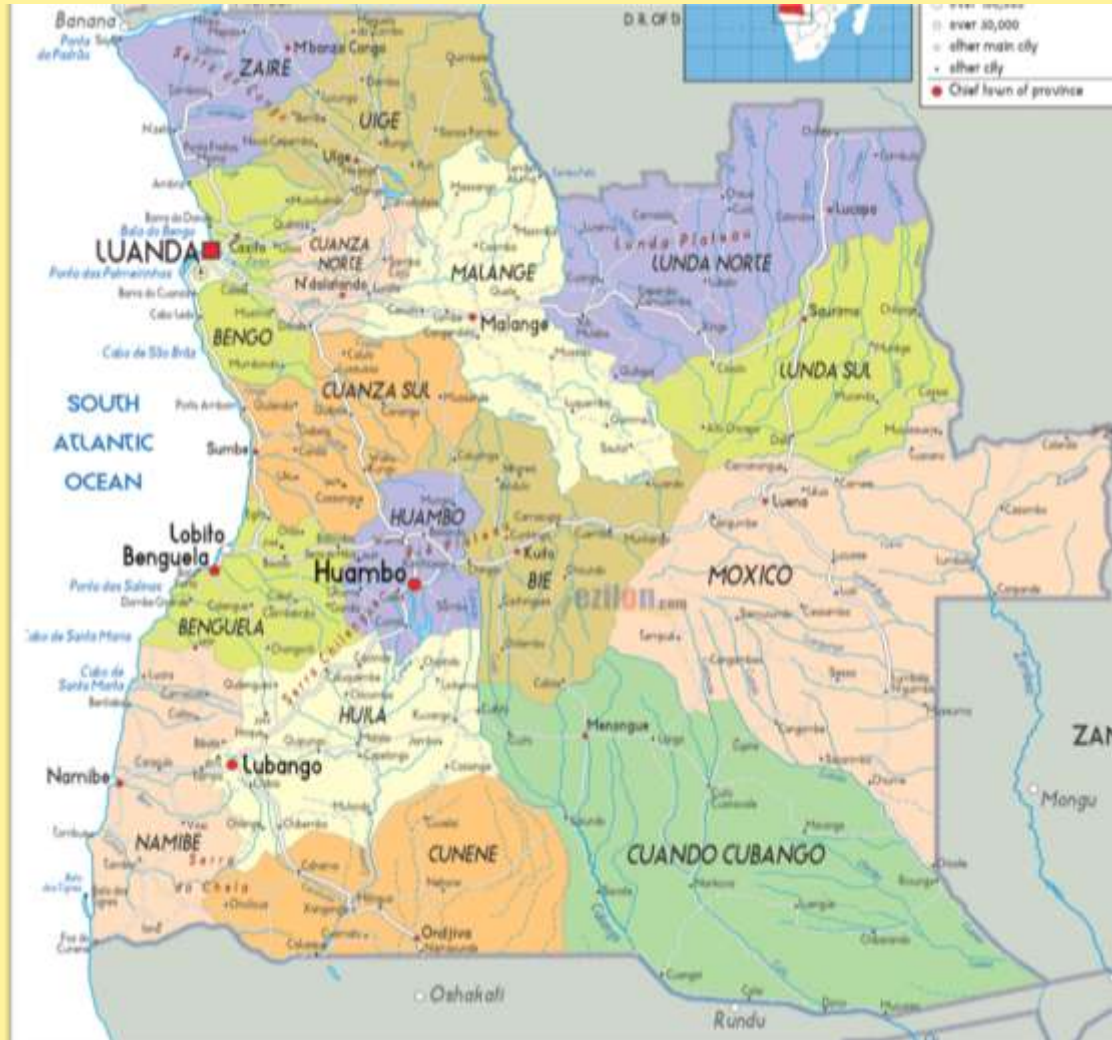




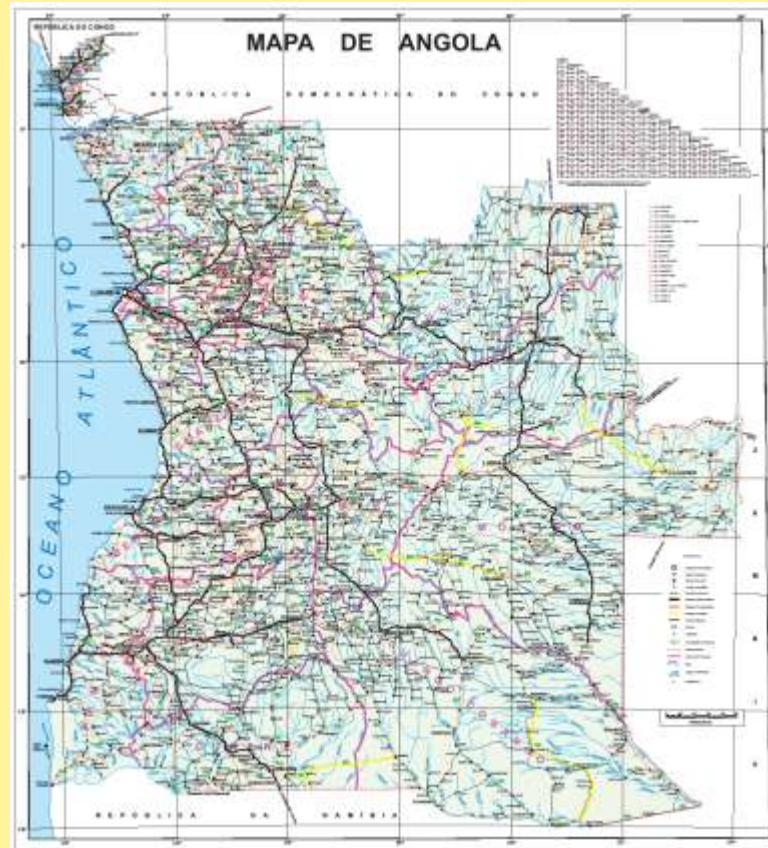
Angola Field Group Presents.....

Prisoners of Unita
Corporal Manuel Rojas Garcia

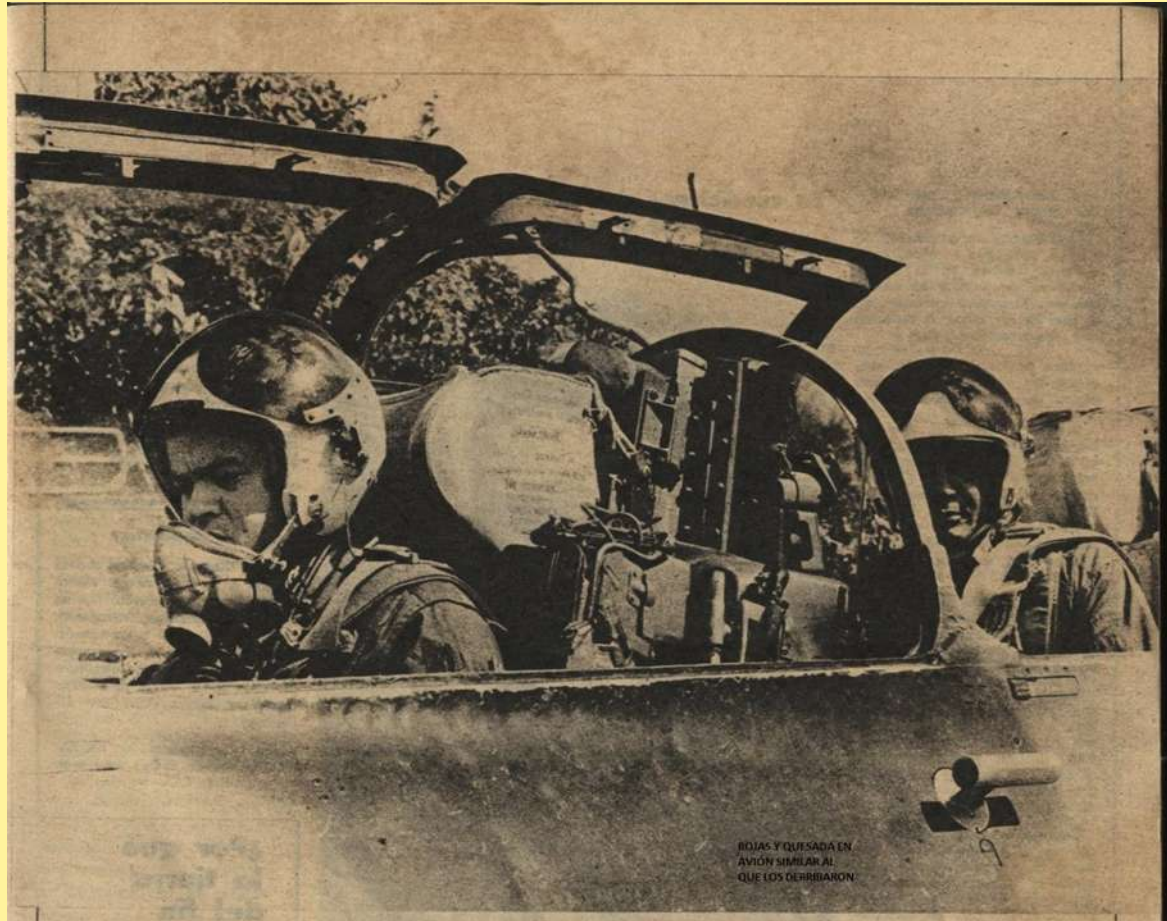
28 October 1987 at 15:25, while on a reconnaissance flight over Moxico, Colonel Manuel Rojas Garcia and Captain Ramon Quesada, were shot down



The plane crashed 12 kilometers south of Luveí. Just 60 kilometers north lies Lucusse, where 15 years later, on Feb. 11 2002, UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi was killed. He was born and died in Moxico.



Rojas and Queseda in a double-seat Mig used for training and reconnaissance similar to what they were shot down in. (Single seaters are used for bombing.)



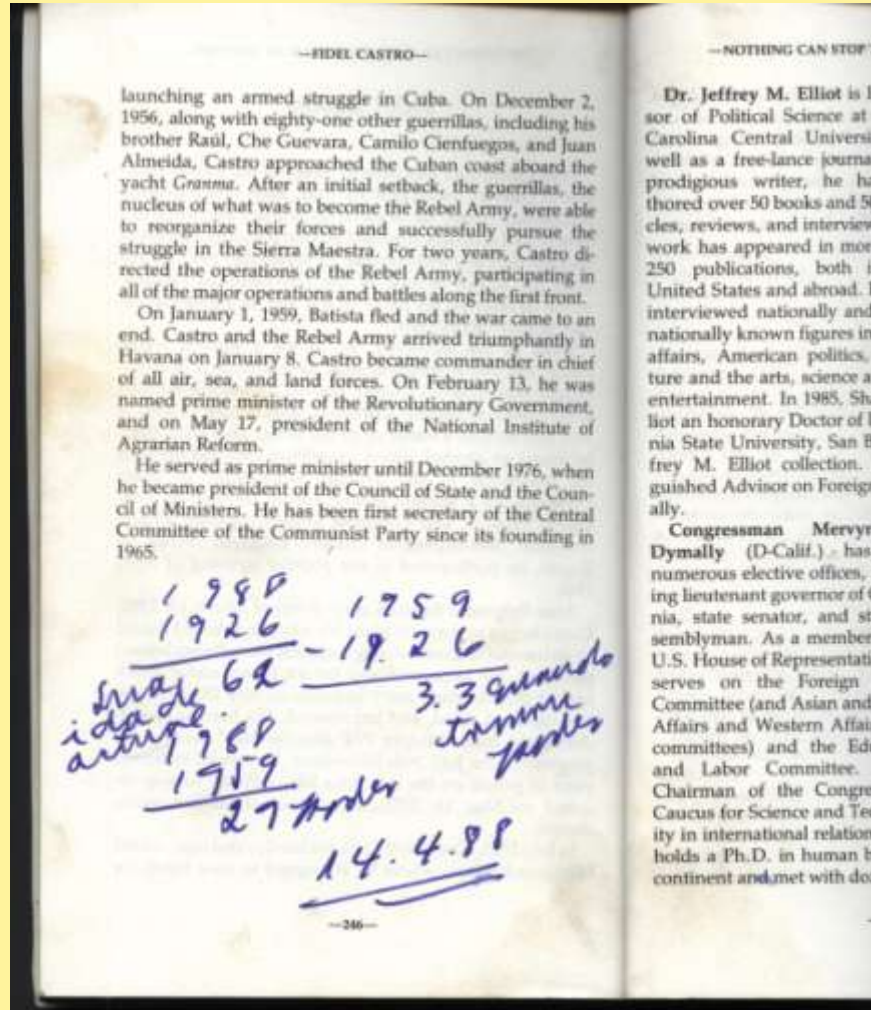
They expected to remain prisoners in Jamba for a few years



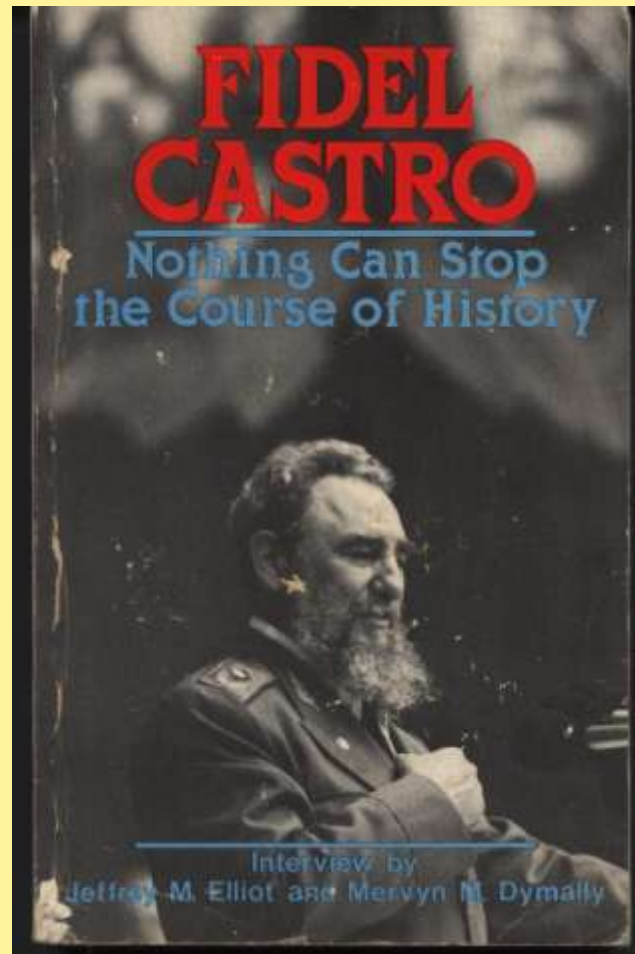
Life in Jamba



Some annotations made by Savimbi regarding President Fidel Castro



Book given to Colonel Rojas by Savimbi written by a California congressman and American political scientist about US-Cuba relations.



What kind of man was Savimbi?



Ten months living with UNITA



N'Zau Puna, Dr. Jonas Savimbi, Eng. Ernesto Mulato e Samuel Chiwale - 1978

UNITA Chief of Intelligence, General Wambu, (photo taken from television)



The two pilots were released as a personal favour by Savimbi who had strong connections to the president of the Ivory Coast



Freedom! August 24, 1988, after 10 months being imprisoned, they flew from Jamba to Namibia and then to Ivory Coast. ...



The official handing over of prisoners to Cuban officials



And then home to Cuba, received by President Castro and Chief of Army Raul Castro



De-briefing with President Fidel Castro



Re-uniting with family



Army Chief Raul Castro meets the pilots and their families at his headquarters



Preparing to inspect the troops. Family in background



With Raul Castro and Raul's wife



Back to visit Angola in 2012. Monument in Cuando Cubango in remembrance of Angolan and Cubans who fought at Cuito Cuanavale



Bridge over Cuito River which was destroyed many times during the war



A tank, remnant of Angola's war



Almost 25 years later, back in Angola, the Cuban pilot gets to meet the UNITA soldier who shot at them as they were parachuting out of their MIG that was in flames after being hit by a UNITA missile.



Military friends, first to the left of Rojas is General Nunda who is the Military Chief of Angola's Armed Forces. To his left is Chief Commanding Officer of the Air Force, General Hanga. First to the right of Rojas is Commander of the Angolan Army, Lucio Amaral and to his right is the head of the Guinea Bisseau Airforce.



Miguel Zau Puna, ex-Secretary General of UNITA; today MPLA Deputy in the National Assembly



General 'Wambo' who in Jamba often chatted with the prisoners of war



Ernesto Mulato, Vice President of UNITA



General Renato Campos, who in 1987 escorted the pilots from Mavinga to Jamba



General Benguela who conversed frequently with the prisoners



General Jacinto Bandua



General Adriano Marcial Dachala, the UNITA representative who signed the peace treaty after Savimbi was killed



To the right, then Captain of UNITA, Amos Chissende “Vicente”



General Furtado, the former Chief of Angola's Armed Forces





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