

LETTER TO THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF THE O.A.U. (August 1969)

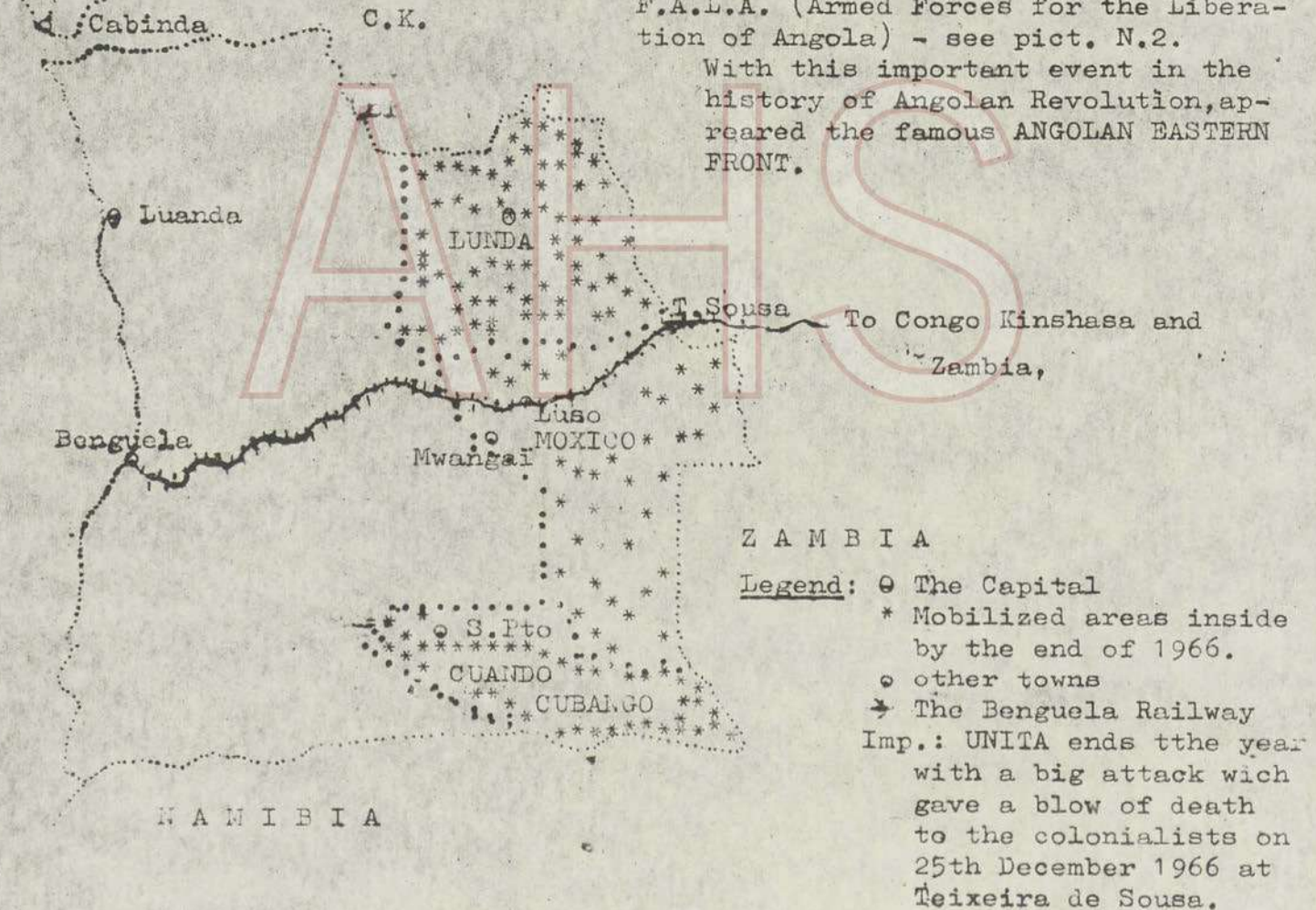
ACTIVITIES OF UNITA IN ANGOLA :

"Our every action is a battle cry against imperialism...Wherever death may surprise us, let it be welcome, provided that this, our battlecry, may have reached some receptive ear and other hand may be extended to wield our weapons." Ernesto Che GUEVARA

UNITA was founded at the Conference held inside Angola in March 1966 at Mwangai, a small town about 300 miles from the boundary with Zambia. (See pict. N.1). This happened after a hardworking mobilization of the masses in the Provinces of Moxico, Cuando-Cubango and Lunda in 1965. The President himself, Dr. Jonas Savimbi entered Angola and after a big attack at Teixeira de Sousa, held a Conference of Commandos with then guerrilla units, and with his commanders founded the military wing of UNITA named

F.A.L.A. (Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola) - see pict. N.2.

With this important event in the history of Angolan Revolution, appeared the famous ANGOLAN EASTERN FRONT.



1967 :During this year UNITA spread its activities up to Malanje and Bié provinces and did a big campaign of mobilization. The enemy himself claims and denounces the activities of UNITA freedom fighters all over the mencioned provinces.

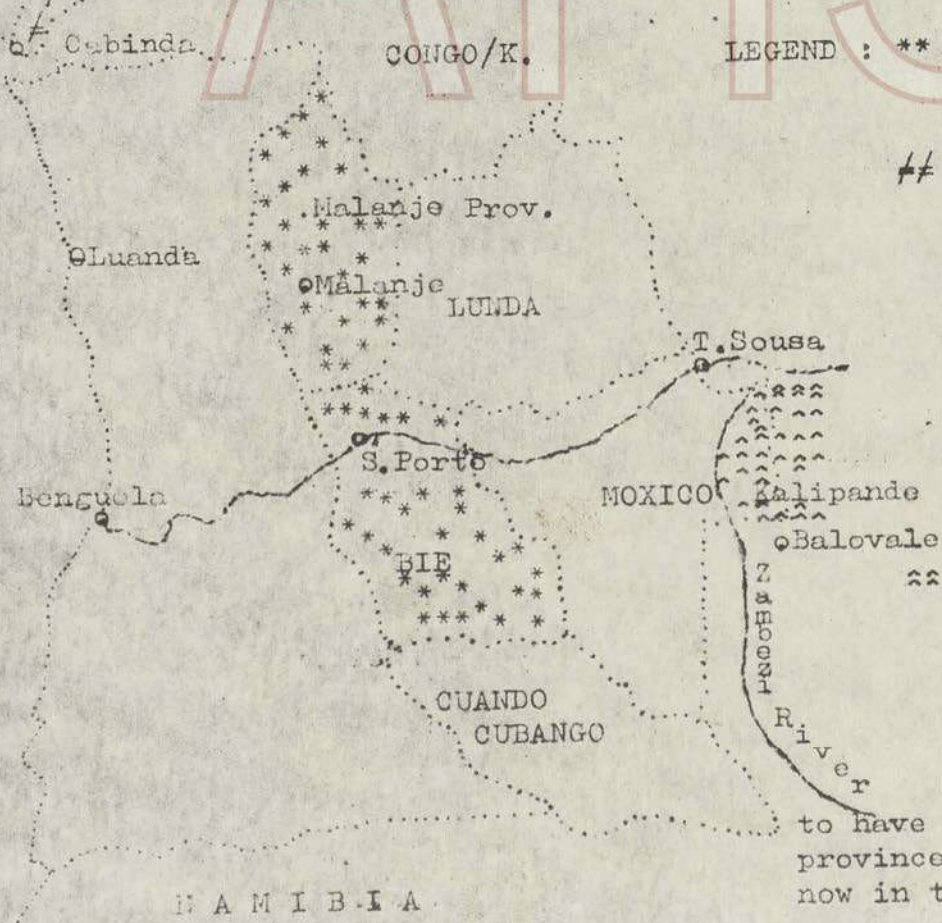
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After a series of actions and well established administration of the party among the masses inside the country now in the Mexico, Lunda, Cuando-Cubango, Bié and Malanje provinces our President left the country in a party's mission of explanation of the struggle inside Angola.

UNITA's commandos blew up the Benguela railway-link, not with the intention to harm the economy of both Congo/K and Zambia, but to hamp the movement of portuguese troops that go to slaughter the people in the villages as brutal reprisals. Let us quote a passage of the periodical "Semanario de Noticias" of Luanda which repeated, early this year, the same allegation : "... The special train is totally ready for us - four compartments super-packed with young people and well trained, who, by the next morning will launch an attack against the enemy (the guerrillas) who always avoid casual contact". (See the pictures N.3 and 4).

Dr. Savimbi is kept in Cairo because of UNITA bitter and strong activities against colonialists in Angola. It's important to note that during all this time UNITA was the only one Organization operating in the famous EASTERN FRONT of Angola since 1966. By the end of 1967, the activities of UNITA caused a terrible panic not only to colonialists but unfortunatly to some other angolan groups which intended to hold the hegemony of the Angolan Nationalism. AND TOO LATE we saw some of them coming to the Eastern Front only to confuse the genuine struggle. We say confuse, because, on the spot they started to kill the masses and provoking the fratricide war. The results of this unshameful fratricide war is well known by the people and the governments of the Eastern Front neighbouring countries. UNITA improves its struggle with continued captured guns from portuguese troops and is succeeding to equip its guerrilla units.



LEGEND : ** - UNITA spread its activities in more 2 provinces, Malanje, Bié

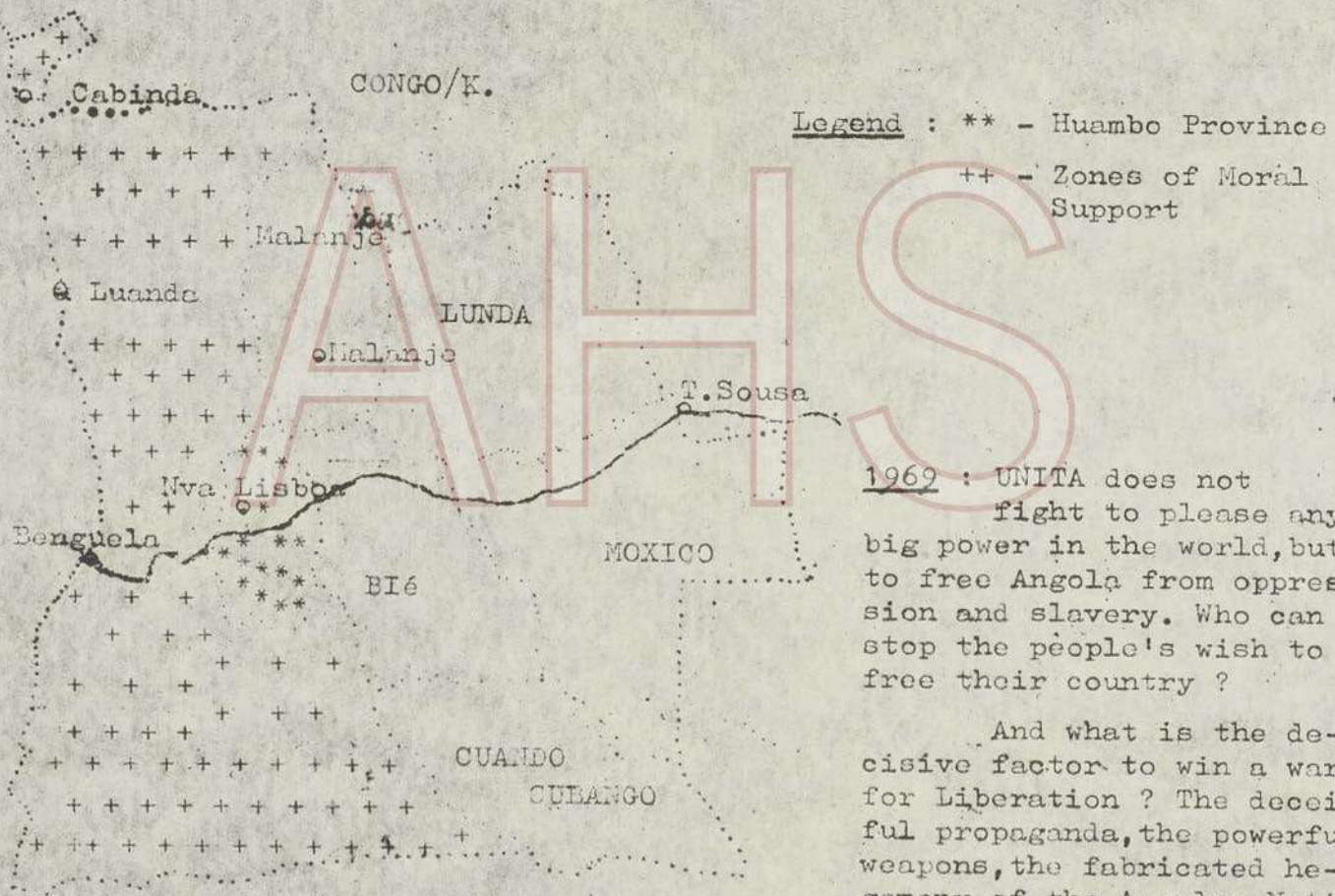
- By the end of this year the other groups quits Cabinda prov. claimed for a period of 6 years as an already liberated one from portuguese colonial rule.

~ - With the CABINDA type of war the other groups come to this spots from where they launched the most unshameful campaign of propaganda guerrilla warfare in our days, claim to have liberated 10 of the 15th provinces of Angola and fighting now in the remaining 5 provinces

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1968 : With the growing support of the masses inside Angola, UNITA rooted its forces and got the Huambo province. This year was the most revolutionary one in the history of UNITA's struggle for Total Independence of Angola. The headquarters and the Central Committee were entirely based inside Angola. The President himself and the Secretary General of UNITA respectively Dr. Jonas Savimbi and Miguell N'zau Puna entered Angola from Cairo after an unfair but difficult event of dedicated freedom fighters, to join their beloved comrades and the people itself in the same struggle for freedom, where they are, ever since based permanently. The UNITA moral support zones send their most representative people to participate physically in the battlefield and most of them are today in the Central Committee. They came from the following provinces : Cabinda, Zaire, Huambo, Huige Cuanza-Norte, Cuanza-Sul, Luanda and a young lady from Huila province. From August 31st to September the 5th 1968, UNITA held in the remote jungles of Angola its first Congress of the political and military cadres. (See pictures Ns. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.



1969 : UNITA does not fight to please any big power in the world, but to free Angola from oppression and slavery. Who can stop the people's wish to free their country ?

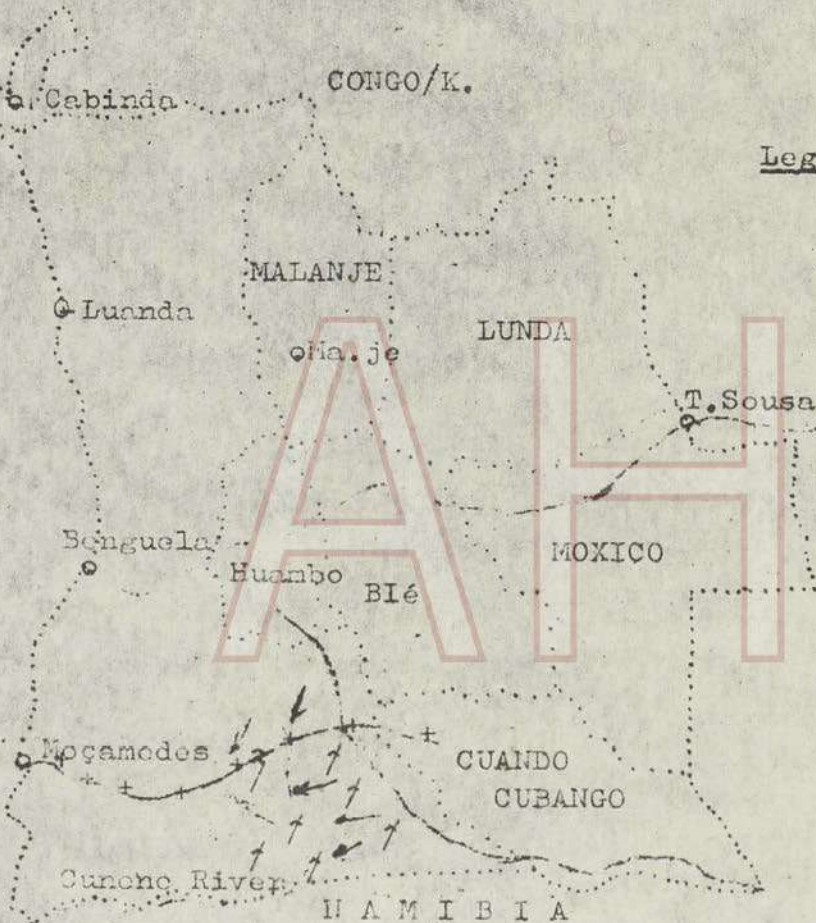
And what is the decisive factor to win a war for Liberation ? The deceitful propaganda, the powerful weapons, the fabricated hegemony of the Angolan Nationalism, the imposed leaders from the external world ? ONLY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE THE DECISIVE ONE.


Relying on our own forces without any kind of external aid, we are fighting alone all this long term war that don't mean that we are the strongest but because we are determined to die for dignity of our beloved motherland.


In March 1969 the commandos of UNITA after a successful operation coded "Baile" siezed number of NATO weapons from portuguese troops and puppet soldiers as you can see in all other pictures. Yet this year the portuguese themselves from their mouthpiece- the officers of the Army who went to military talks with their counterparts in South Afrika -

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- reported that there were guerrilla units getting and operating in the area some few miles from the Cunene River. As a result of UNITA's continued activities, the colonialists launched a big campaign of pamphlets in a desperate attempt to keep the people on their side, as you can see on this Swahili-written enemy propaganda. The above allegations of portuguese officers were also reported in the "Times of Zambia", the independent Zambian Newspaper. And this confirms the activities of our advanced commandos in the New Front of Huila Province. So UNITA, in the third year of arduous struggle, have spread its activities into 7 Provinces where we are controlling large areas, where we have more than two thirds of people's support and where 50% of the people don't pay their taxes to the Portuguese Government any more. Only the staying of all the leaders of the party and all the Central Committee inside Angola, now for more than a year, is an unquestionable proof of our capacity and determination to free our beloved Motherland. For all of this, see pictures Nrs 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.



Legend :  - The area which is under the activities of UNITA commandos in 1969. Totalizing seven provinces where UNITA is waging a revolutionary struggle for Independence and controlling large areas with some rudimentary primary schools and units of medical care.

 = The Moçamedes Railway.

That is what we have done alone without any sort of outside facilities or aid, but with the total support of the Angolans themselves in and outside the country.

We know that UNITA is playing an important role in

Southern Afrika. We are not reaccionaries or counter-revolutionaries as some people, that we know very well, use to say. Africans we are, we are calling for the hands and friendship of Independent African States to give us a moral and material support which all the people in Angola and our all marthys deserve.

"These facts demonstrate that there are men in the revolutionary lines who have all the necessary conditions for fighting and that their development is criminally frustrated only by incapable leaders, charlatans and manoeuverers."

Fidel Castro

MOTHERLAND OR DEATH! UNITED WE SHALL WIN !
GLORY TO MOTHER AFRIKA ! GLORY TO OUR MARTHYRS !

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