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Dear Friend:

We hope you will want to join in signing this message to the President and Secretary of State urging immediate recognition of the newly independent Peoples Republic of Angola as countries throughout the world have done. For the U.S. to delay is damaging our relations with Angola and with the rest of Africa. We will send the statement with the signatures to the President and Secretary of State and will also release it to the press.

The Angola government led by the MPLA has in a very short time brought order and direction to Angola following the bitter conflict. The U.S. should play its part in supporting this newly independent state as it establishes itself and brings all Africa closer toward the end of colonial domination.

Will you please return the slip below with your signature and/or the name of your organization in the envelope provided.

Sincerely,

William Booth
President

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DETACH AND RETURN

I would like to have my signature appear on the statement to President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger.

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STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA
To President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger

We call upon the U.S. government to take immediate steps to recognize the Peoples Republic of Angola. Angola has been officially independent from Portugal since November 11, 1975. The period of internal strife is over with a stable government, under the leadership of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, firmly administering the affairs of state. The Organization of African Unity, the effective regional organization of independent African states, has accepted the Angola government as its 47th member. Countries in all parts of the world have taken this formal step including countries of Western Europe. The MPLA has stated its desire to establish formal relations with the United States.

We urge our government to act without delay in establishing formal ties with Angola so that a foundation may be laid for future relations for the mutual benefit of the peoples of both countries and the world.