

MPLA Solidarity Committee

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Dear Friends:

When the MPLA Solidarity Committee was formed, we set our first task at trying to inform as many people as we could reach about the situation in Angola through the publication of our Angola Weekly News Summary. At that time, Angola was not the subject of daily headlines, but a little heard of war that few people seemed to bother about. Since then the News Summary has moved from a source of information found virtually no where else in the press, to a summary that does this, plus reinterprets what is being said in the regular press. The distortions; and often blatant lies are unfortunately apparent to all of us.

We are now about to make another step and provide first-hand reports that are being sent directly from Luanda by a European journalist based there at present.

At the beginning, in our eagerness to get the material out, we did not sit down and figure out a comprehensive budget. Rather we asked people to send in donations to help cover the cost - without a real understanding of what that cost is. These small donations plus some notably larger ones kept us going. Those who asked to be placed on the mailing list and did not send a contribution were added any way. We have been relying heavily on the few larger donations to keep the News Summary coming out each week. But as the work of the Solidarity Committee has expanded, so - with unerring regularity - have our costs.

We are nearing the end of our funding! Hence this letter. Help!!!

It costs just over \$2.00 per month to send the News Summary to you. That is, approximately \$25.00 per year. In future, we are going to ask people to send us \$12.00 for a six months subscription.

We need your support. Those of you who can, please send us an additional donation. Whatever the amount, it will be greatly appreciated.

We don't want to remove anyone from the mailing list who is using the Summary, but who cannot send a donation. Just let us know how you are using it.

The News Summary can only continue to provide the service it does, if those that read it continue to support it financially. It is important for a better understanding of the Angolan situation, and hence the people of the United States, and it is important for the MPLA and the struggle of the Angolan people.

Victoria e Certe!

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I enclose a contribution of \$..... towards the cost of the Summary

I enclose a donation of \$..... in support of the MPLA Solidarity Committee which includes forums, a petition campaign, fundraising for MPLA, the News Summary, writing of articles, demonstrations, speaking, radio interviews.

Please remove my name from the mailing list, as I cannot use it. However, I support your work and enclose a donation of \$.....

Please do not remove my name. I cannot send a contribution at this time, but find it very useful. I use it in the following way.

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