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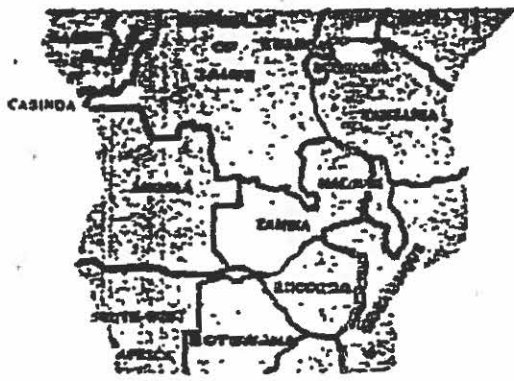
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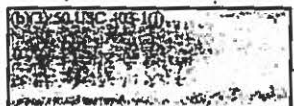
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SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE.

(S) (C) (U) (R) (SC) (A) (SI) (T) (O) High-resolution photo-reconnaissance satellite coverage of Angola is recurring at an unusually high rate.

(S) (C) (U) (R) (SC) (A) (SI) (T) (O) COSMOS 779 has covered four sites in the territory since 10 November. Camera events on the 12th and 13th included coverage of reserve airfields at Cacolo and Rocados, respectively. Two other pictures taken on the 10th and 12th contained no known significant installations. The activity on the 10th was directed at an area in southeastern Angola that has been photographed at least four times since 20 April. The reason for the high Soviet interest in this particular site is not known.

(S) (C) (U) (R) (SC) (A) (SI) (T) (O) Since 7 September, the Soviets have conducted at least 10 camera events in Angola, further emphasizing the stepped-up rate of coverage there. Only four other missions were detected for the area earlier this year, three in April and one in May.

(S) (C) (U) (R) (SC) (A) (SI) (T) (O) Coverage in September included Sa da Bandeira, a former Portuguese light-bomber and fighter-capable airfield and barracks area that is controlled now by nationalist forces opposing the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). The MPLA base at Henrique de Carvalho, which has a heavy bomber-capable airfield, was also covered. Camaxilo, a reserve field near the Zaire border in an MPLA-controlled area, was photographed on the 7th.

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(to ~~(b)(3) USC 405-10~~ refer) Photographs obtained by these satellites indicate that the feasibility of these sites for support of logistic or air operations is being assessed. They also show that the Soviets are closely monitoring the use of airfields in non-MPLA-controlled areas.

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