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August 27, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ALAN R. MCKEE

SUBJECT: Minutes for the Deputies Committee Meeting on
Liberia, August 25, 1990, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Attached at Tab I are the Minutes for the DC Teleconference Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve and file the Minutes for the record.

Approve

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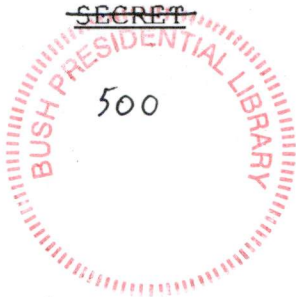
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Meeting the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: August 25, 1990

LOCATION: White House Situation Room, SVTS

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Deputies Committee Meeting on Liberia
(S)

PARTICIPANTS:

The Vice President's Office:
Carnes Lord

State:
Robert Kimmitt
Jeff Davidow

DOD:
Henry Rowen
James Woods

OMB:
Robert Howard

CIA:
Richard Kerr
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White House:
Robert M. Gates

NSC:
David C. Miller, Jr.
Alan McKee

JCS:
Admiral David Jeremiah
Merrill Ruck

Minutes

Mr. Gates: Dick, could you give us a quick summary of the situation on the ground? (C)

Mr. Kerr: The ECOMOG force landed yesterday. They encountered some opposition from Taylor's forces on arrival. When ECOMOG landed, they put up noise makers and simulators to allow them to land without opposition, so that accounts for some of the reported fireworks. However, 1.4(c)

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1.4(c) [redacted] there was some firing. Our assistance has been requested in evacuating a couple of casualties. In general, as of 0600 our time, we don't have a good sense of what's happening on the ground. In response to questions posed earlier by Ambassador Miller, we have only the one report of two casualties, unless State has further information. The firing was reported heavy early on, but then apparently died down. ECOMOG has 3-4 patrol boats, plus a transport and LST as well. Overall, ECOWAS looks pretty good. The Ghanaians and Nigerians are relatively well trained and led, and the force should be effective in the short term. Doe's 1.4(c) [redacted] palace instructed his forces not to interfere with the landing. We have a late report that a Guinean aircraft is flying toward Monrovia, but we have no other details and no information as to its intentions. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: The two wounded have sustained stomach wounds and injuries to the extremities, respectively. There may be four casualties, but so far we only have a request from General Quainoo to evacuate two. He would get them out to the MARG. (S)

Mr. Gates: Does this "well-trained" ECOMOG force have any medical corpsmen? (S)

Mr. Kerr: We don't know. (U)

Mr. Kimmitt: I think they have corpsmen with them -- those medical personnel you'd expect to find at company level, much as with a similar U.S. unit. They would not have surgical or evacuation capability. Taylor, Doe and Johnson also have only very limited medical treatment capability, limited to corpsman level. (S)

Mr. Kerr: They do have a couple of ambulances. (U)

Mr. Gates: What kind of planning was done by ECOMOG for evacuation? (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: ECOMOG's objective, which we supported, was to go in a permissive environment. The decision was ultimately made to go in even without agreement from all three Liberian parties. We had talked with them about their medical support plans, and they had indicated it would only be at corpsman level. (S)

Mr. Gates: What was their evacuation plan? (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: Though possibly not fully stated, their plan was to ask us. (S)

Admiral Jeremiah: We had said here that we wouldn't do it. (S)

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Mr. Kerr: That was just with respect to the question of helicopter evacuation. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: They sought a commitment from us to provide evacuation support. We responded that we were not ready to give such a commitment at that time. They were looking at battlefield support. If they approached us this morning requesting battlefield evacuations, State would advise that we not put our people in harm's way. We would give the same advice in response to an evacuation request from the contending Liberian factions. But this is a new case. A peacekeeping force has approached us to inquire whether, if it can get its casualties to us, we will take care of them. There I come out differently. (S)

Mr. Gates: Do Johnson and Doe also have no capacity to provide medical care? (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: The hospital system in Monrovia is non-functioning. The wounded American citizen died in AFL custody because Doe had no facilities to provide care. The Liberian factions have nothing above corpsman level. (S)

We have important but not vital interests at stake here. We made a decision that no U.S. forces would be sent into the fray. We went to the UN, OAU and ECOWAS, and told them to get their acts together. ECOWAS took a step which we never thought was possible in launching a peacekeeping initiative. ECOWAS tried to negotiate arrangements for permissive entry, but concluded that it was necessary to proceed even without agreement from one party. The ECOMOG force is not on the side of either Doe or Johnson. It is on the side of those who want a negotiated solution. We should support anyone who has that objective, as long as we are out of harm's way and not siding with any faction. We should support the one group that wants peace. When it comes time to brief Congress on our actions, I would like to be able to say that we stood solidly for the principle enunciated by ECOWAS that the three contending groups in Liberia should disengage and find a way to resolve their differences peacefully. (S)

Within ECOWAS, Nigeria is the driving force, and it is very important to us in the OAU, OPEC and elsewhere. They may understand our hesitation in providing other forms of more direct support to ECOMOG, but it will be tough to explain why we are not willing to help sew up a peacekeeper's stomach wound, especially after we went to such pains to arrange evacuation for a European Ambassador with a heart condition. (S)

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Mr. Gates: ECOMOG is going in without agreement of all three factions, so it is by implication on the side of Doe or Johnson. Doe sees it as a way to stay in office. Johnson sees it as a way to take the pressure off his forces from Taylor's troops. These are two guys who control part of downtown Monrovia. The stalemate could go on for quite a while. Taylor controls most of the real estate throughout the rest of the country. If we help ECOWAS, we're lining up with the two forces that invited it in. We are likely to end up putting our Embassy at risk. Taylor may say that, if the Americans are carrying water for Doe and Johnson, he is going to play tough. This is also difficult in PR terms; if we haul Nigerians and Ghanaians out, how come we're not helping Liberians and even American citizens such as the individual who died in AFL custody. We have tried to hold the line against increased involvement, but are being backed into a corner. (S)

We have never been fully clear as to ECOWAS' intentions. They include protecting their own nationals and perhaps an element of revenge, as well as a ceasefire and broader political interests. I recognize the political validity of your arguments, but am worried about the political implications of where they point. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: The ECOWAS military was insistent on permissive insertion, but was overruled by their political leadership. ECOWAS has stood from the beginning for the principle that Doe must go. We should be on the side of ECOWAS in supporting a peaceful settlement. No one carries any brief for Taylor. At the end of the day, we will not have hurt our interests by being associated with five countries that Taylor will have to get along with in the event that he does carve out any continuing role after a settlement. It is our Embassy, which would have the most to lose from any reprisals by Taylor, which has been recommending that we support ECOWAS. (S)

ECOWAS has a political record of working for principles which we support in this affair. Its political efforts are continuing in the meeting of Liberian political groups that has been scheduled for Monday, August 27 in Banjul. Assisting with evacuations from a peacekeeping force would put us on the right side. We would be behind a five-nation African shield, with OAU and UN endorsements. (S)

As for the dead American, we tried vigorously to get access to him, short of sending a platoon of Marines to carry out a rescue. We have made a decision not to put American troops in harm's way. But it should not be hard to answer the question whether we are willing to sew up the stomach of a peacekeeper delivered to us. (S)

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Mr. Gates: Suppose we say that we will donate trauma supplies and other medical support to Freetown in the next 24-48 hours, and agree to treat these few initial casualties. But then the Nigerians should use their patrol boat to shuttle casualties back and forth. Nigeria should immediately get doctors in to deal with the situation. They could bring these casualties out to the MARG and then have their boats stand by and take them on to Freetown. It is imperative that we put a cap on our involvement.

We cannot turn the MARG into a hospital ship. We could provide humanitarian care in the short term, but only in extremis, and in the understanding that our support is to be provided just until the Nigerians get their own equipment and medical personnel into place. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: You are saying that we will only help in extremis, and not put our people in danger. After we have helped these initial casualties, they must bring in doctors to Freetown and set up adequate medical arrangements. I like your approach. We could set up a facility in Freetown. (C)

Mr. Gates: OFDA should have such equipment. My concern is that ECOMOG could be there for months. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: That's right. They will represent a new power in Monrovia that our Embassy will have to deal with. (C)

Admiral Jeremiah: Wilburforce Hospital in Freetown has facilities, if ECOMOG can figure out how to handle transportation of evacuees. (C)

Mr. Gates: How long does the trip take from Monrovia to Freetown by boat? (U)

Admiral Jeremiah: About 15-20 hours. That is not fast enough for medical evacuations. They will need to stabilize the wounded on the scene. (C)

Mr. Gates: We could say to the Nigerians that we will handle the 2-4 casualties, if they bring them to the MARG and then stand by to evacuate them to Freetown or Monrovia. We don't want to hold them a long time. We will just do this for 24-48 hours. They must get a doctor from Nigeria to Monrovia. We will provide medical supplies in Freetown. (C)

Admiral Jeremiah: If we take these casualties onto the MARG, we should helicopter them on to Freetown. It would not be sensible to put them back into a boat. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: The choice is between one hour in a helicopter and 20 hours by boat. The big problem they face is evacuation, not

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supplies. The big help we can provide is not a floating hospital, but stabilizing patients and then providing transportation on to Freetown. (C)

Mr. Gates: That would be for the next 24-48 hours. They need to get a combat medical team into Monrovia and then use patrol boats to Freetown. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: Would we be prepared to helicopter a medical team in to Monrovia? (C)

Mr. Gates: If you lift casualties to Freetown, you could carry doctors back out to the MARG in one run. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: We're not talking about an air bridge, but just helping them get medical people deployed as far forward as possible as quickly as possible. DOD may be better placed to get medical supplies there quickly. We'll have OFDA talk to them. We had been focussing more on food and other relief assistance. We'll also try to involve the Europeans. (C)

Mr. Rowen: Are they also going to run out of rations?

Mr. Kern: They have some but will run out in a few weeks if they are not replenished. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: I agree with Dave. We will go to the Nigerians bilaterally and through ECOWAS. (S)

Mr. Gates: Dave, are you willing to bring a Nigerian combat medical team back to the MARG and put it onto an ECOMOG boat? (S)

Admiral Jeremiah: We can do whatever national policy calls on us to do. (C)

Mr. Gates: Do you have reservations? (C)

Admiral Jeremiah: We are getting nibbled up, piece by piece. We are concerned that Taylor does not see the ECOWAS presence as in his interest. (C)

Mr. Kimmitt: His beef is not with us. It is with ECOWAS coming in to a situation that he thought might turn to his advantage. What we are hoping is that leadership will emerge which includes none of three present contenders. I don't have any trouble supporting ECOWAS as long as our people are not put in danger. We would like to see a black African regional solution brought about with OAU and UN backing. Unless they start siding with someone other than the principles they have enunciated, we should

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support ECOWAS. Otherwise, those three factions would have gone on fighting for some time. (S)

Mr. Kerr: I agree with Bob Kimmitt. We have a long-term interest in seeing ECOWAS-type actions being organized to deal with similar problems in the future. We should be as cooperative as we can be, without getting sucked in. (S)

Mr. Gates: If we are all agreed, we will indicate that, if they can get the 2-4 casualties to the MARG, we will treat them and lift them by helicopter to Freetown. We will also go to the Nigerians and say they must take up the slack, and get a medical team to Freetown within hours. We would take it to the MARG by helicopter, and ECOMOG would take it on into Monrovia. It will then be their responsibility to evacuate casualties from Monrovia to Freetown by boat or their own helicopters. We will provide some medical supplies in Freetown. We will make clear that we are doing this in extremis, and will not continue providing this support beyond 24-48 hours. But I would not be at all surprised to see us confronted with further such requests eventually for things such as food. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: We should be providing support. When we have U.S. interests at stake, but don't want to get out in front, we should support those prepared to take responsibility. In this case, the UN's support is not just rhetorical. There will be a UN Assistant Secretary General in Banjul for the meeting called by ECOWAS of Liberal political factions on August 27th. This is archetypal of what we would like to see in handling regional conflict. (S)

Admiral Jeremiah: Do you want pro-active MARG action? (S)

Mr. Gates: The first thing is to get our message to ECOMOG, and then alert the MARG that casualties may be coming. (S)

Mr. Kimmitt: We'll tell Ambassador De Vos to lay out what you've said, emphasizing the strict conditions attached to our support. The key thing is to get back to the ECOMOG commander now. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ALAN MCKEE

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee
Meeting on Liberia

Deputy Natl Sec Advisor
has seen

Attached at Tab I is the summary of conclusions of the Deputies
Committee meeting on Liberia.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached summary of conclusions.

Approve

Disapprove

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Summary of Conclusions for NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: August 25, 1990
LOCATION: Situation Room, SVTS
TIME: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting on
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PARTICIPANTS:

The Vice President's Office:
Carnes Lord

STATE:
Robert Kimmitt
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Summary of Conclusions

The Deputies Committee considered the request from General Quainoo, Commander of ECOMOG, for assistance in evacuating 2-4 casualties his force had taken, which ECOMOG would be prepared to deliver by boat to the MARG. (S)

It was agreed that:

- We will respond that we are prepared to accept these few casualties, treat them and lift them by helicopter to Freetown as soon as they are stabilized. (S)
- We will emphasize to ECOMOG, ECOWAS and the Nigerians directly that we are doing this only in extremis, and that we will not continue to assist them in this fashion for more than 24-48 hours. (S)
- We will go immediately to the Nigerians and tell them that we expect them to establish this weekend adequate medical and evacuation support for ECOMOG, including positioning qualified physicians and equipment in Monrovia or as far

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forward as possible as soon as possible. We also expect them to establish their own adequate evacuation arrangements from Monrovia by patrol boat or air. (S)

- To facilitate steps by ECOMOG to look after its own medical and evacuation needs, we are prepared to helicopter a qualified ECOMOG combat medical team from Freetown to the MARG, from which point it can be transported into Liberia via ECOMOG vessels. (S)
- We will also undertake to provide a shipment of medical supplies to Freetown for use by ECOMOG in treating its combat casualties. State, DOD and OFDA should jointly identify appropriate assets and make arrangements for their delivery. (S)
- While we support the stated principles for the ECOWAS intervention, we want to avoid any support responsibility for its forces, and will draw the line at any action which could be interpreted as taking sides in the Liberian conflict or which would put American lives at risk. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR. *AM/57*

FROM: ALAN R. MCKER *X*

SUBJECT: Liberia -- Update

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Following Saturday's Deputies Committee meeting on Liberia, the decisions reached were communicated to our Embassies in Monrovia and Lagos, to be relayed to ECOMOG and the Nigerians. The MARG was simultaneously alerted that it might be receiving 2-4 wounded for initial treatment and onward evacuation to Freetown.

However, for reasons which are still not fully explained, ECOMOG withdrew its request for our help in evacuating the first few casualties. A Nigerian vessel later departed from the Monrovia port, presumably enroute to Freetown, and it may be that their condition stabilized to the point that a decision was made that they could be evacuated by boat using ECOMOG resources.

The Nigerians have confirmed that their needs are for medical supplies, rather than personnel. OFDA has been in touch with the ICRC, which sent its representative in Freetown to Wilburforce Hospital there to assess its needs. ICRC subsequently agreed to provide two tons of surgical and medical supplies to Freetown. As the ICRC initiative was taking shape, State and DOD were simultaneously seeking agreement by Sierra Leone, the Gambia and Guinea to make available funds from their military assistance accounts for a Military Health Affairs program to provide needed medical equipment for ECOMOG. While the supplies which ICRC has agreed to provide should cover ECOMOG's initial needs for backup medical support, the military assistance funds being freed up by these three countries could offer us a source of further contingency assistance if it proves necessary and a decision is made to provide more help.

Meanwhile, ECOMOG is moving cautiously but deliberately to expand its presence, without encountering any further significant resistance from Taylor, who appears to have fallen back in an effort to avoid confronting superior forces head on for the time being. ECOMOG has not yet reached Mamba Point, where the Embassy is located, but has insisted on taking over control of the port from Johnson's forces.

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DEPUTY COMMITTEE (SVTS) MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1990
11:30 - 12:00 AM

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ALAN R. MCKEE

SUBJECT: Liberia -- ECOMOG Arrival/Deputies Meeting

ECOMOG has arrived in Liberian waters and dispatched two patrol boats, which have met up with a vessel from Prince Johnson's forces. There have apparently been no landings as yet (mid-day Washington time) and, with evening approaching in Monrovia, there is little daylight remaining for putting much of anything ashore today. Taylor attacked Johnson's forces on Bushrod Island, but was beaten back, and there has been no fighting there for several hours. The truce between Johnson and Doe still seems to be holding.

We are not in a position to make any more decisions, in the absence of any further indication of the extent of conflict that may take shape between ECOMOG and Taylor. Even after ECOMOG has disembarked, we are not likely to have a clear indication, since the port area is controlled by Johnson's friendly forces. The test probably will not come until ECOMOG secures its base, occupies central Monrovia, and starts to move out beyond the capital. That could take several days. State and DOD see no compelling need for another Deputies discussion today unless there are dramatic developments in the next few hours.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Liberia discussion scheduled for 5:00 today be cancelled for at least 24 hours, or until there are new developments which would justify consideration of any change in the present cautious U.S. stance.

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