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TO: Bud Day, Peace Center  
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RE: Angola

During the past few weeks we have been witnessing growing U. S. involvement in Angola and the extent to which we have become involved is difficult to determine given the sketchy---and even inaccurate--- information by our State Department.

What we are seeing are shades of the past. The conflict in Angola is a tribal dispute---a civil war. The Soviets and Gulf Oil are supplying the MPLA, and the the United States is supporting the FNLA and UNITA. I might add that the FNLA does not enjoy broad-based support within its own borders---and it is questionable as to whether or not the United States should support these two factions. Yet the Administration seems determined to provide U.S. assistance.

Given the nature of the dispute, I think it extremely unwise for the United States to commit itself to factions which, if initially victorious, may not be capable to achieving unity in Angola, or which may survive only for a brief period of time.

This is not a case of America and Democracy vs. the Soviet Union and Communism. Very basically, it is a family quarrel. It is simply not our place to intrude---again--- in the domestic affairs of yet another country. If we are indeed committed to the spirit of detente, it is our responsibility to reflect that committment in conduct as well as in theory.