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F.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OAU, AO
SUBJECT: PROBABLE OAU CM SUMMIT SCENARIO

1. THE ATTITUDE WHICH ONU HAS DISPLAYED IN HIS TALK WITH EMBASSY IS PERFECT DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT HAS NEARLY ALWAYS IN THE PAST LED THE AFRICAN MODERATES TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE STEAMROLLED BY A MILITANT MINORITY.
2. ONE OF THE THINGS I AM PUSHING STRONGLY ON THIS TRIP IS EXACTLY THAT POINT. IN THE PAST THE MINORITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO TURN ITSELF INTO A MAJORITY BY BULLYING, INTIMIDATING, CALLING NAMES AND SIMPLY BY HANGING IN THERE UNTIL THE END. ON THIS ISSUE, PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THE OAU HAS FACED SINCE THE CONGO CRISIS OF 1964-65, IT IS THE MODERATES WHICH MUST STAND FAST.
3. ACCORDING TO GOIC FONMIN USHER THERE IS A PROVISION FOR THE ADOPTION OF AOU RESOLUTIONS BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, BUT IN A QUESTION OF THIS IMPORTANCE THERE WILL BE A GREAT PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE UNANIMITY OR A CONSENSUS. THE MILITANT MINORITY HAS GENERALLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL BY INVOKING THE THREAT TO AFRICAN UNITY. THIS IS A THREAT THAT CUTS BOTH WAYS AND CAN BE USED BY THOSE WHICH HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED THE MPLA, WHETHER THEY

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