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ANGOLA

Communist support for the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola is increasing.

Brigadier General Julio Casas, a deputy minister of Cuba's armed forces, is reportedly in Angola, probably to direct logistic support for the Cuban force that may now number an estimated 3,000 personnel. He served on Raul Castro's staff in the fight against Batista and has had numerous logistic assignments with the Cuban military since the early 1960s. Other ranking officers may also be in Africa. Cuban publications have reported changes in seven positions in the Armed Forces Ministry since September, including the replacement of Casas as chief of services. Each of Cuba's three army commanders was replaced during the fall. One or more of them may have been sent to Africa.

Meanwhile, two Soviet merchant ships apparently are carrying cargo that could be destined for Popular Movement forces. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The ship is likely to arrive at Luanda or Pointe Noire, Congo, by the end of the month. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These arrivals follow closely two other Soviet ships that have been in Angolan waters since the middle of the month. (TOP SECRET [REDACTED] NOFORN, NOCONTRACT)

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