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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

9 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM : George Bush
Director

SUBJECT : The Cuban Presence in Africa

1. On 6 April I briefed the House Republican Conference on Cuban involvement in Africa. I was struck by the extent to which the Cubans have extended their presence in Africa during the past few years. The magnitude of this presence is shown in the attached graphic.

2. In 1970 Havana had diplomatic relations with only seven African governments; today, it has relations with 30 governments. Cuban activity in Africa is most pronounced, of course, in Angola where we estimate there are 13,000 to 15,000 Cubans. In addition, there are now upwards of 2,000 Cuban advisors and technicians--military and civilian--in other African countries. These countries, and our estimates of the number of Cubans in each, are also shown in the attached graphic. A more detailed description of what the Cubans are doing is presented in the attached table.

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Attachments

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CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA

- Algeria Total Cuban Presence: 15-20
 - Medical team: 8-12
 - Diplomatic mission: 8

- Angola Total Cuban Presence: 13,000-15,000
 - Combat force: 10,500 (3 regiments, each has 3,500 men)
 - Air/air defense: 1,000-1,500
 - Security officials from Interior Ministry: 1,000-2,000
 - Political/economic advisors: 500-1,000

- Congo Total Cuban Presence: 50-100 (most are performing military functions)

- Equatorial Guinea Total Cuban Presence: 300-400
 - 100-150 military advisors
 - The remaining 200-250 are working in roughly equal numbers in the following fields: secondary and pre-university education, public health, forestry, fishing, agriculture, ideological training, and party organization.

- Guinea Total Cuban Presence: 300-500
 - 250 military construction personnel
 - 9 pilots
 - 18 ground crew
 - 25 advisors (presidential body guard unit)
 - 22 advisors (training national militia)

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Guinea-Bissau Total Cuban Presence: about 130
 - 30 embassy
 - 20 military advisors
 - 60 construction workers
 - 10-20 medical

Mozambique Total Cuban Presence: 25-100
 - As many as 80 military advisors
 - 10-20 port experts

Sahara If any Cubans are there, they would number
 no more than 8-12 military advisors.

Sierra Leone Total Cuban Presence: 20-24*
 - 8-12 diplomatic personnel
 - 12 security personnel

Somalia Total Cuban Presence: 100-200**
 - 100-150 military advisors
 - 10-15 sugar technicians
 - 10-20 medical personnel

Tanzania Total Cuban Presence: 350-500
 - All work in non-military areas and
 are distributed fairly evenly in
 school construction, sugar cane
 development, and public health.

Zambia Total Cuban Presence: 50-100
 - All work in non-military fields; the
 majority are helping to develop
 Zambia's sugar industry; some
 medical and literacy specialists
 may be present.

*Updates numbers on graphic for Sierra Leone.
**Updates numbers on graphic for Somalia.

