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SUBJECT: AFRICA PRESS GUIDANCE JULY 5, 1995

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS A TAKEN QUESTION (TQ) FROM MONDAY,
JULY 3:(A) EGYPT (S/CT): REPORTED FBI PRESENCE (RE: ATTACK ON
MUBARAK IN ADDIS)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1995

SUMMARY OF PRESS GUIDANCE

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(A) TQ: 7/3/95: EGYPT (S/CT): REPORTED FBI PRESENCE (RE:
ATTACK ON MUBARAK IN ADDIS)-----
Q: IS THE FBI IN EGYPT TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO
THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT MUBARAK?A: -- NO. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE SAID, WE ARE PREPARED TO
COOPERATE IN ANY WAY THAT MAY BE POSSIBLE.

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1. RWANDA/BURUNDI (AF): STATEMENT: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 5, 1995STATEMENT BY NICHOLAS BURNS, SPOKESMAN
"APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA AND BURUNDI"THE SECRETARY HAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR RICHARD W. BOGOSIAN
AS SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA AND BURUNDI IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. AMBASSADOR BOGOSIAN REPLACES
AMBASSADOR TOWNSEND FRIEDMAN, WHO SERVED AS SPECIAL RWANDA
COORDINATOR FROM THE POSITION'S CREATION IN JANUARY 1995
UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN JUNE. BURUNDI HAS SINCE BEEN
ADDED TO THE PORTFOLIO FOR THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR IN

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RECOGNITION OF THE INTERRELATED ISSUES IN THE REGION.

AS SPECIAL COORDINATOR, AMBASSADOR BOGOSIAN WILL ADVISE THE SECRETARY AND OTHER DEPARTMENT PRINCIPALS ON ALL ISSUES RELATIVE TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI, AND WILL COORDINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER-AGENCY PROCESS AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION AND REDUCE VIOLENCE IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE WITH THE RANK OF MINISTER COUNSELOR AMBASSADOR BOGOSIAN HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS SPECIAL ENVOY TO SOMALIA, AND AS AMBASSADOR TO CHAD AND NIGER.

 2. RWANDA/BURUNDI (AF): APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COORDINATOR

Q. CAN YOU UPDATE US ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BURUNDI?

A. -- BURUNDI IS GENERALLY CALM BUT THERE ARE CONTINUED REPORTS OF SPORADIC INCIDENTS OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN BUJUMBURA AND THE COUNTRYSIDE. RADIO BURUNDI REPORTED THAT 24 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN ATTACKS IN KAYANZA (KA-YAN-ZA) PROVINCE IN NORTHERN BURUNDI. OUR EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THESE REPORTED DEATHS.

-- A GRENADE EXPLODED IN A MARKET NEAR THE U.S. EMBASSY THIS MORNING IN BUJUMBURA. NO AMERICANS WERE INJURED BUT THREE BURUNDIANS, INCLUDING A WOMAN AND HER BABY WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Q. WHAT IS THE USG VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION?

A. -- WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE FRAGILE POLITICAL SITUATION IN BURUNDI, AND ABOUT ESCALATING VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WE URGE ALL BURUNDIANS TO REJECT THE VOICES OF EXTREMISM AND TO ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA?

A. -- THIS IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE RPF'S CAPTURE OF KIGALI ON JULY 5, 1994. A YEAR LATER, RWANDA IS GENERALLY CALM, BUT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS STILL STRUGGLING TO REBUILD THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE VOLUNTARY RETURN OF AN ESTIMATED 2 MILLION REFUGEES

Q. WHAT IS THE USG VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION?

A. -- WE CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REBUILD GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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IN RWANDA. A FULLY FUNCTIONING JUDICIARY SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL TO END IMPUNITY, TO SEE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE ARE PUNISHED, AND TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE RETURN OF REFUGEES.

-- WE REMAIN CONCERNED OVER THE SECURITY CONDITIONS ON RWANDA'S BORDERS, PARTICULARLY THE BORDER WITH ZAIRE AND THE OVERCROWDING IN DETENTION FACILITIES WITHIN RWANDA. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

Q. HOW CAN THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI?

A. -- THE PROBLEMS OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE AND GOVERNMENT INSTABILITY WHICH AFFECT RWANDA AND BURUNDI ARE REGIONAL IN NATURE AND MUST BE ADDRESSED WITH A REGIONAL STRATEGY.

-- THE SPECIAL COORDINATOR WILL WORK WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE DONOR COMMUNITY AND NGOS TO DEVELOP REGIONAL APPROACHES TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION AND DIALOGUE.

Q. WHAT IS THE USG DOING IN THE REGION TO PROMOTE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION?

A. -- SINCE APRIL 1994, THE U.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED DOLLARS 582 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE REGION.

-- WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OAU IN THE REGION, INCLUDING UNAMIR THE OAU OBSERVER FORCE IN BURUNDI, AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN RWANDA. IN ADDITION TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WE PROVIDE THESE EFFORTS, WE HAVE SUPPLIED U.S. PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHERE APPROPRIATE.

-- WE HAVE PROVIDED DOLLARS 3 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA. WE ARE PROVIDING UP TO 21 PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE TRIBUNAL, WHICH IS MANDATED TO INVESTIGATE THE 1994 GENOCIDE IN RWANDA.

-- WE SUPPORT THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S CALL FOR A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR BURUNDI, TO INVESTIGATE THE OCTOBER 1993 COUP ATTEMPT AND ENSUING VIOLENCE.

-- WE HAVE FREQUENTLY SENT HIGH-LEVEL USG OFFICIALS ON VISITS TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI TO ENCOURAGE MODERATES IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND TO REMIND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES OF THE ATTENTION AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. RECENT VISITORS HAVE INCLUDED NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ANTHONY LAKE, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE TALBOTT, UNDERSECRETARY WIRTH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK, AND MAJOR GENERAL

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CHARLES HEFLEBOWER.

 3. NIGERIA (AF): ARREST OF OPPOSITION LEADER GANI
 FAWEHINMI

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST OF
 NIGERIAN LAWYER GANI FAWEHINMI?

A. -- STATE SECURITY SERVICE AGENTS ARRESTED MR. GANI
 FAWEHINMI (GA-KNEE' FA'-WA-HIN-MEE) AT HIS LAW CHAMBERS
 ON THE EVENING OF JULY 3. HIS ARREST HAS BEEN CONFIRMED
 BY THE ORGANIZING DIRECTOR OF HIS NATIONAL CONSCIENCE
 PARTY. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST MR. FAWEHINMI,
 BUT HE REMAINS IN CUSTODY.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THIS ARREST?

A. -- AS WITH THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF OTHER OPPOSITION
 LEADERS, WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO RELEASE
 MR. FAWEHINMI OR CHARGE AND TRY HIM IN AN OPEN AND FAIR
 TRIAL.

-- THE TREATMENT OF DETAINEES AND THE RESULTS OF ONGOING
 TRIALS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED AS INDICATORS OF THE
 GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA'S SINCERITY ABOUT MOVING FORWARD TO
 CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR TRANSITION.

Q: CAN YOU PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FATE OF FORMER
 PRESIDENT OBASANJO AND OTHERS WHO WERE REPORTED TO BE ON
 TRIAL FOR ALLEGED COUP PLOTTING?

A: -- THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
 WHEREABOUTS AND SAFETY OF FORMER NIGERIAN PRESIDENT
 GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO (OH-LEH-SAY'-GUN
 OH-BAH'-SAN-JOH).

-- IN THE ABSENCE OF PUBLICLY STATED CHARGES THERE ARE
 RUMORS THAT HE IS BEING TRIED "IN CAMERA" BY A MILITARY
 TRIBUNAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN ALLEGED MARCH COUP PLOT.
 IF SPECIFIC CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT, THEY SHOULD BE MADE
 PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN PUBLIC TRIAL .

-- THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECRET TRIAL
 NOW UNDERWAY FOR 23 ALLEGED COUP PLOTTERS AND URGES THE

GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE DUE PROCESS
 INCLUDING FAIR, OPEN PUBLIC TRIALS, FOR ALL PERSONS
 DETAINED OR CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED MARCH COUP
 PLOTTING.

Q: WHAT IS OUR OVERALL POLICY TOWARD NIGERIA?

A: -- THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE

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EFFORTS TO RESTORE CIVILIAN, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT AND WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY INDIVIDUAL.

-- OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND RESPECT FOR AN OPEN, PLURALISTIC, AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT ENSURES THAT THE WILL OF THE NIGERIAN PEOPLE IS RESPECTED. THE RECENT ARRESTS UNDERSCORE THE URGENCY OF ESTABLISHING PROMPTLY A CREDIBLE TRANSITION PROCESS.

 4. ZAIRE (AF): ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO AND TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 JULY 5, 1995

STATEMENT BY NICHOLAS BURNS SPOKESMAN
 "ZAIRE: ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO AND THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY"

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH SERIOUS CONCERN THE ACTIONS IN THE ZAIRIAN HIGH COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC-PARLIAMENT OF TRANSITION (HCR-PT) ON JULY 1ST AIMED AT REMOVING ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PARLIAMENT.

THE ATTACKS ON THE POSITION OF THE HCR-PT PRESIDENT CLEARLY SEEM TO BE IRREGULAR IN FORM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE WAS NO PROPER VOTE. THE PARLIAMENT IS THUS OPEN TO CHARGES OF MANIPULATION BY EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY FORCES PREJUDICING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RULE OF LAW WHICH ARE THE VERY ROOT OF DEMOCRACY.

WE HOPE THAT ALL RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE ZAIRIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RESTORE

THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TRANSITION PROCESS -- A CREDIBILITY GRAVELY DAMAGED BY THIS LATEST AND MOST SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT.

WE ESPECIALLY AND URGENTLY APPEAL TO EACH INSTITUTION OF THE TRANSITION TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRANSITION ACT, TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESS OF THE TRANSITION TO GENUINE DEMOCRACY.

 5. ZAIRE (AF): OUSTER OF MONSENGWO

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE EVENTS LEADING TO ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO'S OUSTER?

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(BACKGROUND: ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 1, THE ZAIRIAN TRANSITION PARLIAMENT (HCR-PT) REVIEWED A PETITION, SIGNED BY 545 OF ITS MEMBERS, WHICH PROCLAIMED THEIR WITHDRAWAL OF CONFIDENCE IN ARCHBISHOP LAURENT MONSENGWO AS THE PARLIAMENT'S PRESIDENT. THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES WAS LATER DISPUTED, AND MANY ZAIRIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER OBSERVERS DISAGREE AS TO WHETHER THE PRESENTATION OF THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT TO REMOVE MONSENGWO UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSITION ACT.

A: -- ON JULY 1, A DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO BE A LIST OF SIGNATURES OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ZAIRIAN TRANSITIONAL PARLIAMENT WITHDRAWING SUPPORT OF ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO (MON-SENG'-WOH) WAS PLACED BEFORE THAT BODY.

-- IN A CONFUSED SESSION, THE ACTING PRESIDENT APPARENTLY CONFIRMED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PRESIDENCY, THOUGH NO SPECIFIC VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE ISSUE.

-- THE LEGAL SITUATION IS FAR FROM CLEAR. THE ARCHBISHOP WHO HAS LONG MAINTAINED THAT HE WOULD WILLINGLY STEP DOWN IF A PROPER VOTE SO DECIDED, INSISTS THAT THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED WERE SO IRREGULAR AS TO BE WITHOUT EFFECT. OTHER RESPONSIBLE FIGURES SUCH AS THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE ARE ALSO OF THIS VIEW.

Q: WHAT IS OUR VIEW?

A: -- WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF TRANSITION ON JULY 1, WHICH WE BELIEVE

DAMAGES THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN ZAIRE.

-- WE APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ZAIRIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RESTORE THAT CREDIBILITY.

Q: WHAT HAVE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TROIKA SAID?

A: -- I BELIEVE BOTH THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE IN SEPARATE STATEMENTS TODAY; I WOULD REFER YOU TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS.

(END GUIDANCE)

MINIMIZE CONSIDERED CHRISTOPHER

ADMIN
END OF MESSAGE

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