES THE TWO ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL), SOUTH AFRICAN DELAY IN REPLYING TO WALDHEIM, WITHOUT TO THEM ADEQUATE PRESSURE FROM THE WEST ON SOUTH AFRICA TO SPEED UP THE REPLY AND INFLUENCE ITS CONTENT, AND ACTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FIVE WHICH, IN ANGOLAN EYES, DO NOT DEMONSTRATE AN APPRECIATION OF ANGOLAN EFFORTS, INDEED ARE APPARENTLY HOSTILE (SAVIMBI IN LONDON, CLARKE AMENDMENT, ROBERTO IN PARIS).

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5. IF, AS IS THOUGHT (YOUR TEL NO 202 OF 19 AUGUST) THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPLY TO WALDHEIM IS SOON FORTHCOMING AND IF IT CAN BE SEEN TO BE POSITIVE, THEN I THINK IT LIKELY THAT THE PRESS WILL DROP THE SUBJECT. IF HOWEVER THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPLY IS NEGATIVE OR, IN ANGOLAN EYESN JUST FURTHER PREVARICATION, I FEAR WE MAY THEN SEE A CHANGE IN POLICY HERE. TO THE ANGOLANS THERE MAY SEEM LITTLE POINT IN PURSUING A COURSE WHICH SEEMS TO BE GOING NOWHERE AND DURING WHICH THEY ARE SUBJECT TO EXTERNAL AGGRESSION. THERE IS THEREFORE THE DANGER THAT THEY WILL CEASE OR REDUCE COOPERATION WITH THE FIVE AND LISTEN MORE CLOSELY TO THE SOVIET VOICE. THIS CHANGE MAY EXTEND BEYOND NAMIBIA TO ENCOMPASS OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE SP FAR BEEN KEPT QUITE SEPARATE BY THE ANGOLANS.

6. I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN USEFULLY DO BEFORE THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPLY. IF, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT HELPFUL WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE ANGOLAN EXPECTATION THAT THE FIVE WILL TAKE STRONG ACTION. AS THE LAST LINE OF TODAYS ARTICLE HAS IT QUOTE-IT IS ALREADY TIME TO REFLECT-UNQUOTE.

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