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~~Pm~~ The original letter
has now arrived (attached). May
we discuss pl. how to handle it.

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FM LUANDA 311300Z DEC 83
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 917 OF 31 DECEMBER
INFO PRIORITY CAPETOWN PRETORIA WASHINGTON PARIS BONN OTTAWA
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ANGOLA/SOUTH AFRICA
1. I WAS SUMMONED TODAY (31 DECEMBER) BY VENANCIO DE MOURA
(VICE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS) TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE
DATED 30 DECEMBER FROM PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS TO THE PRIME
MINISTER. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION:
BEGINS
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY INFORMATION
ABOUT THE NEW ACTS OF ARMED AGGRESSION CARRIED OUT SINCE 14
DECEMBER BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA FROM THE AREAS OF OUR TERRITORY
WHICH THEY ALREADY OCCUPY SINCE AUGUST 1981 AND FROM ILLEGALLY
OCCUPIED NAMIBIA.
I REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO ENSURE
RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, IN ORDER TO AVOID AGGRAVATION OF
THE MILITARY SITUATION, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH COULD BE
UNFORESEEABLE.
ENDS
2. DA MOURA SAID THAT THE MESSAGE WAS MEANT TO BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF THE ATTACKS SINCE 14 DECEMBER.
THIS WOULD BE READY OVER THE WEEKEND. SIMILAR MESSAGES HAD BEEN
ADDRESSED TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AND THE FRG AND
DOS SANTOS WAS CONSIDERING SOME COMMUNICATIN TO THE FLS PRESIDENTS
TOO.
3. DA MOURA DID NOT SAY (AND I DID NOT ASK) WHETHER DOS SNTOS
HAD ANY SPECIFIC QUOTE EFFORTS UNQUOTE IN MIND. BUT HE DID SAY
THAT THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PLEASED BY OUR PUBLIC
STATEMENTS AND HAD NOTICED THAT WE HAD INCURRED CRITICISM FROM
PIK BOTHA.
4. I WILL COMMENT NEXT WEEK ON THIS MESSAGE AND ON THE CURRENT
ANGOLAN ATTITUDE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN DISENGAGEMENT OFFER.
FCO PLEASE PASS

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