What Ford Would Do on Angola

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President Ford said yesterday that if the Soviets or Cuba tried to make a colony of Angola, he will ask Congress to "meet the challenge without the utilization of American military personnel."

Mr. Ford made the statement in a taped interview at the White House with representatives of 17 radio stations in New Hampshire, where he will face Ronald Reagan in the first election year primary February 24.

Mr. Ford said that the Soviet Union and Cuba "are now the dominant force in Angola." He continued:

"We don't think the Soviet Union or Cuba under any circumstances should move in and make such a country a colony of either Russia or Cuba, and if they try then I will certainly ask the Congress for help and assistance so that we can meet the challenge without the utilization of American military personnel."

Mr. Ford did not elaborate.

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