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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 0. Kibinge, Permanent Secy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Three other officials of the Min. of Foreign Affairs

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~1 Secretary Rumsfeld Amb. Marshall, US Amb., Kenya Mr. McAuliffe, ASD/ISA Mr. Greener, ASD/PA Colonel Brooks, Mil. Asst. to Sec

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Introductory Remarks

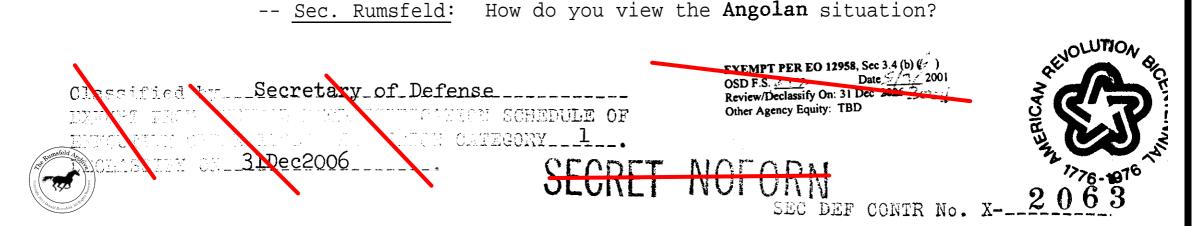
-- Min. Osogo: Welcomed Sec. Rumsfeld and his party. Acknowledged the first visit by an incumbent U.S. Secretary of Defense.

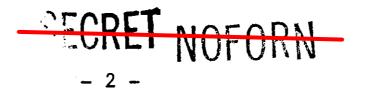
-- Sec. Rumsfeld: President Ford suggested his visit. The U.S. Government believes in freedom, independence, and self-determination. Pointed out Soviet expansionism in East Africa. He understands the importance of Kenyan deterrence.

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.

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





-- <u>Min. Osogo</u>: 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

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-- <u>Amb. Marshall</u>: 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."

-- <u>Min. Osogo</u>: 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.

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

Colonel, USAF Military Assistant

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