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The Congress has told the President -- and in a most decisive manner -- that Angola will not become another Vietnam.

This country ought to be setting an example for other nations in foreign relations, not roving the world looking for opportunities to engage in secret arms sales and local wars. The United States should be seeking agreements with the Soviet Union to end foreign intervention in Angola and the African continent. Despite Administration scare tactics, this is not, and Vietnam was not, the ultimate battle between Communism and Democracy.

Our involvement in Angola has only served to antagonize many of the potential allies we have in Africa.

My personal experience in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia has convinced me that the strongest force in Africa will continue to be nationalism and independence from the major powers.