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TELEGRAM NUMBER 265 OF 24 AUGUST

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK AND LUANDA
INFO PRIORITY OTTAWA, DAR ES SALAAM, PARIS, BONN, PRETORIA,
LUSAKA, GABORONE AND HARARE.

MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 253(NOT TO ALL): NAMIBIA.

1. I WAS CALLED TODAY TO SEE PRESIDENT MACHEL WHO TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS HAD ARRIVED IN MAPUTO EARLIER THAN EXPECTED (PARA 2 OF MY TUR) AND THAT HE HAD HAD A LONG DISCUSSION BOTH TETE A TETE AND ALSO WITH HIS DELEGATION. AS HE HAD PROMISED ME HE HAD PERSUADED DOS SANTOS THAT IT WAS VITALLY NECESSARY TO REMOVE ANY OBSTACLES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 435. THE ANGOLANS' FIRST REACTION WAS THAT THEY HAD NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO TRUST THE U S GOVERNMENT, WHO WERE THE CLOSEST ALLIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS , WHO WERE GIVING ASSISTANCE TO SAVIMBI AND UNITA, AND ABOVE ALL WHO HAD VETOED THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION OF ANGOLA. HOWEVER, THEY HAD ACCEPTED MACHEL'S ADVICE AND WERE NOW READY TO ACCEPT THE PROCEDURES SET OUT IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER. THEY WOULD WRITE TO HIM GIVING THE GUARANTEES OF A CUBAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA HINTED AT IN HIS LETTER. THEY WERE PREPARED TO TEST THE GOOD FAITH OF THE U S GOVERNMENT AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE R S A . THE ANGOLANS AND MOZAMBICANS BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO PROCEED INTO STAGE 3 OF THE PROCESS UNDER SCR 435.

2. COMMENT: MACHEL WAS AT HIS MOST JOVIAL. HE PRAISED HMG FOR THE FRANKNESS OF THE APPROACH WHICH WE HAD MADE TO HIM. THIS IN COMPARISON WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER WHICH HAD SIMPLY DESCRIBED THE SITUATION WITHOUT ASKING, AS WE HAD DONE , FOR HIS (MACHEL'S) HELP. HE PRAISED ME FULSOMELY FOR THE CLARITY OF MY EXPOSITION AND YOU SIR, FOR YOUR INITIATIVE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY IN A STATE OF EUPHORIA OVER HIS SUCCESS WITH THE ANGOLANS (ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT HE WAS BATTERING AT AN OPEN DOOR) AND CLEARLY FEELS THT

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HE HAS BROUGHT OFF A MAJOR COUP. I BELIEVE THAT HE HAS DELIVERED
A REPLY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER TO THE U S CHARGE BUT
I DO NOT YET KNOW THE CONTENTS.

3. IF WHAT HE HAS TOLD ME IS TRUE , AND IF THE ANGOLANS DO NOT
HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE OF
THANKS TO PRESIDENT MACHEL FOR HIS INTERVENTION.
F C O PLEASE PASS ALL

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[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

(Repetition to..... LUANDA.....)
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repeated as requested to other posts.)

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