

## MEMORANDUM

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ACTION

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Proposed NSSM on US Policy Toward Angola

Attached for your consideration is a proposed NSSM directing an interagency study of United States policy toward Angola (Tab A).

November 11, 1975 has been set as the date for the independence of this former Portuguese African territory. An interim government is in place in which the three competing independence movements (MPLA, FNLA, and UNITA) are represented. There is considerable rivalry among these groups, particularly the former two, and there already have been serious clashes resulting in fatalities. In addition to neighboring states, the Soviets and the Chinese have been playing an active, clandestine role in support of their own candidates among the movements. You will recall that President Kaunda of Zambia discussed the problem of Angola and indicated support for the leader of UNITA, Jonas Savimbi. Thus far, except for a small amount of financial political support for Holden Roberto, the leader of FNLA, the United States Government has followed a policy of restraint with regard to developments in Angola.

Given the increased complexity of the political situation and the risk of increased violence, including civil war, and that our policy has not previously been the subject of a NSSM, I believe it would be appropriate to issue a NSSM at this time in order to focus our attention on the immediate and post-independence future of Angola and to provide options for you for a policy that will protect US interests in the area and promote our objectives there.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize issuance of the NSSM at Tab A

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_.

Attachment

Tab A - Proposed NSSM on US policy toward Angola.

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