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~~Fidel~~ Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro wound ~~up~~
up Cuba First Communist Party Congress ~~with~~ here in Havana
this morning with a reaffirmation of Cuba's right to help the
MPLA-led government in Angola. Dr. Castro charged that the
United States is backing South Africa's invasion of Angola.
~~He said that the US is backing South Africa's invasion of Angola.~~ The US, he said, wants
to control mineral rich Angola and oil rich Cabinda. Dr.
Castro called the US policy stupid...they've ^{just} got ~~it~~ got
out of Vietnam he said and now they are starting up in Angola.
The Cuban Prime Minister ~~predicted that~~ declared that the
US policy of backing the South African government in Angola would
bring it the hatred of all of black Africa. Dr. Castro said that
Cuba aided the Angolans in their fight against the Portuguese
and would continue to aid ~~the MPLA-led government in its present fight.~~ MPLA-led
government in its present fight. This, Dr. Castro said, was
Cuba's elementary internationalist ^{obligation} ~~duty~~. Rather than renounce
its aid to Angola, Dr. Castro said, the Cubans would be willing
to wait one hundred years for the establishment of US Cuban
relations.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News

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