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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1260 OF 26 AUGUST

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NAMIBIA/ANGOLA.

1. I SPOKE TO HAIG BY TELEPHONE ON 26 AUGUST, AT HIS REQUEST. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS (REMAINDER OF SENTENCE UNDERLINED) STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION.
2. HAIG SAID PIK BOTHA HAD TELEPHONED HIM ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD PUT OUT A MILDLY CRITICAL STATEMENT WITH AN UNCONTENTIOUS REFERENCE TO FOREIGN FORCES. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE FIVE TO STAY TOGETHER IN THEIR REACTIONS. I TOLD HIM OF OUR OWN STATEMENT.
3. ON NAMIBIA, HAIG SAID THAT HE EXPECTED GENSCHER'S REPLY TO HIS MESSAGE ON 26 OR 27 AUGUST. I EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE POSITION OF THE FIVE: THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WAS IMMINENT AND THERE WOULD BE LITTLE FOR THE FIVE TO SAY UNLESS SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. IT WOULD HELP IF THE US COULD UNFREEZE THE LETTER TO SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAD BEEN DRAFTED BY OFFICIALS. MR HAIG SAID THAT THE US COULD DO SO QUICKLY (BY IMPLICATION, IF US CONCERNS WERE MET).
4. MR HAIG SAID HE HAD BEEN CONFUSED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD ACTED IN PARIS AS IF THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT IN MONTEBELLO. HENCE HIS QUOTE NASTY MESSAGE UNQUOTE. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT EVERYONE HAD AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EXPLICIT LINKAGE BUT THAT THE TWO ISSUES WOULD BE HANDLED IN PARALLEL AND THAT THE FIVE SHOULD RUSH FORWARD ON THE SECOND ISSUE WITH THERE CONTACTS IN AFRICA. HAIG SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT HOW EAGLEBURGER HAD UNDERSTOOD THE PARIS MEETING.
5. HAIG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SOME OF THE REPLIES HE HAD RECEIVED TO HIS MESSAGE, THOUGH THE BRITISH ONE WAS FINE. BUT HE DECLINED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

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