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MEETING BETWEEN LT-GEN A NDALU AND DR M BURGER
ON SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 1989, CAPE TOWN

Dr Burger was accompanied by Mr Greg. Cooper who is the Manager of the GENCOR energy division. The purpose of the breakfast meeting was to allow Mr Cooper a chance to make proposals that Lt-Gen Ndalú could convey to Luanda. GENCOR did considerable prospecting in the southern half of Angola during the colonial era and are now interested in taking these potential mines further, if agreement can be reached with the MPLA regime.

Lt-Gen Ndalú said that the MPLA would be interested in this idea and in Mr Cooper's idea of a barter deal worth US \$ 5 million to be carried out over a year. The RSA could supply anything from potatoes (currently in surplus in SA) to car parts in return for oil. Now that GENCOR has purchased MOBIL they will have spare refining capacity so could even refine oil for the MPLA - Lt-Gen Ndalú said that the MPLA was looking for help with refining.

Lt-Gen Ndalú will discuss these proposals in Luanda and send a reply via their New York Mission, failing which he will provide an answer at Ruacana on 15 May. Mr Cooper said he could meet MPLA people anywhere but Lt-Gen Ndalú said maybe such "co-operation" would first have to await the meeting between the Foreign Ministers of RSA and Angola. Personally Lt-Gen Ndalú was excited at the prospect of such peaceful co-operation between RSA and Angola.

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Later in the car going shopping and then back to the hotel Lt-Gen Ndalu expressed the hope that politics would not prevent economic co-operation. He said that UNITA remained the main obstacle in SA/Angolan relations but claimed he was trying to persuade his MPLA colleagues that once SWA was independent the UNITA problem would resolve itself. He went on to say that the week-end before Pres Mobutu of Zaïre had been in Luanda and the MPLA had threatened him with destabilising his country using ex-Katangese gendarmes unless he cut off the flow of US goods to UNITA.

Lt-Gen Ndalu gave the impression that the MPLA had convinced Pres Mobutu. He said now the US would have to fly everything in thereby making it so much more expensive. Only time will tell if the MPLA is serious with its threat. In the meantime Pres Mobutu seems to be strengthening his American ties. According to Mr Earl Irving of the State Department who travelled back to Windhoek with me Pres Mobutu will be the first African head of state to make an official visit to Pres Bush later this year. Apparently the US considers his Human Rights record to have improved sufficiently for this.

Also in the car Lt-Gen Ndalu referred to the events of 1 April and the Front Line States meeting held soon thereafter. He said the Front Line States had hammered NUJOMA and told him that his actions threatened the prospects of independence for SWA. He did not say so in so many words but he gave me the impression that what was now important was the independence of SWA rather than SWAPO taking over there. The same idea came out when he talked about the

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former ANC camps in Angola. He said the MPLA had told Oliver Tambo that although they still supported the ANC morally and politically they could not allow him to maintain bases in Angola if these bases would prevent SWA from becoming independent. He claimed that Tambo accepted this line of reasoning, even if he was not entirely happy about it.

Lt-Gen Ndalu seemed genuinely keen on economic co-operation between the RSA and Angola. When he met Ministers De Klerk and Malan he was at pains to say that Angola intended to comply fully with the Accords. He said also that Pres Dos Santos had "recommended" to him to meet all these people if he could. The proposal for a meeting with Minister R F Botha on a bi-lateral basis outside the JC ambit will be useful if it materialises.

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