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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Information Items

Prospects for Success of Portugal's Democratic Experiment: number of factors augur well for the future of democratic government in Portugal; however, failure to halt the country's economic slide or inability to prevent sabotage of the economy by Communist-inspired trade union leaders could destabilize the Portuguese situation. The State Department believes Portugal's entry into the European Community would brighten long-term prospects for the economy and political stability. With substantial foreign aid, Prime Minister Soares could probably stay in office at least another year. But if he were unable to arrange sufficient foreign financing to cushion drastic cuts in consumption and real income, public protest against the government would probably break out and force President Eanes to establish, within the constitutional framework, a non-party government of military men and technocrats supported by the three moderate political parties.

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Cuba Plans Aid to Uganda:

1977 will mark the beginning of an Increased Cuban presence and involvement in Uganda. Havana's readiness to play a key role in assisting Uganda reportedly follows an "intense" Soviet-Cuban study of Uganda's economic Both countries' interest appears to be primarily targeted for the post-Amin period.

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