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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6818
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE

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DEPT FOR AF/C, DS/CR/CIL

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: PREL, CASC, CARR, AMGT, ASEC, RW, CG

SUBJECT: ARREST OF AMCIT IN BRUSSELS

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: WE UNDERSTAND FROM NUMEROUS COMMUNICATIONS THAT LONGTIME ZAIRE RESIDENT AMCIT

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN BRUSSELS. WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MURKY, WE UNDERSTAND [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED BY THE JUDICIAL
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POLICE AS HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO DEPOSIT WELL OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS OF RWANDAN ORIGIN IN A BANK IN BRUSSELS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

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3. BASED ON NUMEROUS COMMUNICATIONS IN VARIOUS CHANNELS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMCIT [REDACTED] WAS

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3. RSO AND CONSULAR ASSISTANT INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] IN THE PRESENCE OF PJ PERSONNEL ON 6/3. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL'S READING HIS STATEMENT OR SEEING OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE.

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[REDACTED]

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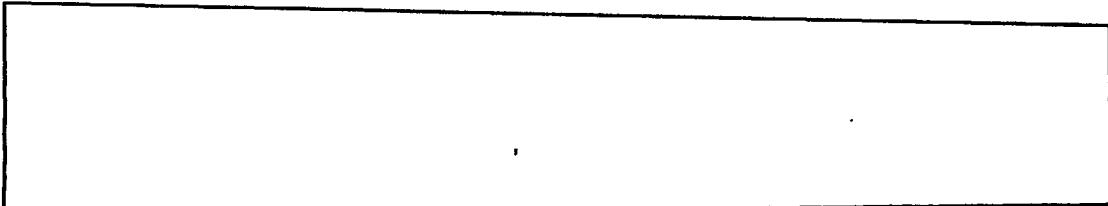
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CLAIMED HE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE CARRYING
AROUND 25 KGS. OF BLANK TRAVELLERS CHECKS AND WANTED TO
PUT THEM IN THE BANK FOR SAFEKEEPING. THE BANK, INSTANTLY
SUSPICIOUS OF THIS QUANTITY OF TRAVELLERS CHECKS BEARING
NO SIGNATURES, NOTIFIED THOMAS COOK COMPANY AND WAS

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SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT THE TRAVELLERS CHECKS WERE
STOLEN. BELGIAN POLICE THEN ARRESTED THE PAIR AT 1130
HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 6/2.

7. [REDACTED] SEEMS TO BE COOPERATING WITH THE POLICE AND,



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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

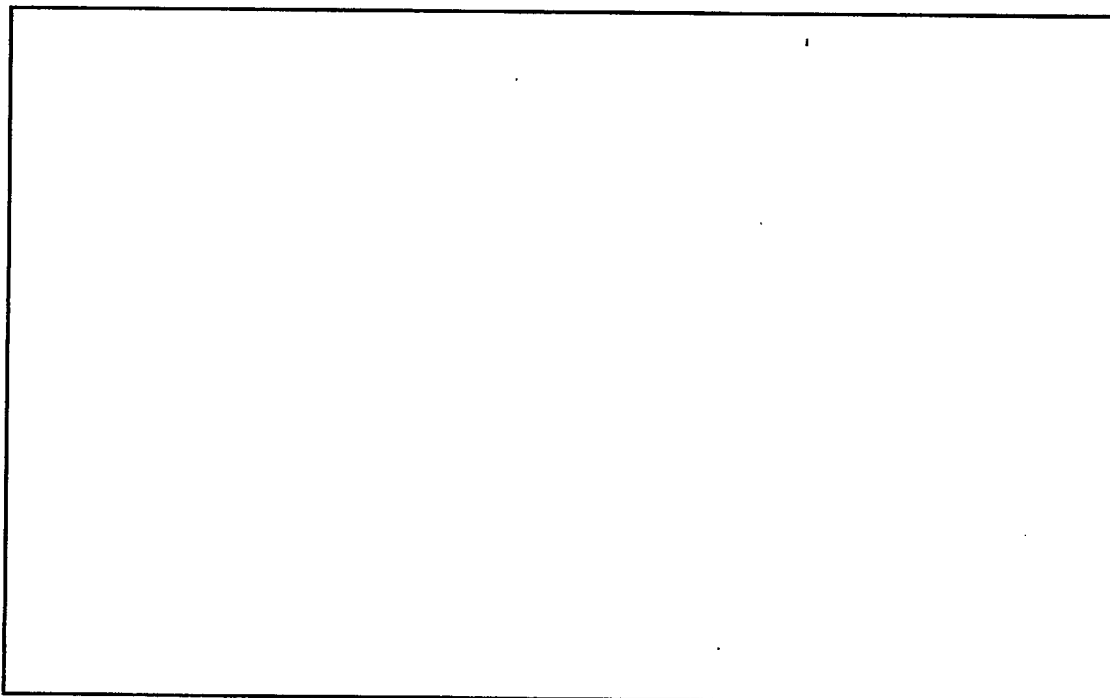
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NOFORN DEPARTMENT FOR AF/C FENDRICK AND DS/DSS FROM
MECKE/DUBROW

KINSHASA FOR CHARGE

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ARMS PURCHASE FOR RWANDAN ARMY

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9. [REDACTED] REMAINS IN CUSTODY AND WILL NEXT APPEAR BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE ON 6/8. THE POLICE OPINED THAT THE PRESS MAY
ALREADY HAVE SOME OF THIS INFORMATION AND NOTED THAT THE
INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE MAY HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

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10. AMBASSADOR HAS QUERIED [REDACTED] ON ANY INFORMATION THAT THEY MAY HOLD IN CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED] OR HIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.

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11. ACTION REQUEST: IF MAGISTRATE HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE, EMBASSY WILL BE QUERIED BY LOCAL, AND POSSIBLY, RESIDENT US PRESS. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD EXPECT THE BELGIAN MFA TO REQUEST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE MAY HAVE [REDACTED]. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, FOR THE MOMENT, THE EMBASSY PLANS TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS BY SAYING THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF [REDACTED] ARREST, THAT HE WAS VISITED BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL, AND THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON [REDACTED] CASE OTHER THAN THAT WHICH HE HAS PROVIDED. IF THIS LANGUAGE DOES

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NOT MEET DEPARTMENT APPROVAL, PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP GUIDANCE FOR EVENTUAL PRESS QUERIES AND AN MFA QUERY. END ACTION REQUEST.

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