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SOUTHERN AFRICA

Set forth below are excerpts from Secretary Kissinger's testimony before the House International Relations Committee on March 4. The first concern is Rhodesia, the second, MPLA recognition. They may serve as a helpful reference in the briefing or when talking to individual reporters.

I. RHODESIA

" WE ARE IN FAVOR OF MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, AND WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE IN THAT DIRECTION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT, OR THE AUTHORITIES OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA ENGAGED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, HAVE PERHAPS THEIR LAST OPPORTUNITY IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL EVOLUTION. AND, THEREFORE, WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO FEEL THAT CUBAN MILITARY FORCES IN THIS SITUATION WOULD PRESENT THE GRAVEST PROBLEMS, AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT A PRINCIPLE THAT ANY STATE, MUCH LESS A WESTERN HEMISPHERE STATE, HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN ANY CRISIS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD ON ITS OWN -- HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN THESE CRISIS WITH MILITARY FORCE.

AND, THEREFORE, WE WOULD HAVE TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF CUBA TO ACT WITH GREAT CIRCUMSPECTION BECAUSE OUR ACTIONS CANNOT ALWAYS BE DEDUCED FROM WHAT WE DID IN ANGOLA."

II. MPLA RECOGNITION

" I HAVE MADE CLEAR VERY FREQUENTLY THAT OUR OBJECTION WAS NOT TO MPLA, OUR OBJECTION WAS TO MASSIVE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION. WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AFRICAN GOVERNMENT EMERGING BY AFRICAN METHODS.

3. WE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE WHICH IN IDEOLOGY IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE MPLA. AND THEREFORE AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF OUR DEALING WITH MPLA IN ANGOLA ONCE IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY ARE INDEED AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND NOT TOTALLY BEHOLDEN TO FOREIGN INFLUENCES.



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SOUTH AFRICA

Q: Will the riots in South Africa have any effect on Secretary Kissinger's plans to meet with the South African Prime Minister?

A: The Secretary still plans to meet with Prime Minister Vorster.

KISSINGER - VORSTER MEETINGS

Q: What can you tell us about the Kissinger-Vorster meetings? Has the Secretary received any specific instructions from the President or reported any of the details of his meeting to him?

A: As the Secretary said in Grafenau yesterday, he laid out the whole situation with respect to Southern African, and so did the Prime Minister. There are more talks scheduled for today so I wouldn't want to characterize the meetings further. As with all trips the Secretary is communicating with the President and keeping him fully informed of the progress of his meetings.

REPORT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH VORSTER

- Q. Can you tell us how much progress Secretary Kissinger made during his talks in Zurich and will he be visiting Africa next week?

Guidance:

As you know, Secretary Kissinger himself has announced that some progress was made in his talks with Prime Minister Vorster in exploring ways in which the United States might be helpful in averting violence in South Africa and in movement toward majority rule, protection of minority rights and economic progress. I would have nothing to add to what Secretary Kissinger has already said. As you know, he returns to Washington tonight and will report to the President on the meetings tomorrow.

FYI:

Secretary Kissinger will stop in Hamburg, Germany today to meet with the German leaders before returning to Washington.

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Will HK go to Africa?

He remains ready to go - wait for report to President before further comment.

VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

Q. With the rioting and racial violence in South Africa, how can the Secretary, in good conscience, consider a visit to that country?

A. As the Secretary has said recently, a visit to South Africa would be neither social nor protocol. When he goes to South Africa, it will be with the full support of black African leaders in order to bring about objectives that we have worked out jointly with them. As he emphasized at a press conference in Philadelphia a few days ago, a mission to South Africa will have the closest cooperation and the full support of black Africa or it will not be undertaken.

PESSIMISM ON KISSINGER TRIP?

Q: What is the President's reaction to the Pessimistic reports coming out of Africa concerning the progress of Secretary Kissinger's mission?

A: I am not going to comment on the various press reports as the Secretary's trip proceeds.

The Secretary is reporting regularly to the President by cable on his talks with African leaders. The President is following these reports and is in turn providing his views and guidance to the Secretary as his talks proceed.

on June 28, of the very productive talks we had at the summit in Puerto Rico, The participants at the Puerto Rico summit agreed on a program to assist such countries, and that provides the basis for our current policies.

We look forward to the closest possible relations with Italy as a fellow democracy and as a NATO ally.

Break thru On Kissinger Trip

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F.Y.I. If asked whether the President approved HAK's meeting with Prime Minister Smith, the answer is: Yes.

We have seen the text of the South African Foreign Minister's speech of August 13 and have noted in particular the references to Rhodesia and Namibia. We find the statements which the South African Minister made to be encouraging. Nevertheless, there are still major difficulties ahead in finding solutions to the problems of Southern Africa. The U.S. Government intends to proceed with its efforts toward their resolution.