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Kissinger, in Mexico, Wary on Cubans

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MEXICO CITY, June 11— Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger today appeared to stiffen Washington's conditions for an improvement of relations with Havana by demanding that all Cuban troops must first be withdrawn from Angola.

During a news conference here, Mr. Kissinger said it was too early to judge whether the total number of Cuban troops in Angola—estimated two months ago at 15,000—was in fact being reduced.

"We are not able to achieve conclusive confirmation, especially confirmation whether there is a net return or just a rotation of troops," Mr. Kissin-

ger said. "At this moment, the withdrawal is too small to draw any conclusions."

The Secretary of State is paying a four-day visit to Mexico on his return from attending the sixth General Assembly of the Organization of American States, which was boycotted by Mexico in protest at the choice of Chile as the site for the meeting.

During the news conference, held shortly before the Secretary of State began a 90-minute meeting with President Luis Echeverría Alvarez, Mr. Kissinger was also questioned about reports of expanded Cuban influence in the Caribbean, particularly in Jamaica and Guyana.

"I'd like to make the distinction between Cuba's mili-

tary and Cuba's diplomatic activities," he said. "Our concern is military infiltration and movement of Cuban troops. And we have seen no evidence of Cuban organized military units within the Western Hemisphere."

During his brief visit here—Saturday and Sunday will be given over to tourism and relaxation on Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula—the Secretary is holding talks with Mexican officials on the traffic of Mexican narcotics into the United States and the alleged ill-treatment of some 580 Americans held prisoner in Mexico, primarily on drug charges.

Mr. Kissinger told reporters that the prisoner problem came up in his talks last night with Foreign Minister Alfonso García Robles, who made "a number of rather ingenious and interesting proposals."

"It is important to say that there are more Mexicans in American jails than Americans in Mexican jails and that we discussed how to alleviate the situation of individuals held prisoner in a foreign country," he added.

After lunching with Mr. Echeverría at his private residence in the suburb of San Jerónimo, Mr. Kissinger met privately with the Presidential candidate of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, José López Portillo, who will take office in December.

600 Cubans Back Home

HAVANA, June 11 (Reuters)— About 600 Cuban soldiers who fought in Angola's civil war returned to Havana earlier this week; informd sources said.

This was the first important detachment known to have returned from Angola following an announcement that a gradual Cuban pullout was under way.

Passers-by in the streets of Havana chreed as at least 20 buses with troops drove through the capital earlier this week; the sources said. The buses can up to 30 people. The troops' return has not so far ben reported by Cuban newspapers.