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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 765 OF 27 AUGUST

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, CAPE TOWN, PARIS, LUANDA,  
PRIORITY BONN AND OTTAWA.

MY TELNO 763: ANGOLA/SOUTH AFRICA - SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. A FURTHER LETTER FROM DOS SANTOS TO WALDHEIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY (27 AUGUST) REQUESTING AN URGENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (COPY BY FACSIMILE TO FULLER - CAFD). (TO CONSTITUTE A PROPER REQUEST IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL BUT THIS IS A TECHNICALITY WHICH CAN BE CORRECTED).
2. IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A FORMAL MEETING TOMORROW AT 1900Z WHEN FIGUEIREDO WILL ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. WE SPOKE TO HIM BRIEFLY ON HIS ARRIVAL. HE WANTS FROM THE COUNCIL RAPID AGREEMENT ON CONDEMNATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION AND A CALL FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL IN ANY ATTAINABLE FORM (RESOLUTION, PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OR WHATEVER).
3. THIS IS LIKELY RAPIDLY TO SPLIT THE COUNCIL 14-1, AS IN THE WRANGLE OVER THE ANC LETTER (MY TELNO 766). WE SEE NO PROSPECT OF THE US AGREEING TO ANYTHING THAT WOULD SATISFY MOST OTHER MEMBERS. INDEED AN EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF THE US MISSION (PLEASE PROTECT) CONFIDED IN US HIS CONCERN: WASHINGTON WAS ENTERING THIS DEBATE ON QUOTE AN EXTREME COURSE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THEIR EYES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN THIS CONFLICT IS THAT ONE SIDE IS BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION UNQUOTE.

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