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1. USSR-ANGOLA-CUBA: TALKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

DURING CONSULTATIONS IN THE USSR, HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF MOSCOW, HAVANA, AND LUANDA STATED THAT THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID IS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. [REDACTED] SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER SOKOLOV AND COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARIES DOBRYNIN AND MEDVEDYEV MET FOR TWO DAYS WITH A CUBAN DELEGATION LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER RISQUET AND AN ANGOLAN CONTINGENT THAT INCLUDED DEFENSE MINISTER TONHA AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DUNEM. [REDACTED] THE DELEGATIONS CALLED FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE UN, THE OAU, AND THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT IN ACHIEVING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. IN A DEPARTURE FROM PAST COVERAGE, THEY DID NOT REAFFIRM THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT PLATFORM OF 1984, WHICH CALLS FOR A MUTUAL SOUTH AFRICAN-CUBAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LINKAGE OF A REGIONAL SETTLEMENT TO THE END OF APARTHEID AND OMISSION OF THE ANGOLAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL FORMULATION INDICATE A HARDENING OF THE SOVIET-CUBAN-ANGOLAN POSITION. THE EMPHASIS ON A UN, OAU, AND NONALIGNED ROLE MAY SIGNIFY OPPOSITION TO US SPONSORSHIP OF FUTURE REGIONAL TALKS. THE THREE COUNTRIES PROBABLY SEE FEW PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS SOON AND WILL PROBABLY CONCENTRATE ON MAKING GRADUAL, STEADY MILITARY PROGRESS AGAINST THE UNITA INSURGENTS WHILE CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE US AND SOUTH AFRICAN POSITIONS ON REGIONAL ISSUES. [REDACTED]

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MIDDLE EAST

--IRANIAN MISSILE BOAT DAMAGED TANKER CARRYING SAUDI CRUDE OIL MONDAY . . . SIMILAR ATTACK THREE DAYS EARLIER MISSED . . . TEHRAN PROBABLY DISPLEASED OVER REPORTED SAUDI AGREEMENT ALLOWING INCREASED IRAQI OIL EXPORTS . . . FURTHER ATTACKS LIKELY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] . . . LEBANON'S SHIA CRITICAL OF AMAL LEADER BARRI'S LINKS TO SYRIA . . . KILLINGS OF HIZBALLAH MEMBERS BY SYRIAN TROOPS ALIENATING AMAL PERSONNEL. [REDACTED]

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--ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED REPLACEMENT OF SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS, KEY MILITARY OFFICIALS MONDAY . . . AILING DEFENSE MINISTER REPLACED, AIR FORCE COMMANDER TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY . . . MENGISTU HAS MADE SIMILAR WHOLESALE CHANGES IN PAST. [REDACTED]

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