

REPORTS ON AZORES DRAW U.S. PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) —The State Department said today that it had made strong representations to the Azores for allowing Cuban planes bound for Angola to refuel there.

The department spokesman, Robert L. Funseth, made the disclosure at a news conference after published reports that a ban on such refueling stops was being ignored.

Portugal, which governs the Azores, is officially neutral toward the warring factions in Angola, its former colony.

Mr. Funseth said that Cuban troop strength in Angola had reached 8,000.

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