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R 121545Z AUG 74
FM AMCONSUL LUANDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2892
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMCONSUL CAPETOWN
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER
CINCLANT FLT NORFOLK VA
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT AO
SUBJECT: WEEKEND SITREP (AUG 9-12)

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

ADDIS FOR RSS; CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD'S; NAIROBI FOR
RCO; PRETORIA FOR RSO

REF: LUANDA 0706

1. SUMMARY: ON BALANCE ENTIRE WEEKEND WAS SIGNIFICANTLY
QUIETER THAN PRECEDING DAYS. HOWEVER, ACTUAL VIOLENT DEATH
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RATE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING STEADY AT APPROX 10-15/DAY.

WE PERSONALLY SAW NO EVIDENCE ANY CHANGE IN ARMY TACTICS DUE
CREATION "LUANDA OPERATIONAL COMMAND." END SUMMARY.

2. NIGHT AUG 9-10 (FRI-SAT). WE MADE CIRCUIT COVERING EDGES
TROUBLED AREAS, SAW LITTLE ACTION. ROADBLOCK VIGILANCE
UP SOME AREAS, DOWN IN OTHERS. LATER SAME NIGHT HEAVY
3-4 MINUTES FIRING BY ARMY IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR TWO OF
CONGEN RESIDENCES. LITTLE FIRING REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN
WHITE AREAS.

3. NIGHT AUG 10-11 (SAT-SUN). LONG, HARD PERIOD ARMY GUNFIRE
ON EDGE WHITE-INHABITED ALVALADE AREA (LOWER
AREA PRENDA MUCEQUE) WHERE BLACK SNIPING AT CARS MOST OFTEN
REPORTED. APPROX 0515 AUG 11 LOOKOUTS ABOARD USS MULLINIX/USS
PAUL REPORTED LARGE EXPLOSION, FIREBALL NEAR PETROANGOL
REFINERY. ALL CITY POWER WENT OUT SAME MOMENT,
RESTORED FOUR HOURS LATER. (WE UNABLE LOCATE EXPLOSION
SITE.) CONSIDERABLY MORE DAYTIME FIRING SUNDAY THAN
"NORMAL", SOME IN WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS.

4. COMMENT: TWO BASIC TYPES OF OBSERVERS HERE,
"CHARTISTS" AND "FUNDAMENTALISTS", FORMER COUNT SHOTS,
DEAD, EXPLOSIONS, WHILE LATTER LOOK AT POLITICAL, RACIAL
BATTLELINES AND PAST LEADERSHIP HATREDS AND FEUDS.
CHARTISTS MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY LOWER DECIBEL LEVEL OVER
WEEKEND, FUNDAMENTALISTS MUTTER "JUST LULL...."
AFTER LISBON JUNTA STATEMENT AUG 9 MORE OPTIMISTIC
FUNDAMENTALISTS NOW PLACE INEVITABLE RACIAL-POLITICAL
BLOODBATH TWO YEARS AWAY.

5. SINCE TRANSMISSION REFTTEL ONE ADDITIONAL US FIRM - HALLEBURTON -
HAS DECIDED REMOVE US DEPENDENTS. OTHER COMPANY (SEDCO)
PULLING OUT HAS NOW DECIDED INCLUDE WORKFORCE ALSO. IN
FUTURE SEDCO WILL OPERATE OUT OF REP. OF SO. AFRICA.
DURING PERIODS JUST BEFORE THEIR TAKING DECISIONS COMPANIES
OPTING FOR DEPENDENT PULLOUT CEASED CONSULTING WITH
US, APPARENTLY FEELING CONGEN IGNORING GRAVITY OF
SITUATION. WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FIRMS
STANDING FAST.

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