

SECRET 5226

DIADIN 296-2A (AS OF: 1045 EDT 23 OCT 78)
SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

CUBA: AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT. (U)

I. — TRANSPORT ACTIVITY BETWEEN CUBA AND ANGOLA HAS EXPANDED IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. CUBA'S CIVIL AIRLINE HAS FLOWN AN INCREASED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN HAVANA AND LUANDA. IN ADDITION, THE WEEK-LY ANGOLAN AIRLINE FLIGHT HAS CONTINUED AS SCHEDULED. CUBAN MILITARY-ASSOCIATED MERCHANT SHIPS ALSO ARRIVED RECENTLY IN LUANDA.

2. (5) THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM WHO OR WHAT WAS ON BOARD THE PLANES OR SHIPS. LIKELY EXPLANATIONS INCLUDE: CIVILIAN ADVISERS FOR ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA; TROOP REPLACEMENTS TO THESE COUNTRIES;

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(b)(3):50 USC 3024(i),(b)(3):10 USC 424

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AND TROOPS TO ASSIST IN THE FIGHTING AGAINST RHODESIA. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE A FINAL JUDGMENT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PASSENGERS WERE CIVILIAN ADVISERS.

(b)(3):10 USC 424,(b)(6)

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