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## DOLE, DeCONCINI PRESS SHULTZ FOR ANGOLA INFORMATION

WASHINGTON -- Was the issue of Soviet and Cuban involvement in Angola ever raised during Secretary of State Shultz' recent meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze? Apparently not, according to Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS). And Dole wants to know why.

He asked Shultz that question in a letter to the Secretary of State that was made public today. Senator DeConcini joined Dole as a co-signer of the letter.

"I am troubled about reports that the State Department has resumed negotiations with the Marxist MPLA regime in Angola -- the regime now waging war against the democratic resistance forces of Jonas Savimbi's UNITA organization," Dole said.

"In principle, I don't object to contacts with the MPLA -- as long as they're aimed at, one, getting the Cuban troops out of Angola and, two, getting direct talks going between the MPLA and UNITA," said Dole. "But I don't want talks aimed at the kind of 'sham' settlement that's been talked about in the past -- thousands of Cubans stay on for years, and Savimbi and his forces are left out in the cold.

"And if we end up negotiating something, I don't want any loopholes in it -- particularly a loophole for the Soviets to replace any departing Cubans with troops from some other client state, like Ethiopia," Dole continued. "Any agreement we do reach has to be categorical and airtight -- all foreign troops out, permanently."

The two Senators had earlier written to Shultz, urging him to raise the Angola issue in Moscow, during Shultz's recent visit there. "So far," said Dole, "we don't have any information on whether or not Shultz did raise Angola with Gorbachev or Shevardnadze."

The text of the Dole/DeConcini letter is on back.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you will recall, we wrote to you on April 10, urging you during your just-completed trip to Moscow to raise the issue of Soviet and Cuban involvement in Angola. Both here in your briefing of the Senate and in public comments, you have indicated that there was discussion with the Soviets of regional issues. But we have heard or seen no specific reference to any discussion on Angola.

Meanwhile, we have seen reports indicating that the State Department has renewed negotiations with the Marxist MPLA regime in Angola, with the intent of pursuing a package Angola-Namibia settlement.

In light of the above, we would appreciate your advising us:

(1) Whether and to what extent you did raise the Angola issue in Moscow?

(2) Whether we have indeed resumed negotiations with the MPLA, and how any such negotiations are proceeding?

(3) Whether there is any information indicating that the Soviet Union may be considering replacing the Cubans in Angola with troops from another nation or nations, which plan would totally undermine the efficacy of any diplomatic arrangement for the withdrawal of the Cubans? and

(4) What additional steps the Department is taking or planning, which might represent any change from current policies or practices toward Angola?

It remains our desire to see Executive-Congressional cooperation to forge an effective, consistent policy in Angola, aimed at the permanent and total withdrawal of Soviet, Cuban and any other Communist-bloc military forces which might be stationed there.

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