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NOTES ON MEETING BETWEEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND PRESIDENT  
SAVIMBI ON 26 OCTOBER 1988

The Director-General briefed President Savimbi on the latest situation in respect of the talks on South West.

President Savimbi made the following points:

- that the MPLA were not interested in talking to UNITA and wanted Savimbi removed from Angola.
- that without Russian and Cuban assistance the MPLA represented no danger.
- that the redeployment to the North of Cuban troops was a major factor and essential to this was both the timing and the manner of redeployment.
- if the redeployment took place in two stages i.e to 15°S and then 13°S it would effect UNITA negatively. It would mean that Cuban and SWAPO forces could release in stages MPLA forces in the north and leave them free and with secure logistical lines to attack UNITA South of the lines.
- a one stage redeployment in a relatively short period (+ 3 months) would be ideal for UNITA. This will also bring the MPLA to realize that national reconciliation was inevitable.
- that before any agreement is signed there must be certainty on the number of Cubans in Angola. While currently a figure of 52 000 is being mentioned UNITA

believed the figure to be closer to 60 000. If 60 000 was correct then instead of there being 14 00 Cuban Troops remaining in the second year there would be 22 000.

- that the only way that national reconciliation could be achieved in Angola was by forcing it to occur. This could only be achieved through an agreement on TCTW which would strengthen UNITA's position.