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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: April 7, 1978, SCC Meeting on the
Horn of Africa, Angola and Rhodesia

Attached is a copy of the Summary of Conclusions of the April 7, 1978, SCC meeting on the Horn of Africa, Angola and Rhodesia. Note the President's comments and that he has approved the four recommendations of the SCC on Eritrea and the recommendation on Congressional consultations on Angola (which are not to be initiated until after the conclusion of Secretary Vance's trip to Africa).

This Summary of Conclusions is to be closely held and distributed only on a need-to-know basis. ~~_____~~ Please note.

The President would like a report on the Eritrean initiatives by the end of this week.

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SPECIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 1978

Time and Place: 2:30-3:20 p.m., White House Situation Room

Subject: The Horn of Africa, Angola and Rhodesia

Participants:

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(Dep. Ass't. Sec./African Affairs)

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General David C. Jones

(Acting Chairman, JCS)

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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Somalia:

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The group agreed that we should seek a written clarification from Siad, on behalf of the Somali Government, of his commitment to respect borders and in return offer a \$10 million non-lethal package and a \$5 million lethal package of defensive military material. Communications equipment may form an important component of the non-lethal package. We will also tell Siad that we will not hinder transfer of defensive equipment by other friendly countries disposed to help. Care will be taken to supply the Kenyans first with any items the Somalis might be receiving. In view of DOD cautions about sending a general-purpose military survey team which might generate extensive Somali expectations and requests, it was

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decided that a survey group should confine itself to areas in which we would be likely to supply material, such as the communications field.

Kenya:

DOD was requested to report at an early date on the results of the military aid survey mission to Kenya.

Eritrea:

The Chairman read the President's directive to the group: "Support a negotiated solution more strongly. Repeated public statements deploring violence and foreign military involvement. Let any foreign assistance to insurgents continue without our involvement." In implementation of these instructions the group agreed on the following actions:

- Ambassadorial demarches in capitals of countries significant in the non-aligned movement pointing out the fact that all-out Cuban support for a military solution in Eritrea is contrary to non-aligned principles.
- Consultation with the Yugoslavs, Algerians, Indians, Indonesians and Libyans on Eritrea with an aim to bringing pressure on the Cubans to desist from involvement (as inconsistent with their status in the non-aligned movement) and perhaps to develop a mediation effort to promote a negotiated solution.
- Periodic statements by U.S. government spokesmen expressing concern for continued bloodshed in Eritrea and hope that Africans might exert themselves to bring about a negotiated solution.
- Consultation with the Egyptians, Saudis and Sudanese on their support for the Eritrean insurgents and their perceptions of how negotiations can be encouraged.

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Angola:

The group agreed that the possibility of support for Savimbi, with the aim of complicating the Cuban position in Angola, would be desirable to explore. In light of the importance of Congressional attitudes it was decided that key Congressmen

should be discreetly consulted on their attitude, e.g., on provision of communications equipment or other non-lethal help. State, CIA and the White House will take soundings in the next few days with Javits, Church, Zablocki, Hamilton, Cannon, Clark, G. Hart, Boland, Bayh and possibly others.
- Not to be initiated until after the conclusion of the Vance Rhodesia: trip to Africa.



Ethiopia:

What appears to be a downturn in our relations with the Ethiopian government was discussed briefly. The group agreed with the Secretary of State's view that for the immediate future we should avoid aggravating actions deriving from human rights complaints and compensation for nationalized property so as to keep open the possibility of an aid program and acceptance of an ambassador. The Chairman suggested



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