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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Soviet/Cuban Third World Adventures

(S) It has been brought to my attention that during the Angola airlift operations, USSR and Cuban aircraft refueled at the facilities of American multinational oil companies. While at least one company made its own decision not to provide fuel, there was no concerted effort to this effect; nor to my knowledge did the US government attempt to exert any influence over the companies involved to deny servicing to Soviet and Cuban aircraft participating in the airlift.

(S) Obviously, denial of refueling facilities and services controlled by US corporations would have an inhibiting effect on Cuban operations; for example, virtually all of the countries in which Cuban aircraft refueled during the Angola airlift must import refined aviation fuel from Western multinational oil companies. Since the recent NSC study on preventing Cuban intervention elsewhere in the world did not address this issue, I recommend that the NSC undertake a study to explore fully the possibilities for US leverage in such cases, with an aim toward developing options for use in future situations of this kind.



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