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AIDE MEMOIRE

Referring to the conversation between Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Agualdo Lisboa Ramos, and the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United States on March 8, 1986, concerning the United States Government conditions for the opening of an Angolan Office in the Cape Verdean Embassy in Washington, the Secretary of State will recall that the Charge relayed the following information:

The Government of the United States would look favorably on an Angolan request to open an office in the United States provided that:

-- As discussed by Deputy Assistant Secretary Wisner and Cape Verdean Ambassador Fernandes Lopes the office that is eventually opened is a "less formal" commercial type office, as opposed to an Interest Section under the diplomatic cover of a third country.

-- The Government of Angola made a direct request, in writing, to the American Government stating that it wished to open an office in order to facilitate and accelerate communications, and to speed the southern African negotiations to a successful conclusion.

-- The person selected to head the office would have to be a person of stature who could clearly speak for the Government of Angola.

-- The posting of an Angolan official to the Cape Verdean Embassy, as an alternative to the commercial-type office above, would be acceptable provided that he is assigned to the Embassy as part of the Embassy's staff and not as the head of an Angolan Interest Section.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Praia, March 11, 1986.

