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2. ANGOLA: THERE HAS BEEN A LULL IN THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE TERRITORY'S THREE RIVAL LIBERATION GROUPS. ALL THREE GROUPS APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATING ON BUILDING UP THEIR SUPPLIES FOR MORE SERIOUS FIGHTING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.Y

NATIONAL FRONT FORCES IN THE NORTH HAVE NOT MOVED FORWARD SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE MID-SEPTEMBER, WHEN THEY RETOOK THE IMPORTANT JUNCTION TOWN OF CAXITO, SOME 40 MILES NORTHEAST OF LUANDA. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, PROBING OUTLYING DEFENSES OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA.Y

NOVA LISBOA HAS BEEN A MAJOR REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER, AND THE LIBERATION GROUPS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE EVACUATION OF REFUGEES TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE LAUNCHING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA. THE AIRLIFT FROM NOVA LISBOA ENDS ^{ON MONDAY} TODAY.Y

PORTUGUESE EVACUATION EFFORTS WILL NOW BE CONCENTRATED IN LUANDA AND SEVERAL SMALL PORTS ALONG THE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL COAST. OFFICIALS IN LISBON ESTIMATE THAT 140,000 WHITES HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED FROM THE TERRITORY SINCE THE EVACUATION GOT UNDER WAY IN EARLY AUGUST. ANOTHER 140,000 REFUGEES ARE STILL WAITING.Y

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PROFESSES TO BE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AND THE NATIONAL UNION WILL COME TO A POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION, PERHAPS BY LATE OCTOBER. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THE PORTUGUESE HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. THE POPULAR MOVEMENT STILL HOLDS THE ADVANTAGE, BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY, AND SHOWS NO WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO ANYONE. ITS LEADERS EXPECT THAT ON NOVEMBER 11, LISBON WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LEAVE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN CONTROL.

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