To: The Coalition to End U.S. Intervention in Angola

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There is obviously a new situation in Angola. The Congress has made clear that it is not sympathetic to any Administration initiative for further aid from the U.S. to movements in Angola. Even more important is the fact that the situation has changed drastically inside Angola. The MPLA has been firmly established as the government. It has now been accepted as the 47th member state of the Organization of African Unity. Very few African countries have not now recognized the government of the MPLA in Luanda.

In view of these developments, the urgency of joint action through a Coalition is not now an immediate necessity. There are nevertheless several things to keep in mind:

1. Apparently efforts for recruiting mercenaries for Angola are still being made. We should press for governmental action to stop this. Recruiting mercenaries is clearly illegal under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.

2. George Bush has hinted that covert aid through the CIA is still going on. We must be vigilant to see that such aid is ended.

3. South African troops are apparently still occupying significant territory in southern Angola, bordering Namibia. Fighting may again flare up between the Angolan forces and those of South Africa. This can lead to further international involvements especially because of extensive U.S. investments in South Africa.

The Angolan crisis has not ended. It has reached a new stage. We must keep ourselves ready for joint action as circumstances demand it. If it is obvious that another meeting should be held, we will do our part in calling it.

Enclosed is an announcement of an Angolan packet which you might wish to have. (Price $1.50). One of the pieces in it is a chronology of events in Angola from 1961 to the present. This may be helpful in analyzing events of the last few months.

Please call on us for any information we may help with at ACOA.