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LISBON FOR DAVIS, USCINCEUR FOR JOE WILSON, USCENTCOM FOR  
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(U) CLASSIFIED BY JANICE GROSS, STAFF ASSISTANT, AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REASON: 1.5. D

1. (SBU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY  
MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN  
THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS  
CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD  
THEREFORE BE CONFINED TO STATE PERSONNEL.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT: FRIDAY REPORT 8/9/96

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NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

4. (C) AF/C

KEY PERSONNEL

DESK OFFICER DEBORAH ODELL VISITS BANGUL AUGUST 13-26, WHERE SHE WILL SUPPLEMENT THE EMBASSY'S SKELETON STAFF, AND GO FROM THERE TO N'DJAMENA FOR ORIENTATION. NEW YAOUNDE DCM MARK BOULWARE HAS ARRIVED AT POST AND WILL BE CHARGE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

BURUNDI

-- SANCTIONS TAKE HOLD:  
TANZANIA DECLARED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST BURUNDI ON AUGUST 3, FOLLOWED BY KENYA ON AUGUST 5 AND ETHIOPIA AND UGANDA ON AUGUST 7. THERE ARE LONG LINES AT THE GAS PUMPS IN BUJUMBURA. REGIONAL AIR SERVICE TO BUJUMBURA MAY BE NONEXISTENT WITHIN A FEW DAYS, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVING BOTH STOPPED THEIR PARASTATAL AIRLINES' FLIGHTS TO BUJUMBURA AND BARRED INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS FROM PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF BUJUMBURA PASSENGERS AT REGIONAL HUBS SUCH AS NAIROBI. COMMODITIES SUCH AS SALT HAVE SKYROCKETED IN PRICE.

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CAMEROON

-- SOCIALISTS UNITE!  
JOHN FRU NDI PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK NEXT MONTH TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. FRU NDI WILL SUBSEQUENTLY VISIT WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ELSEWHERE ON SEPTEMBER 16-17.

-- THOSE LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER:  
PRESIDENT PAUL BIYA IS OFF TO EUROPE FOR HIS TRADITIONAL SUMMER HOLIDAYS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT

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THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OAU CHAIRMANSHIP MAY FORCE HIM TO CUT IT SHORTER THAN USUAL.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- SECURITY:

OVER THE AUGUST 3-4 WEEKEND, RUMORS THAT THE STILL-ARMED MAY MUTINEERS WOULD REFUSE DISCHARGE AND/OR RELOCATION BROUGHT FRENCH MILITARY PATROLS BACK INTO BANGUL. THE BANGUL AIRPORT WAS CLOSED ON AUGUST 3, BUT REOPENED THE NEXT DAY, AND THE CITY REMAINS CALM.

CHAD

-- INAUGURATION:

PRESIDENT DEBY WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED AUGUST 8 FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. CHARGE HELEN LA LIME REPRESENTED THE U.S.G.

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-- EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE FOR MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS: THE GOTC'S PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH EDUCATION TO COMBAT MALARIA, CHOLERA AND AIDS, MAY BE MOVING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. LAST OCTOBER AGIP PLEDGED USD 2 MILLION, AND GOTC OFFICIALS REPORT THAT MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE NOW ON THE WAY.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

-- SOCIALISTS UNITE! (CONTINUED):

E-G OPPOSITION FIGURES PLACIDO MICO AND CELESTINO BACALE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE SOCIALISTS' BASH IN NEW YORK, AND THEN MAKE THEIR WAY TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH VARIOUS OFFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS. A DEPARTMENT VISIT IS BEING PLANNED.

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GABON

-- FIVE PRISON DEATHS DUE TO POOR CONDITIONS, NOT EBOLA:  
A GOG MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT FIVE  
PRISONERS HAD RECENTLY DIED AT LIBREVILLE'S GROS BOUQUET  
PRISON AS A RESULT OF "RED DIARRHEA," BUT DENIED THAT THE  
PRISONERS HAD CONTRACTED EBOLA. THE OFFICIAL BLAMED THE  
ILLNESS ON PARASITES IN THE WATER SUPPLY.

RWANDA

-- KAGAME VISIT:

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RWANDAN VICE PRESIDENT, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND LEADING  
POLITICAL FIGURE GEN. PAUL KAGAME MET WITH U/S WIRTH AND  
DAS TWADDELL ON AUGUST 6. KAGAME HAS ALSO HAD SESSIONS  
WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY PERRY, THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM,  
CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, U.S.  
COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, AND CSIS. DURING HIS PRIVATE VISIT  
TO THE U.S., KAGAME HAS CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS WITH CNN, THE  
EEC, NPR, TIME AND THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ZAIRE

-- HOME TRUTHS STRIKE A NERVE:  
A RECENT EMBASSY KINSHASA PRESS STATEMENT HAS CAUSED A  
STIR IN ZAIRIAN POLITICAL CIRCLES. NOTING THE ZAIRIAN  
LEADERS' COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE FORWARD ON  
ELECTIONS, THE STATEMENT CHIDED THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT,  
TRANSITIONAL PARLIAMENT, AND NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
FOR SLUGGISH PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR'S POLLS.  
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LOKONDO REBUKED THE EMBASSY FOR  
GOING BEYOND THE "BOUNDS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION" TO  
COMMENT ON INTERNAL ZAIRIAN POLITICS. BUT OTHER ZAIRIAN  
POLITICAL LEADERS ADMITTED PRIVATELY THAT THE CRITICISM  
WAS ON TARGET.

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SOMALIA

AFTER AIDEED:

-- THE DEATH OF GENERAL AIDEED AND THE SUCCESSION OF HIS  
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SON INTO HIS FATHER'S ROLE HAS CHANGED LITTLE ON THE  
SOMALI POLITICAL SCENE. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF AN  
EARLY OR SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT TOWARD NATIONAL POLITICAL  
RECONCILIATION. ALTHOUGH MANY OUTSIDERS SEE THE PASSING  
OF AL DEED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH NEW SOMALI  
INITIATIVES, SOMALI OBSERVERS URGE CAUTION. THE SOMALIS  
NEED ADDITIONAL TIME TO WORK OUT THEIR RECONCILIATION  
PROBLEMS, AND OUTSIDERS CANNOT DO THIS FOR THEM. AF/E  
CHAIRMAN AN INFORMAL INTERAGENCY ROUNDTABLE AUGUST 7 WHERE  
IT WAS AGREED THAT PRECIPITOUS ACTION ON OUR PART OR BY  
OTHERS COULD COMPLICATE RATHER THAN FACILITATE PROSPECTS  
FOR LONG-TERM PEACE. IN THE INTERIM, WE WILL SHARE WITH  
APPROPRIATE AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN PARTNERS OUR PRELIMINARY  
CONCLUSIONS, SEEK THEIR VIEWS AND TRY TO DEVELOP A  
COORDINATED APPROACH TO THE SOMALI QUESTION.

DJIBOUTI

GOULED'S NEPHEW CLEARS HIS WAY TOWARDS THE PRESIDENCY:  
--ON AUG. 7, THREE DEPUTIES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND  
TWO OTHERS WERE ARRESTED FOR CRITICIZING PRESIDENT  
GOULED. IN ADDITIONAL TO FINES AND SIX MONTH JAIL  
SENTENCES, THE COURT LIFTED THE RIGHT OF THE DEFENDANTS TO  
RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THIS  
RULING CLEARS THE WAY FOR ISMAIL OMAR GUELLEH, THE  
PRESIDENT'S CABINET CHIEF AND NEPHEW, TO ASSUME THE  
PRESIDENCY.

KENYA

-- MOL TAKES TOUGH LINE ON BURUNDI SANCTIONS:  
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PRESIDENT MOL HAS JOINED OTHER REGIONAL LEADERS IN THEIR  
DECISION TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON BURUNDI. DURING  
THE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION OF THE REGIONAL HEADS OF STATE,  
MOL REPORTEDLY PRESSED FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
SANCTIONS, ASSERTING THAT ONLY SWIFT ACTION WOULD HAVE AN  
IMPACT ON THE BUYOYA REGIME. THIS DECISIVENESS ON  
SANCTIONS CONTRASTS WITH MOL'S WARINESS ON THE IDEA OF A  
REGIONAL SECURITY FORCE FOR BURUNDI. WITH MOMBASA SERVING  
AS A MAJOR POINT OF ENTRY FOR IMPORTS INTO EASTERN AND  
CENTRAL AFRICA, KENYA'S COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER  
GOVERNMENTS IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE  
SANCTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, KENYA'S SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION  
OF SANCTIONS HAS ALREADY AFFECTED HUMANITARIAN RELIEF  
OPERATIONS IN BURUNDI AND AMERICAN COMPANIES THAT OPERATE  
IN BURUNDI.

UGANDA

-- DEFENSE CHIEF MBABAZI ON BURUNDI AND SUDAN:  
AFTER ATTENDING A CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS CONFERENCE IN  
COSTA RICA, UGANDAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AMAMA  
MBABAZI STOPPED IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK FOR MEETINGS AT  
DOD, VOA, NSC, AND THE DEPARTMENT. DURING AN AUGUST 6  
PRESENTATION AT CSIS, MBABAZI TOUTED THE NRM'S RECORD OVER  
THE LAST TEN YEARS. IN THAT VENUE AND AT OTHER MEETINGS,  
HE ALSO REITERATED THE GOU DENUNCIATION OF THE COUP IN  
BURUNDI. MBABAZI SUGGESTED THAT POWER-SHARING, INCLUDING  
INTEGRATION OF MORE HUTUS INTO THE TUTSI-DOMINATED CIVIL  
SERVICE AND MILITARY, WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE LASTING  
PEACE IN BURUNDI. MBABAZI BLAMED SUDAN FOR THE WORSENING  
SECURITY SITUATION IN NORTHERN UGANDA. HIS STRONG

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STATEMENTS CONDEMNING SUDANESE SUPPORT FOR UGANDAN REBELS  
APPEARED TO BE PART OF THE GOU'S CURRENT EFFORT TO  
HIGHLIGHT KHARTOUM'S ROLE IN UGANDA'S NORTHERN INSURGENCY.

MADAGASCAR

-- NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSES STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE:  
A WEEK AFTER THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTED TO IMPEACH  
PRESIDENT ZAFY, IT GAVE A GRUDGING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO  
ZAFY'S PRIME MINISTER, PASSING A PACKAGE OF LAWS DESIGNED  
TO MEET IFI CONDITIONS FOR STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT  
AGREEMENTS. WORLD BANK AND IMF REPRESENTATIVES PREDICT  
THAT AGREEMENTS WILL BE SIGNED IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER.  
MEANWHILE, ANTI-ZAFY SENTIMENT REMAINS STRONG, WITH ONE  
DEMONSTRATION IN THE CAPITAL DRAWING NEARLY ALL MAJOR  
POLITICAL FIGURES AND A CROWD OF 6,000.

TANZANIA

-- DISCUSSION OF ZANZIBAR AND REFUGEES AT CG MEETING:  
DONORS SHOWED REMARKABLE UNANIMITY AT THE TANZANIA  
CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING HELD RECENTLY IN PARIS,  
PRAISING PRESIDENT MKAPA'S REFORM EFFORTS AND REGIONAL  
LEADERSHIP BUT STRESSING THE NEED TO STAY THE COURSE,  
PARTICULARLY IN IMPROVING REVENUE COLLECTION AND REDUCING  
CORRUPTION. THE TANZANIANS RESPONDED UNCONVINCINGLY TO  
DONOR CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN ZANZIBAR,  
SAYING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD OVERREACTED  
AND DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE ISLANDS' HISTORY. RESPONDING  
TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE REFUGEES FROM RWANDA AND BURUNDI,  
THEY GOT ACKNOWLEDGED INDIRECTLY THAT IF THEY REMAIN  
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"INDEFINITELY" (E.G., 4 YEARS OR LONGER), RESETTLEMENT  
INLAND MIGHT BE AN OPTION (BUT MADE IT CLEAR THE GOT WOULD  
LOOK TO THE DONORS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE).

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-- GOS TO CONDUCT ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY OF TRACKING STATION SITE:

FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL CLAUDE MOREL MET WITH AF/E DIRECTOR BARBARA BODINE LAST WEEK, DELIVERING A LETTER FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTING THE USG TO "CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD INDEMNIFY US FOR ANY POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT" AS A RESULT OF THE OPERATION OF A USAF TRACKING STATION FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS. ALTHOUGH A SITE SURVEY EARLIER THIS YEAR BY AIR FORCE AND GOS OFFICIALS REVEALED NO HAZARDS REQUIRING CLEANUP, THE GOS HAS HIRED A GREEK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A MORE THOROUGH SURVEY THIS MONTH. STATE AND DOD ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT USG POLICY ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE WILL ASSIST IN THE GOS SURVEY.

ETHIOPIA

-- BEING LESS CAREFUL WITH AL ITTIHAD:

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ETHIOPIA MAY BECOME LESS "CAREFUL" ABOUT SOMALIA'S BORDERS IN THE WAKE OF SUSPECTED TERRORIST ACTIONS INSIDE ETHIOPIA BY THE SOMALIA-BASED AL ITTIHAD AL-ISLAMI, ESTIMATED TO HAVE SOME 3,000 FIGHTERS. REPORTS SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE CROSS-BORDER ACTION BY ETHIOPIAN FORCES THIS WEEK AGAINST A MAJOR AL-ITTIHAD TRAINING FACILITY.

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-- WAR CRIMES TRIALS--STUCK IN LOW GEAR:

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR GIRMA WAKJIRA THIS WEEK SAID THAT "GOD ONLY KNOWS" WHEN CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST MORE THAN 2,000 PERSONS DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE--MANY FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS--ON SUSPICION OF HAVING COMMITTED HUMANITARIAN CRIMES UNDER THE EARLIER DERG REGIME (1974-1991). GIRMA HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS ON MORE THAN 1,000 OF THESE CASES.

ERITREA

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-- CALLUP IN PROCESS, BUT IT'S ONLY A TEST:  
ERITREA WILL CALL UP LATER THIS MONTH FOR A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD SOME 30,000 PREVIOUSLY TRAINED RESERVISTS, MOSTLY FROM THE ASMARA AREA. THE CALLUP IS INTENDED TO ALLOW FURTHER TRAINING, TO TEST THE MOBILIZATION SYSTEM, AND TO ALLOW THE MILITARY TO IDENTIFY "THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST" RESERVISTS FOR RECRUITMENT INTO THE REGULAR FORCES.

-- KEEP IT CLEAN:  
COMMENTS IN THE ERITREAN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, "ERITREA PROFILE," SUGGEST SUBSTANTIAL PLANNING ON EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE REMARKABLE CLEANLINESS OF THE CAPITAL CITY, ASMARA. THE EFFORTS RANGE FROM IDEAS TO INCREASE RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO MAINTAINING THE EXISTING "SCAVENGER" ACTIVITIES, WHICH ALLOW EFFICIENT REUSE OF ITEMS WHILE PROVIDING POOR PEOPLE USEFUL INCOME.

SUDAN

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-- STILL TALKING:  
DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK ON PROPOSED FURTHER SANCTIONS ON SUDAN, EXPECTED TO INVOLVE A BAN ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BY MONEY-LOSING SUDAN AIRWAYS. A  
[REDACTED] PROPOSAL FOR

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AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION OF THE SANCTION AFTER SIX MONTHS, TO WHICH WE ARE IMPLACABLY OPPOSED BOTH IN THIS CASE AND FOR THE PRECEDENT IT WOULD SET IN OTHER SANCTION REGIMES, HAVE BECOME A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCKS.

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-- GSP EXTENSION

THE BILL (HR 3448) THAT WILL RAISE THE U.S. MINIMUM WAGE BY 90 CENTS AN HOUR IS ALSO A VEHICLE OTHER REVENUE

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MEASURES INCLUDING A PROVISION WHICH PROVIDES FOR EXTENSION OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES ALLOWING PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES DUTY-FREE. THE TRADE PROVISION WAS ADDED IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND WOULD APPLY UNTIL MAY 1997. BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS APPROVED THE BILL ON AUGUST 2 AND THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO SIGN IT INTO LAW. EB IS DRAFTING A CABLE TO POSTS EXPLAINING THE GSP CHANGES.

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NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

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EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, ROBERT WOOD REPLACES TOM GENTON AS PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE AFRICA BUREAU. PLEASE REFER ALL REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE ON PRESS GUIDANCE, STATEMENTS, INTERVIEW REQUESTS, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, OP ED PIECES, ARTICLES, AND OTHER MEDIA RELATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS MATTERS TO HIM. PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE "AF/RA - RWOOD" ON DISTRIBUTION IN ALL CABLES AND CORRESPONDANCE WITH A PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMPONENT OR AS AN INFO DISTRIBUTION ON REPORTING CABLES LIKELY TO IMPACT ON OUR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY EFFORTS.

MARY SWANN WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR THE BUREAU.

9. (U) AF/RA

-- SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

ON THURSDAY WE SENT A MUCH-MASSAGED MEMO TO THE SECRETARY OUTLINING AN ITINERARY FOR HIS PROPOSED OCTOBER 7-15 TRIP

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TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE DESKS, WE HAVE SUGGESTED PROGRAMS OF EVENTS FOR HIS STOPS IN ADDIS ABABA, ARUSHA, CAPE TOWN, LUANDA AND BAMAKO. IT'S AN AMBITIOUS ITINERARY AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE SECRETARY WILL APPROVE IT. WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY

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WITH POSTS, THROUGH THE GEOGRAPHIC DESKS, TO FINALIZE THE PROGRAM ONCE THE SECRETARY REACHES A DECISION. YOU'LL BE HEARING MORE FROM US ON WHAT WILL BE A MAJOR EVENT FOR THE BUREAU AND FOR THE REGION; STAY TUNED.

-- FY'98 BUDGET EXERCISE UNDERWAY

THIS WEEK THE DEPARTMENT BEGAN PREPARATION OF FY 1998 REGIONAL POLICY/RESOURCE PLANS AND FUNCTION 150 BUDGET REQUESTS WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR JUSTIFYING THE ADMINISTRATION'S FUNDING REQUEST ON THE HILL AND AS PART OF THE FY98 FOREIGN OPERATIONS CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. BETWEEN NOW AND THE SEPTEMBER 15 DUE DATE, THE BUREAU WILL REVIEW/UPDATE THE BUREAU OVERVIEW STATEMENT AND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAM/RESOURCE PLANS. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL REVIEW PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON FY96 GOALS AND LAY OUT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND INDICATORS FOR FY97-98, DRAWING ON POSTS' EXCELLENT 1995 MPPS. S/RPP HAS ASKED US TO USE TWO FUNDING LEVELS IN OUR FY98 POLICY/RESOURCE PLANS, I.E., THE OMB PLANNING LEVEL (USD 715.95 M) AND THE SECRETARY'S PLANNING LEVEL (USD 798.5 M).

-- 51ST UNGA

INITIAL PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR THE 51ST UNGA, OPENING SEPTEMBER 23 IN NEW YORK. AF HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRETARY HOLD BILATERALS WITH CAMEROONIAN PRESIDENT BIYA AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTSWANA AND GUINEA BISSAU, THE TWO AFRICAN COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ON THE UNSC. WE HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE SECRETARY HOST A RECEPTION FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE OAU, WHICH WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN

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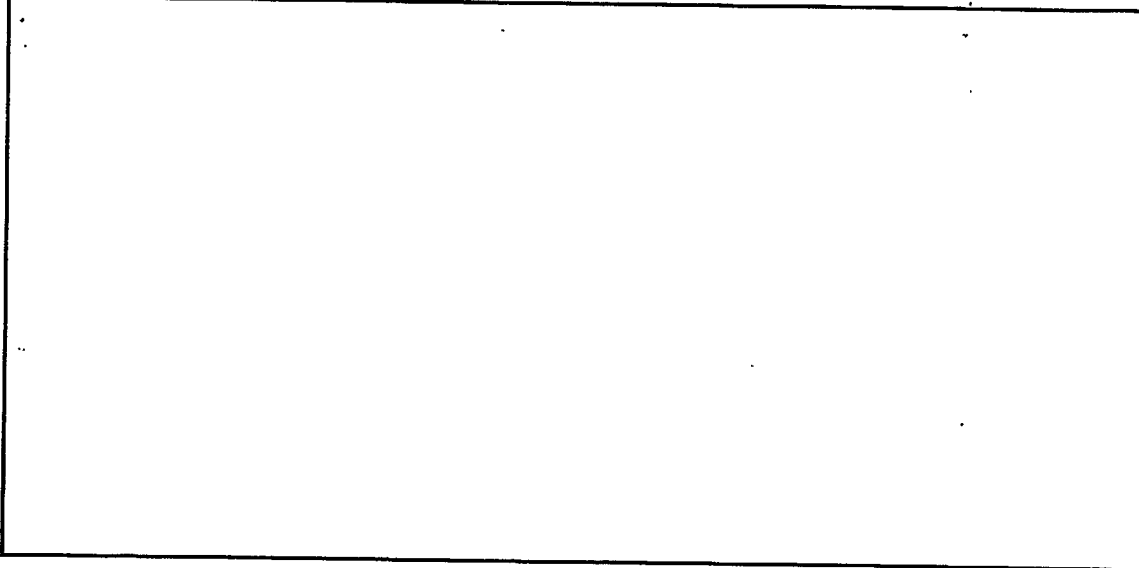
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OPPORTUNITY FOR PULL ASIDES. PREPARATIONS FOR A/S MOOSE1 S  
BILATERALS AT UNGA ARE ALSO UNDERWAY. WE WILL LET POSTS  
KNOW WHICH EVENTS/MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE  
SECRETARY AND A/S MOOSE.

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BOTSWANA



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MALAWI

-- (U) LOBBYING FOR ADDITIONAL D/G FUNDING. AMBASSADOR  
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CHAVEAS AND USAID/LILONGWE, ASSISTED BY AFIS, ARE LOBBYING  
AIDIW FOR ADDITIONAL D/G FUNDING TO MAKE UP AN EXPECTED  
USD 4.5 MILLION SHORTFALL DURING FY96-98. AID/W HAS  
IDENTIFIED RESOURCES TO CLOSE PART OF THE GAP, BUT MORE  
ARE NEEDED. IN AN AUGUST 8 MESSAGE TO ADMINISTRATOR  
ATWOOD AND AFR'S CAROL PEASLEY, CHAVEAS EMPHASIZED THE  
CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF USAID PROGRAMS IN FULFILLING OUR  
PRIMARY GOAL IN MALAWI -- CONSOLIDATING DEMOCRACY AND GOOD  
GOVERNANCE.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- (U) ENRON HEADS AGREEMENT SIGNED AUGUST 9. ENRON HAS  
INFORMED US THAT THE HEADS AGREEMENT, A MAJOR STEP FORWARD  
IN THE SEARCH FOR A CUSTOMER FOR NATURAL GAS FROM THE  
PANDE FIELDS, WAS SIGNED AUGUST 9. THE OTHER PARTIES TO  
THE AGREEMENT ARE THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION (IDC) AND THE MOZAMBIKAN STATE-OWNED  
EXPLORATION COMPANY, ENH. THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS OF  
LINING UP A SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMER IS A TDA-FINANCED  
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN IRON CARBIDE PLANT NEAR  
PHALABORWA IN NORTHERN PROVINCE.

SOUTH AFRICA

-- (SBU) PRO-HEZBOLLAH VIGILANTES VS. DRUGLORDS IN CAPE  
TOWN: CAPE TOWN POLICE AUTHORITY IS BEING THREATENED AS  
THOUSANDS OF MUSLIM ACTIVISTS VOW TO TAKE THE LAW INTO  
THEIR OWN HANDS TO WIPE OUT GANGSTERS AND DRUG DEALERS IN  
THEIR COMMUNITY. ON AUGUST 4 A MILITANT MOB SHOT AND  
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BURNED TO DEATH A PROMINENT DRUGLORD OUTSIDE HIS HOME. A  
GROUP CALLING ITSELF "PEOPLE AGAINST GANGSTERISM AND  
DRUGS" (PAGAD) RALLIED SEVERAL THOUSAND SUPPORTERS, MANY  
CARRYING WEAPONS, AT A CAPE TOWN MOSQUE AUGUST 6 AND  
PARADED THROUGH SEVERAL HEAVILY GANG-INFESTED  
NEIGHBORHOODS, THREATENING BOTH DRUG DEALERS AND POLICE.

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NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICIALS ARE BLAMING EACH OTHER FOR THE SITUATION. MEANWHILE, INL HAS PROVIDED A GRANT TO THE WESTERN CAPE POLICE UNDER WHICH THE FORMER POLICE CHIEF OF ATLANTA WILL PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES.

NAMIBIA

-- (SBU) DUTCH DIPLOMAT CONFIRMS BOTSWANA TANK SALE CANCELLED. [REDACTED] HAS TOLD THE GON THAT THE SALE BY THE NETHERLANDS OF 50 GERMAN-MADE LEOPARD TANKS TO BOTSWANA IS OFF. THE CHARGE SAID THE DEAL WAS CANCELLED "TO ACCOMMODATE GERMANY'S OBJECTION TO THE SALE." PRESIDENT NUJOMA HAD LOBBIED THE GERMANS TO BLOCK THE SALE DURING HIS RECENT STATE VISIT. GON OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT BOTSWANA'S ARMS PURCHASES, WHICH INCLUDE AN F-S JET FIGHTER SQUADRON FROM CANADA, AND WILL BE RELIEVED THAT THE TANK SALE IS OFF.

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[REDACTED] AF/S IS DEVELOPING A STRATEGY PAPER COVERING THE  
RUN-UP TO THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS AND THE POST-ELECTION  
PERIOD.

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ZIMBABWE

-- (U) AMBASSADOR ON LEAVE THROUGH LABOR DAY. FOLLOWING  
THREE WEEKS OF PROMOTION PANEL REVIEW, AMBASSADOR CARSON  
AND HIS FAMILY DEPARTED WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7,  
FOR SCHEDULED LEAVE. AMBASSADOR CARSON WILL PASS THROUGH  
WASHINGTON BRIEFLY ON HIS WAY BACK TO POST THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 2.

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-- KEREKOU'S FIRST NATIONAL ADDRESS:

DURING INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS, KEREKOU MADE HIS  
FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE TAKING OFFICE IN APRIL AND  
REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND  
THE RULE OF LAW. HE ALSO SAID HE WILL CONTINUE THE  
ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM STARTED BY FORMER  
PRESIDENT SOGLO. KEREKOU ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR  
GREATER AGRICULTURAL DIVERSITY, HIS PLAN TO CREATE 7,500  
JOBS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
STRENGTHENING THE PRIVATE SECTOR. OVERALL THE SPEECH WAS  
ENCOURAGING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING WITH BAITED  
BREATH TO SEE WHICH PATH THIS FORMER DICTATOR TURNED  
DEMOCRAT WOULD TAKE.

THE GAMBIA

-- REFERENDUM ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION:

A REFERENDUM ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION WILL BE HELD AUGUST  
8. IF THERE IS A YES VOTE, THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO  
ISSUE A DECREE LIFTING THE BAN ON POLITICAL PARTIES AND

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CIVIL LIBERTIES THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 11. IF THERE IS A NO VOTE, THE TRANSITION PROCESS MAY BE THROWN INTO CONFUSION REQUIRING A SECOND REFERENDUM.

GUINEA BISSAU

-- STATUS OF AFRICAN DEPORTEES:

UNHCR IS MONITORING THE SITUATION OF THE 50 DEPORTEES FROM SPAIN BUT DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION THAT WOULD RELIEVE THE GUINEANS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. THE GOGB

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HAS SAID THAT NONE OF THE DEPORTEES WOULD BE IN DANGER IF THEY WERE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMELANDS BUT AGREED TO

CONSIDER UNHCR'S REQUEST TO HELP SORT OUT GENUINE REFUGEES FROM PURELY ECONOMIC ONES.

LIBERIA

-- COMMITTEE OF NINE SESSIONS:

ECOWAS CHAIRMAN ABACHA HAS SCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF NINE MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 14-15 AND AN ECOWAS SUMMIT FOR AUGUST 17. ON THE AGENDA WILL BE ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR REVIVING THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH WILL INCLUDE DECISIONS ON THE POSSIBLE RECONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS AGAINST FACTION LEADERS IF THEY REMAIN RECALCITRANT, AND A PLAN FOR DISARMAMENT AND ELECTIONS IN 1997.

-- MONROVIA:

WHILE MONROVIA CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE CALM, LIVING CONDITIONS ARE STILL SUBSTANDARD FOR MANY OF ITS INHABITANTS. AS A RESULT OF THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE FIGHTING, NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS HOMELESS, ACCORDING TO AN AID ASSESSMENT REPORT. THE SQUALID LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MANY OF THE DISPLACED HAS LEAD TO MALNUTRITION FOR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE POPULACE AS WELL AS A MAJOR OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN THE

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-- REFUGEES:

EMBASSY BAMAKO HAS RECOMMENDED WE RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A UNHCR FUNDING APPEAL FOR REINTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AS THE REFUGEE SITUATION CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT AND DONOR ORGANIZATIONS. EX-COMBATANTS ARE GETTING RESTLESS AT THE CONTINUED LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE NORTH AND PEACE THERE IS CRUCIAL TO DEMOCRACY AND STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY.

-- POLITICAL EVENTS STRENGTHEN RULING PARTY, BUT OPPOSITION WILL NOT BOYCOTT ELECTIONS: THE RULING PARTY, ADEMA, WILL LIKELY SUCCEED IN ITS BID TO USE MAJORITY RULE, RATHER THAN PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE ELECTORAL CODE AS THE OPPOSITION WANTED. THE OPPOSITION WAS ALSO UNDERCUT BY THE GOVERNMENT'S NEGOTIATION OF A DECREASE IN THE PRICE OF RICE. HOWEVER THE OPPOSITION LEADER'S STATEMENTS AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE ARE SEEN AS A WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM, WHICH BODES WELL FOR DEMOCRACY IN MALI.

NIGER

-- BARE INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT:

ON AUGUST 7, IBRAHIM MAINASSARA BARE WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF NIGER. WE UNDERSTAND THE ONLY HIGH-LEVEL WESTERN OFFICIAL TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY WAS THE FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION. OUR CHARGE ATTENDED ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WHO WERE MOSTLY AT THE SAME LEVEL.

-- RADIO ANFANI BACK ON THE AIR:

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THE NEW GOVERNMENT AGREED ON AUGUST 2 TO ALLOW ANFANI FM  
TO BROADCAST VOICE OF AMERICA PROGRAMS IN BOTH FRENCH AND  
HAUSA.

NIGERIA

-- OGONI LAWYERS ARRESTED, CLOSE CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHER:  
FOUR OGONI ACTIVISTS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH THE SAME  
MURDERS FOR WHICH MOVEMENT FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE OGONI  
PEOPLE (MOSOP) LEADER KEN SARO-WIWA AND EIGHT OTHER OGONI  
WERE EXECUTED IN NOVEMBER 1995, APPEARED IN THE PORT  
HARCOURT MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON AUGUST 6. DEFENSE LAWYERS  
FOR THE OGONI 19 (CLEMENT TUSILMA DIED IN POLICE CUSTODY;  
THE OTHER 14 APPEARED IN COURT ON JULY 17 AND WERE LAST  
SEEN BY THEIR LAWYERS THE WEEK OF JULY 29--IT IS NOT CLEAR  
WHY THE 18 HAVE BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS) WERE  
REPORTEDLY ARRESTED BY GON AGENTS AUGUST 6 ON THE  
LUDICROUS CHARGES OF "OBSTRUCTING THE ARREST OF A  
JOURNALIST." THE LAWYERS WERE RELEASED 24 HOURS LATER.  
THE JOURNALIST IN QUESTION WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER BROUGHT BY  
THE DEFENSE LAWYERS. THE PHOTOGRAPHER REPORTEDLY ESCAPED  
DETENTION BECAUSE HE WAS NOT IN THE COURTROOM AT THE TIME  
OF THE ARREST.

-- VISITS TO NIGERIA:  
UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
KOUYATE WILL VISIT NIGERIA THIS WEEK TO FOLLOW UP ON THE  
GON'S PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS LAID OUT IN THE UN  
FACT FINDING TEAM REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TO  
LOOK INTO THE DISPUTE BETWEEN NIGERIA AND CAMEROON OVER  
THE BAKASSI PENINSULA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN  
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MINISTER IKIMI HAS ALSO INVITED THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL ACTION GROUP (CMAG) MEMBERS AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL TO VISIT NIGERIA ON A FACT-FINDING TRIP IN LATE AUGUST. THE CMAG IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE GON ABOUT TIMING, TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND WHO THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO MEET WITH.

SENEGAL

-- DIOUF TO VISIT US:

ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT DIOUF DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND UNGA, HE WILL MAKE A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE US IN OCTOBER FOR HIS SON'S MARRIAGE. FOLLOWING THIS VISIT, HE WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING STOPS IN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THE VISIT IS SEEN IN PART AS BOLSTERING SUPPORT FOR HIS SOCIALIST PARTY IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER.

SIERRA LEONE

-- PEACE PROCESS:

FOLLOWING PRESIDENT KABBAH'S AUGUST 1 TELCON WITH RUF LEADER SANKOH, PROSPECTS FOR RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE PEACE PROCESS HAVE AGAIN BRIGHTENED. SANKOH CONTINUES TO URGE RESTRAINT ON HIS COMBATANTS. THE GOSL IS ASKING PARAMOUNT CHIEFS TO RETURN TO THEIR CHIEFDOMS TO PREPARE FOR THE ORDERLY RETURN OF THE DISPLACED AND REFUGEES. THE GOSL IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOCI TO FACILITATE SANKOH'S CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS RUF FIELD COMMANDERS.

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-- REBELS SURRENDER:

105 REBEL FIGHTERS HAVE SURRENDERED AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM GOSL. THE GOSL HAS AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECEPTION AND HOLDING CENTER; FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE WILL BE PROVIDED BY NGOS. IF THIS FIRST GROUP IS ANY INDICATION, PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION WILL BE NEEDED QUICKLY BUT GOSL HAS FEW RESOURCES AND WILL

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BE LOOKING TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR ASSISTANCE.

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-- EYADEMA'S RPT WINS BY-ELECTIONS:

EYADEMA'S RPT PARTY WON 2 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS DURING RECENT BY-ELECTIONS, AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN AUG. 18 RUN-OFF FOR A THIRD SEAT AGAINST A SISTER PARTY. THE PRESIDENT NOW HAS A 4 SEAT MAJORITY IN THE PARLIAMENT (42-38). THE LOSS OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY MAJORITY SIGNIFIES AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE FOR PRIME MINISTER KODJO. ALL THREE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEATS WERE WON BY OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE ORIGINAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OF 1994. CAR, WHICH WON 2 SEATS IN 1994, PULLED OUT 2 DAYS BEFORE THE BY-ELECTIONS TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE OUAGA ACCORDS. UTD, THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WHICH WON THE THIRD SEAT IN 1994, FAILED TO GARNER ENOUGH

VOTES FOR THE AUG. 18 RUN-OFF. THE ELECTIONS WERE MARRED BY FLAWED PREPARATIONS, ALLEGED RPT AND MILITARY INTIMIDATION, AND CHARGES OF FRAUD BY OPPOSITION PARTIES. FRANCE AND GERMANY, BOTH OFFICIAL OBSERVERS OF THE BY-ELECTIONS, HAVE NOT MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT FRANCE WILL QUIETLY BLESS THE ELECTION RESULTS AND GERMANY WILL MAINTAIN ITS SILENT DISAPPROVAL.

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12. (C) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

13. A FINAL REMINDER: PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT DISTRIBUTION IS RESTRICTED TO STATE PERSONNEL ONLY.

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