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Angola Torpedoes

U.S.-Cuba Detente

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Cuba's intervention in the Angolan civil war has torpedoed any U.S. desire to seek detente with the government of Premier Fidel Castro, according to a senior official aboard Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's return flight from a weeklong mission to Europe and Russia.

The official said Cuba has become "a spearhead of revolutionaries" in a number of African countries.

Besides sending a force of nearly 11,000 to Angola, Cuba also has dispatched advisers

to Algeria and to Guinea-Bissau and tank crews to Syria, the official said.

He said these actions have undermined Kissinger's suggestions for a rapprochement with Havana as outlined in a major policy speech in Houston last March 1.

Kissinger returned from three days of talks with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev in Moscow without finding a resolution to the U.S.-Soviet confrontation over Soviet and Cuban intervention in Angola.