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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President regrets the vote in the House today to prohibit the use of funds in the Defense Appropriations bill to assist the people of Angola in resisting Soviet/Cuban intervention in their country. By its action, the Congress has put the United States on record as refusing the request for help from an African people who seek nothing more than to decide for themselves their own political future free of outside intervention. The Congress has stated to the world that it will ignore a clear act of Soviet-Cuban expansion by brute military force into areas thousands of miles from either country. The consequences of this action can only result in serious harm to the interests of the United States.

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