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1. (S/WNINTEL/NOFORN/NOCDNIRACI) THE MAY-JUNE CUBAN FORCE BUILD UP
IN AN GOLA REPORTEDLY INCLUDED A SPECIAL CALL-UP OF 7,000 RESERVISTS; HOWEVER, ONLY 3,000 WERE CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR DUTY IN
ANGOLA. TWO THOUSAND HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED TO ANGOLA, WHILE
THE REMAINING 1,000 PRESUMABLY AWAIT DEPLOYMENT. CUBAN OFFICERS
WHO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TOUR IN ANGOLA WILL BE PER-



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GE 2 SEURET ITTED TO TAKE THEIR AMILIES WITH THEM.

- EPLOYMENT, A GROUP OF TEENAGE STUDENTS FROM THE CUBAN MILITARY CHOOL SYSTEM RECENTLY TRAVELED TO ANGOLA BY AIR. CUBAN OFFICIALS EPORTEDLY SENT THE STUDENTS TO CREATE A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL MPACT ON THE CUBAN PUBLIC AND IMPRESS UPON THEM THAT CUBANS AT LL LEVELS OF SOCIETY ARE FULLY PARTICIPATING IN, AND SUPPORTING, AVANA 'S INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA.
- THE ABOVE INFORMATION ADDS FURTHER CREDENCE TO EARLIER OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS. DURING MAY AND JUNE, CUBA SENT MEN AND MATERIEL TO ANGOLA AND CABINDA IN FOUR SEABORNE TRANSITS TOTALLING SEVEN VESSELS. MOST OF THE SHIPS RESUMED NORMAL MERCHANT MARINE DUTIES AND DID NOT RETURN DIRECTLY TO CUBA.

 CUBAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT NOTED MAKING THE NORMAL THRICE WEEKLY RUN

 TROM HAVANA TO LUANDA DURING MAY AND JUNE WERE GENERALLY CARRYING TULL PASSENGER LOADS, WHILE PLANES MAKING THE RETURN RUN WERE

 NEAR EMPTY. DIA ESTIMATES THAT 4,000 TO 5,000 CUBAN TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED IN THIS BUILDUP, BRINGING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED CUBAN

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PRESENCE IN AN GOLA T. BETWEEN 14,000 AND 20,000.

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