

NEW EAST-BLOC EVIDENCE ON

*The Cold War in the Third World
and the
Collapse of Détente in the 1970s*

In January 1976, during several days of negotiations in Moscow with Kremlin leaders, U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger pleaded for a Soviet gesture to ease the superpower confrontation in Angola, where the USSR's airlift of military equipment and Cuban troops had allowed the leftist government in Luanda to withstand an assault by guerrilla forces backed by South Africa. The action could do "irreparable damage" to detente, Kissinger warned, undermining



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***THE FALL OF DETENTE:
SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS
IN THE CARTER YEARS***

Readers interested in the materials on the Cold War in the Third World and the Collapse of Detente in the 1970s should also consult a newly published volume which also emerges from the work of the Carter-Brezhnev Project: Odd Arne Westad, ed., *The Fall of Detente: Soviet-American Relations in the Carter Years* (Oslo: Scandinavian University Press, 1997).

The volume includes interpretive essays as