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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1212 OF 13 AUGUST 1981.
INFO IMMEDIATE PARIS, BONN, OTTAWA, CAPE TOWN, UKMIS NEW YORK,
LUANDA.

MY TELS NOS 1202-1206: ANGOLA

1. WE HAVE TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY TEXT OF FURTHER MESSAGE FROM MR HAIG TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DELIVERED BY U S EMBASSY ON 13 AUGUST.
2. PLEASE TELL MR HAIG'S OFFICE THAT -
 - A) I SHALL BRING HIS FURTHER MESSAGE AND ITS PREDECESSOR TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S ATTENTION ON HIS RETURN:
 - B) WE ARE A LITTLE PUZZLED BY THE RECEIPT OF TWO SIMILAR BUT APPARENTLY UNCONNECTED MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT IN SO SHORT A TIME:
 - C) MEANWHILE THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE SEEN FROM MY REPLY TO HIS EARLIER MESSAGE THAT WE REGARD THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES AMONG THE FIVE AS TACTICAL RATHER THAN FUNDAMENTAL, AND CERTAINLY NOT AS CONSTITUTING AN OBSTACLE TO CONTINUED JOINT EFFORTS BY THE FIVE IN PURSUIT OF OUR AGREED OBJECTIVES, BOTH IN NAMIBIA AND IN ANGOLA:
 - D) WE HAVE ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO YOU AND OUR OTHER PARTNERS IN THE FIVE A SUGGESTED REVISION OF THE PAPER CONTAINING THE LINE WHICH WE WOULD TAKE WITH THE ANGOLANS IN SUPPORT OF YOUR BILATERAL APPROACH TO THEM ON THE CUBAN ISSUE. WE HOPE THAT THIS REDRAFT WILL MEET YOUR POINTS AND PROVE ACCEPTABLE TO OUR OTHER PARTNERS ALSO. IT IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO DISGUISE OR PAPER OVER THE DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS AND TACTICS BETWEEN US, BUT RATHER TO DEFINE

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COMMON GROUND AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTION.

E) SHOULD OUR REDRAFT MEET WITH YOUR AND OTHERS' AGREEMENT, WE COULD ALL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STEPS AS SET OUT IN YOUR MESSAGE. IF HOWEVER YOU OR OTHERS HAVE CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH OUR DRAFT, WE AGREE THAT OUR OFFICIALS SHOULD MEET SOON TO TRY TO RESOLVE THEM.

3. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, WE REGARD THE TONE OF BOTH MESSAGES, THE SENDING OF TWO LONG MESSAGES WITHIN A FEW DAYS (NEITHER CONTAINING ANY REFERENCE TO THE OTHER), AND THE SCARCELY VEILED THREATS OF AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL UNLESS THEIR PARTNERS TOE THE LINE, AS SOMEWHAT ILL-JUDGED, ASSUMING THAT THE AMERICANS GENUINELY WANT THE FIVE TO STAY IN BUSINESS. WE ALREADY HAVE INDICATIONS OF FRENCH GERMAN AND CANADIAN RESENTMENT OF THE FIRST MESSAGE. I HOPE YOU MAY FIND SOME WAY OF CONVEYING THIS THOUGHT TACTFULLY TO THE AMERICANS, PERHAPS VIA CROCKER.

GILMOUR

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