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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Foreign Minister Nguza of Zaire  
Andre Coulbary, Ambassador of Republic of Senegal  
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the  
President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 11, 1976  
1:45 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

President: Please give to President Mobutu my personal regards. I hope you have been successful in getting this group to understand what we are trying to do. You saw the headline in the paper last night. I assure you that we will do everything within our power to assure that no repetition of this can take place. We are determined and I think the mood is changing.

Kissinger: I agree. I told the Minister we were determined and we will do whatever we can to strengthen our friends.

President: I would appreciate your observations.

Nguza: Here are letters from President Mobutu and President Senghor. It is our feeling that the only country which can really resist Soviet encroachments in Africa is the United States. I know that more countries have recognized the MPLA, but that is just so they won't be the last.

President: I noticed the OAU did also. Is that the reason?

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Nguza: That is the military situation, which they think is finished. But Amin's action was a surprise. They have taken the territory but it will be difficult to hold it. The Ovibundu hold the biggest part of the country. In the north, there are a lot of refugees in Zaire.

Savimbi has decided on guerrilla war. If that happens, the MPLA will have to keep the Soviets and Cubans there for years.

If Presidents Mobutu and Kaunda don't recognize the MPLA until proper arrangements can be made, then it can be worked out.

The Soviets have won some diplomatic success in Africa while the U.S. appears to be backing out. We may have some trouble with some of our neighbors. Like Guinea with Senegal.

President: I am delighted that the Secretary is going to visit. We hope to develop interest in helping those who help themselves. We think the Africans should make their own decision. If we can help militarily and economically, that is what I want to do.

Kissinger: If we can just keep calm, we can create conditions where this can never happen again. If they have the will, we have the resources and we can prevent any expansion of the Soviets and Cubans.

Nguza: The Cubans have been doing the fighting. There is no MPLA Army.

Kissinger: Most of the fighting is done by Cubans with sophisticated weapons.

President: Is there any tendency for the Cubans to cross the frontier?

Nguza: We had our own civil war and some of the rebel Katangese are now fighting in Angola alongside the MPLA.

Coulbary: The Cuban intervention creates a new kind of threat. They are starting to spread out to the northern states.

President: We are dedicated to be helpful. When Secretary Kissinger returns, we will see what we can do. Please give President Mobutu and Senghor my regards.

Nguza: We appreciate the visit by the Secretary of State in Africa. He is arriving at the very best moment.

President: Are the European countries helping?

Nguza: I was going to visit some of them to discuss what may be wrong.

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(Reads letter)

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If P. Mubutu + Kamukoko don't encourage N.P.H.A.

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