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From Washington...

From London.....

From South Africacomes tonight's news. Good

Evening everyone...this is Doug Poling substituting for

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*The United States today let it be know it is
discussing possible plans for military action against Cuba...
if the Castro government continues to send troops into other
countries as it did to Angola. Both the Pentagon and the
White House confirmed this. President Ford's Press
Secretary, Ron Nessen, was asked about warnings to Cuba
by Secretary of State Kissinger. Nessen said, there are a
number of things under study. He refused to elaborate. At
the Pentagon, press spokesman William Greener said the
Joint Chiefs of Staff is taking part in a National Security
Council review of possible actions which might be taken with*

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regard to Cuba. U.S. intelligence sources estimate there are fifteen thousand Cubans in Africa. Many of them were sent to Angola to fight with the victorious Soviet backed faction. Radical black forces in Rhodesia have said they may ask Cuba to send troops to help overthrow the white minority government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.

LONDON

In London, Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko today dismissed as fairy tales reports that the Russians may be planning to intervene in Southern Africa. After three days of talks with British leaders, Gromyko said the Soviet Union is often referred to in connection with Rhodesia and Na-MI-bee-ah...but has nothing to do with either of those areas. As for Angola, Gromyko says a deal with the West is in the makings.

President Ford today formally asked Congress for One Hundred Thirty Five million dollars for production of enough vaccine to inoculate every American against the threat of a dangerous outbreak of swine flu next fall. Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield says the request should win easy passage in Congress. The President's action followed intensive study by health experts of a dozen cases of ~~what~~ what is believed to be swine influenza - the same flu strain that killed an estimated twenty million people around the world in Nineteen-Eighteen and Nineteen-Nineteen. In Geneva, the World Health Organization reacted to the President's moves with surprise. A month ago it said there was no evidence the disease is spreading. In Oklahoma, a state health official said Mr. Ford might be overreacting but added his moves would be appealing in an election year.

HALL

President Ford today withdrew his nomination of Albert Hall as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Hall also resigned as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. The moves came after it was revealed that the Martin Marietta Corporation, a major defense contractor and Hall's former employer, gave him what were described as termination payments for his past services as an executive with the firm.

MOSCOW

The American Embassy in Moscow was the target of a telephone bomb threat today. Embassy workers stood in sub-freezing temperatures for forty minutes while the building was searched. There was no bomb. The United States filed a protest with the Kremlin, saying it is the belief in Moscow that the bomb threat and other recent incidents are officially sanctioned. It's though the Soviets may be retaliating for recent anti-Soviet acts in the New York area.

PSYCHOLOGY

A study published in the magazine *Psychology Today* cites new evidence of what makes ~~black~~ children intelligent. According to the study by a University of Michigan psychology professor...the fewer children a family has, the better the likelihood that the children will have higher I.Q.'s. It was also concluded that the children will be better off if the intervals between births are stretched out. It was concluded that the intellectual development of young children is diluted by contact with young siblings... ~~that~~ while the first born child grows up with his parents as primary forces - giving him the maximum intellectual capacity.