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CUBAN OFFICIALS REALIZE THE TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS OF SHORING THE ANGOLAN ECONOMY BUT HAVE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL.

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2. ~~(S//UNTEL//NOFORN)~~ HAVANA CONSIDERS ANGOLA TO HAVE BEEN A MILITARY SUCCESS. NO DOUBT THIS FEELING HAS BEEN ERODED SOMEWHAT, WITH THE CONTINUED INSURGENCY NECESSITATING THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CUBAN TROOPS DEPLOYED TO ANGOLA. NONETHELESS, CUBAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN CONCERNED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE ENTERED THE CONFLICT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

3. ~~(S//WNINTEL//NOFORN)~~ ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT, CUBAN OFFICIALS CONCEDE THERE IS MUCH TO DO. CITING THEIR BELIEF THAT THE USSR WILL NOT ALLOW THE COLLAPSE OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY IN THE FACE OF REBUILDING THAT OF ANGOLA, CUBAN OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO LIMIT TO THE AID THAT HAVANA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE WILLING TO GIVE TO LUANDA. THESE SAME OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT ANGOLA IS TO BECOME THE SHOWPLACE OF SOCIALISM ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. IRONICALLY, HAVANA MAY SEE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE IN THE LONG TERM FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE NETO GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH IDEOLOGICAL REASONS ARE USUALLY CITED AS

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THE BASIS OF HAVANA'S SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA, THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPORTS OF OIL AND COFFEE TO CUBA HAS NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED.

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