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TELNO 741 OF 16 SEPTEMBER

RPTD INFO ROUTINE LUANDA, TRIPOLI, ALGIERS, WASHINGTON,
UKMIS NEW YORK AND CAPETOWN.

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LUANDA TELNO 412 TO FCO: AFRICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ANGOLA

1. THE TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE (PLEASE PROTECT) IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE LAGOS MEETING OF FRONT LINE STATES FOCUSED LARGELY ON THE QUESTION OF AFRICAN MILITARY AID. IF WAS FELT THAT IF THIS PROPOSAL WAS LEFT IN OAU HANDS IT WOULD COME TO NOTHING. ANGOLA SHOULD, THEREFORE, SEEK BILATERAL OFFERS OF MILITARY SUPPORT FROM OAU MEMBERS. ALGERIA AND LIBYA WERE TWO POSSIBLE SOURCES OF TROOPS. ONE OF THE (UNIDENTIFIED) MINISTERS PRESENT IN LAGOS HAD SINCE TRAVELLED TO ALGIERS.

2. THE FATE OF THE CUBANS UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT APPARENTLY RESOLVED. SOME OF THE FLS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE DANGER THAT THEIR FORCES MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED BY SERVING ALONGSIDE CUBAN TROOPS.

3. MY TELNO 703 (NOT TO ALL). MY MEETING WITH AUDU DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON 15 SEPTEMBER BUT I HQQE TO SEE HIM THIS WEEK.

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