SIX MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA) THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12865 OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1993, PURSUANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1641(c)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2000.—Message and accompanying papers referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed
To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

William J. Clinton.

PRESIDENT'S PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA)

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report of March 27, 2000, concerning the national emergency with respect to UNITA that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

On September 26, 1993, I declared a national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola ("UNITA"), invoking the authority, inter alia, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287c). Consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution ("UNSCR") 864, dated September 15, 1993, the order prohibited the sale or supply by U.S. persons or from the United States, or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles, equipment and spare parts, and petroleum and petroleum products to the territory of Angola other than through designated points of entry. The order also prohibited such sale or supply to UNITA. U.S. persons are prohibited from activities which promote or are calculated to promote such sales or supplies, or from attempted violations, or from evasion or avoidance or transactions that have the purpose of evasion or avoidance, of the stated prohibitions. The order authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, as might be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.


On August 28, 1997, the United Nations Security Council adopted UNSCR 1127, expressing its grave concern at the serious difficulties in the peace process, demanding that the Government of Angola and in particular UNITA comply fully and completely with those obligations, and imposing additional sanctions against UNITA. Subsequently, on September 29, 1997, the Security Council adopted UNSCR 1130 postponing the effective date of measures specified by UNSCR 1127 until 12:01 a.m. EST, October 30, 1997.

On December 12, 1997, I issued Executive Order 1309 to implement in the United States the provisions of UNSCRs 1127 and 1130 (62 Fed. Reg. 65989, December 16, 1997), placing additional sanctions on UNITA. Effective 12:01 a.m. EST on December 15,
1997, Executive Order 13069 closed all UNITA offices in the United States and prohibited various aircraft-related transactions. Specifically, section 2(a) of Executive Order 13069 prohibits the sale, supply, or making available in any form by U.S. persons, or from the United States or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft, of aircraft or aircraft components, regardless of their origin, to the territory of Angola, other than through designated points of entry, or to UNITA. Section 2(b) prohibits the insurance, engineering, or servicing of UNITA aircraft by U.S. persons or from the United States. Section 2(c) prohibits the granting of take-off, landing, or overflight permission to any aircraft on flights or continuations of flights to or from the territory of Angola other than to or from designated places in Angola. Section 2(d) prohibits the provision of engineering and maintenance servicing, the certification of airworthiness, the payment of new insurance claims against existing insurance contracts, and the provision, renewal, or making available of direct insurance by a U.S. person or from the United States with respect to any aircraft registered in Angola, except designated aircraft, and with respect to any aircraft that has entered the territory of Angola other than through designated points of entry.

On August 18, 1998, I issued Executive Order 13098 (63 Fed. Reg. 44771, August 20, 1998), placing further sanctions on UNITA, taking into account the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1173 of June 12, 1998, and 1176 of June 24, 1998. These additional sanctions went into effect at 12:01 a.m. EDT on August 19, 1998. Section 1 of Executive Order 13098 blocks all property and interests in property of UNITA, designated senior UNITA officials, and designated adult members of their immediate families if the property or property interests are in the United States, hereafter come within the United States, or are hereafter come within the possession or control of U.S. persons. Section 2 of Executive Order 13098 prohibits the importation into the United States of all diamonds exported from Angola that are not controlled through the Certificate of Origin regime of the Angolan Government of Unity and National Reconciliation (the "GURN"). Section 2 also prohibits the sale or supply by U.S. persons or from the United States or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft of equipment used in mining, and of motorized vehicles, watercraft, or spare parts for motorized vehicles or watercraft, regardless of origin, to the territory of Angola other than through a designated point of entry. Finally, section 2 prohibits the sale or supply by U.S. persons or from the United States or using U.S.-registered vessels or aircraft of mining services or ground or waterborne transportation services, regardless of their origin, to persons in designated areas of Angola to which the GURN’s State administration has not been extended.

On June 25, 1999, pursuant to Executive Order 13098, OFAC amended Appendix A to 31 CFR chapter V, which contains the names of blocked persons, specially designated nationals, specially designated terrorists, foreign terrorist organizations, and specially designated narcotics traffickers designated pursuant to the various sanctions programs administered by OFAC. The amendment adds to Appendix A the names of 10 individuals who have been determined to be senior officials of UNITA (64 Fed. Reg. 34991, June 30,
1999). All property and interests in property of these individuals that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that come within the control of U.S. persons are blocked. All transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States in property or interests in property of these individuals are prohibited unless licensed by OFAC.

On August 12, 1999, OFAC amended the Regulations to implement Executive Orders 13069 and 13098 and to make technical and conforming changes (64 Fed. Reg. 43924, August 12, 1999). Since the amendments are extensive, Part 590 was reissued in its entirety. Additional prohibitions, definitions, interpretive sections, general licenses, and appendices were added to the Regulations to reflect the new sanctions imposed in Executive Orders 13069 and 13098, and certain existing prohibitions were renumbered. Five new appendices were added to the Regulations.

2. There have been no amendments to the UNITA (Angola) Sanctions Regulations since my last report.

3. OFAC has worked closely with the U.S. financial and exporting communities to assure a heightened awareness of the sanctions against UNITA—through the dissemination of publications, seminars, and a variety of media, including via the Internet, fax-on-demand, special fliers, and computer bulletin board information initiated by OFAC and posted through the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government Printing Office. No UNITA bank accounts have been identified in U.S. banks. There have been two recent attempts to transfer small amounts of funds in which UNITA clearly had an interest; both transfers were blocked. In the previous reporting period a U.S. financial institution refused to process a suspect transaction. No licenses have been issued under the program since my last report.

4. The expenses incurred by the federal government in the six-month period from March 26 through September 2, 2000 that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to UNITA are estimated at about $100,000, most of which represent wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Customs Service, the Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, and the Office of the General Counsel) and the Departments of State (particularly the Office of Southern African Affairs) and Commerce.

I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).