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SOUTHERN AFRICA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CROCKER FOR GOULDING.
 BEGINS:

FOR MJC GOULDING FROM CHET CROCKER.

IN THE WAKE OF THE CABINDA INCIDENT WE HAVE REACTED FORCEFULLY TO THE SAG, BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY. I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE PLACE THE STRENGTH OF THOSE VIEWS BEFORE THE MPLA AND URGE THEM TO FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT SIMILAR VIOLENCE IS BOUND TO RECUR AS LONG AS THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION. FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD APPRECIATE ONCE AGAIN YOUR HELP IN PASSING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KITO. MANY THANKS.

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED IN VERY STRONG TERMS TO THE RECENT INCIDENT IN CABINDA, BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS REPORTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, BUT I WANT TO ENSURE THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT ARE FULLY INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE MATTER.

WE HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO OPERATE MILITARY UNITS DEEP INSIDE YOUR COUNTRY. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, OUR DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BEEN AIMED AT STOPPING VIOLENCE, REMOVING FOREIGN FORCES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION, AND OBTAINING MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE INVIOABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS IN OPERATING CLANDESTINE MILITARY UNITS INSIDE ANGOLA CLEARLY RUN CONTRARY TO THOSE AIMS OF MY GOVERNMENT. ON A BROADER SCALE, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THIS DEPLORABLE INCIDENT ILLUSTRATES YET AGAIN THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION. IN EXPRESSING OUR DEEP INDIGNATION TO SOUTH AFRICA OVER THE CABINDA ACTION, WE ARE PRESSING HARD TO END INCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS OF SOVERIEGNTY LIKE THE INCIDENT IN CABINDA. THAT SAID, THE POINTS OF CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE NUMEROUS AND EASILY IGNITED. I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT FAILING A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION, THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND YOUR COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE CONDUCTING OFFER THE SINGLE BEST HOPE FOR THE KIND OF DURABLE SETTLEMENT WHICH IS NEEDED.

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AS YOU ALSO KNOW, ONE OF MY GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL ONGOING CONCERNS IS THE SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS OVERSEAS. WE HAVE REITERATED THAT CONCERN PUBLICLY, ALONG WITH A STATEMENT THAT WE VIEW WITH THE UTMOST GRAVITY ANY EFFORT FROM ANY SOURCE WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PLACING IN DANGER GULF OIL PERSONNEL OR FACILITIES IN CABINDA. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OUR DEEP INDIGNATION OVER THIS INCIDENT, AND ASKED FOR A FULL EXPLANATION.

IN LIGHT OF THE CABINDA INCIDENT, WE HAVE APPROACHED THE FRONT LINE STATES, AND OUR ALLIES, AS WELL AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY, IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR STRONG VIEWS KNOWN. I WILL ALSO BE MEETING SHORTLY WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER MATTERS. THIS MOST RECENT EVENT UNDERSCORES ONCE AGAIN THAT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN OUR SEARCH FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THERE REMAINS OUTSTANDING OUR OFFER TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE TO THAT OFFER, AND I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD PIN DOWN A DATE SOON WHEN DELEGATIONS FROM OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN SIT DOWN TOGETHER. AS WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, STATESMANSHIP AND FLEXIBILITY WILL BE REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES TO REACH A SETTLEMENT, AND SUCH A MEETING WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY NEEDED TO EXPLORE IN GREATER DEPTH THE IDEAS WHICH WE GAVE YOU, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN MINDELO LAST MARCH 18. THOSE IDEAS MUST BE DEVELOPED FURTHER IF THERE IS TO BE A BASIS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

SINCERELY, CHESTER A. CROCKER
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