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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President strongly condemns the unjustified and unwarranted execution of Daniel Gearhart by the Government of Angola. This execution, carried out in defiance of worldwide pleas for a humane commutation of Mr. Gearhart's sentence, will make even more difficult any steps toward the normalization of relations between Angola and the United States.

The President has expressed his sincerest condolences to Mr. Gearhart's family.

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