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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting between Hon. James Osogo, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kenya, and Secretary Rumsfeld, at the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1215 Hours, 16 June 1976

Those present were:

Kenya

Acting Min. Osogo
Mr. Kiereini, Permanent **Secy**,
Ministry of Defense
Mr. Babu Wool, Asst. Min.
of Foreign Affairs
Amb. Leonard O. Kibinge,
Permanent **Secy**, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs
Three other officials of the
Min. of Foreign Affairs

US

Secretary Rumsfeld
Amb. Marshall, US Amb., Kenya
Mr. **McAuliffe**, ASD/ISA
Mr. Greener, ASD/PA
Colonel Brooks, Mil. Asst. to **Sec**

Kenya 333

Introductory Remarks

-- Min. Osogo: Welcomed Sec. Rumsfeld and his party. Acknowledged the first visit by an incumbent U.S. Secretary of Defense.

-- Sec. Rumsfeld: President Ford **suggested** his visit. The U.S. Government believes in freedom, independence, and self-determination. Pointed out Soviet expansionism in East Africa. He understands the importance of Kenyan deterrence.

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Kenya's International Relations

-- Min. Osogo: Kenya has major problems with Uganda. Kenya just wants to be left alone, Relations with Ethiopia changed somewhat as a result of their change of government.

-- Sec. Rumsfeld: How do you view the **Angolan** situation?

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-- Min. Osogo: President Kenyatta tried to mediate among the factions, without success. External powers prevented a settlement. Kenya does not want the Cubans to remain. The current situation could have been prevented had President Kenyatta's advice been heeded.

-- Sec. Rumsfeld: How are your relations with Ethiopia?

-- Min. Osogo: Relations are good, but not as good as with the previous administration. Because Ethiopia now has a military government and Kenya has a civilian government, there are problems in negotiating. Also, the situation in Djibouti has great implications.

Miscellaneous Items

-- Amb. Marshall: Informed Min. Osogo that Sec. Rumsfeld had thanked Minister Gichuru for the ship visits. Also stated that the U.S. desires to use Kenyan territory for P-3 patrol aircraft operations. Mr. Kiereini reiterated that this will be "no problem at all."

-- Min. Osogo: Stressed their gratitude for the statements of Secretary Kissinger on Rhodesia and South Africa. Requested that Sec. Rumsfeld support Sec. Kissinger with the U.S. Congress.

-- Sec. Rumsfeld: Clarified that Sec. Kissinger's pronouncements are U.S. policy, the policy of President Ford, and reflect the feelings of most U.S. citizens.



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