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DISCUSSION BETWEEN MR R F BOTHA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND
DR BELLI-BELLO : CAPE TOWN, 15 MAY 1986

During the discussion, Minister Botha made the following points :

- South Africa sees the Government of President Dos Santos as being overshadowed by Moscow. This is not a similar position as that of South Africa vis-a-vis the USA. The USA constantly pressurizes South Africa to change and is even taking punitive measures against South Africa while the Soviet Union does not want Angola to change since a change in Luanda will not be in the interests of the Soviet Union.
- The grip which the Soviet Union has on Angola is a matter of degree. If South Africa had the feeling that by talking to Angola it was in fact talking to Moscow, then we could not build up trust.
- Confidence and mutual trust should be established between South Africa and Angola. South Africans are Africans and wish to work for the benefit of their own people and the people of Africa. Our children want to inherit a better life but millions in Africa lack food, shelter, education, health care - because we did not now use opportunities to reach understandings between ourselves and create conditions of peace and progress.
- South Africa is extremely concerned that the Cubans must leave Angola.

- A further great concern is the presence of some 1 200 ANC terrorists in Angola, who receive specialist training in the use of various types of mines for use in South Africa. There are 5 ANC training camps in Angola.
- Angola will probably not let the Cubans go while it still has to fight Dr Savimbi and UNITA. South Africa did not create UNITA and a way should be found for the MPLA and UNITA to get together.
- Please tell President Dos Santos that if Whites, Blacks, Asians and Coloureds in South Africa can share power, it must be possible for this also to happen in Angola.
- Dr Savimbi has indicated that he will be prepared to serve under President Dos Santos.
- There is no way to achieve peace without paying a price. It will be a process in which there will have to be give and take on both sides but the final result, peace, will be worth the price for all of us.
- President Dos Santos is an African and if he is not tightly controlled by Moscow, something can be worked out between South Africa and Angola. President Dos Santos must be assured that South Africa is not against the Angolan people.
- It will be irresponsible for South Africa and Angola not to seize opportunities for peace.
- President Dos Santos should tell Sam Nujoma that they must go back to Namibia and participate in the Transitional Government of National Unity. SWAPO has not been kicked out of Namibia - they can go back to their country in peace.

- Minister Botha appeals to President Dos Santos to get rid of the ANC in Angola.
- South Africa is ready at any time to discuss Ruacana and other development projects - agriculture, mining, fishing, health programmes and others of common interests - with Angola.
- Regarding Captain du Toit, South Africa gives its word of honour that it has no Cuban or Angolan prisoners. Maybe UNITA has some. South Africa would like a list of names from President Dos Santos to see what can be done. Angola should let South Africa know on what basis the release of Captain du Toit can be discussed.

In summary the Minister said that a continuation of the war would destroy the hopes of our peoples for a peaceful future. It could escalate and become worse. The time has come for Angola and South Africa to talk directly. The past should be put behind us and our common interests allowed to bring about a better future for all of us. Minister Botha said he would be prepared to meet with President Dos Santos at any time. Such a meeting would be kept absolutely secret.

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