

Conflicting Missions: Havana, Washington, And Africa, 1959-1976

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Conflicting Missions: Havana, Washington, and Africa, 1959-1976. By Piero Gleijeses. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. Pp. xix, 552. Illustrations. Appendix. Notes. Bibliography. Index. \$34.95 cloth.

This is an extraordinary book. Based on extensive archival research and interviews on three continents, Piero Gleijeses provides a comprehensive history of Cuban policy in Africa from 1959 to 1976, set within the context of United States policy toward both Africa and Cuba. The core argument is that Cuban policy was motivated by a combination of ideological mission and identification with African liberation movements, and self-interest in trying to create a bloc of revolutionary Third World states to stand in solidarity with Cuba against U.S. imperialism. There is much new information, especially about Ernesto "Che" Guevara's guerrilla war in the Congo (Zaire), Cuba's role in the Algerian-Moroccan war, and the deployment of Cuban combat troops in support of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

The archival research undergirding this book is unprecedented. After several years of diligent prodding, Gleijeses was able to gain access to Cuban archives for the first time. Cuban documents form the evidentiary foundation of the book, reinforced by documents from the archives of almost all the other major actors: Angola, South Africa, the German Democratic Republic (GDR), and, of course, the United States. The Soviet archives were closed, unfortunately, but Gleijeses is able to reconstruct Soviet policy from references to it in the Cuban and GDR documents, and from secondary sources based on the Soviet archives from the brief time they were open after the end of the cold war. Angola does not really have archives proper, so Gleijeses had to work from the private collections of senior Angolan officials and war veterans, who he diligently tracked down.

The interviews are equally impressive. No doubt because Gleijeses managed to gain permission to delve into the Cuban archives, Cuban officials and veterans were willing to discuss these events with him in a way they never have before. The archival work in the United States and in Africa is also supplemented by quite extensive interviewing. The result is an astonishingly thorough and well-documented narrative, no doubt the definitive account of these events.

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