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The Patrice Lumumba Coalition has learned from reliable and confidential sources that in mid-November, 1975, the racist regime in South Africa held secret meetings at which time the decision was made to deploy conventional forces of the South African army into Angola against MPLA, the only legitimate government of that country.

Our sources disclosed that the United States government participated in these secret meetings with South Africa and placed a part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet on contingency orders for operation off the coast of Angola. The carrier INDEPENDENCE, the missile cruisers BOSTON AND LONG BEACH and 15 FLETCHER-CLASS DESTROYERS have been put on Class B orders for action in Angola. Their objectives, should Class A orders be issued, would be to mount carrier based air strikes over Angola against MPLA and in support of FNLA, UNITA, South African and Zaireian regular forces.

Since receiving the Class B order status, these units of the U.S. Fleet have moved to a state of preparedness for action. The units are now grouping somewhere near the Azores and are within 2-3 days sailing time from attack-positions off the Angolan coast.

The carrier INDEPENDENCE has been supplied with anti-personnel equipment such as SIDEWINDER MISSILES, NAPALM AND ANTI-PERSONNEL FRAGMATION BOMBS(pods) and 90 F-4 PHANTOM JETS(aircraft) with a 1200 mile range. These planes are capable of delivering sidewinder missiles plus napalm & fragmentation bombs.

The decision to execute these actions was arrived at by Secretary of State Kissinger's Committee of 40.

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