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DEPUTY COMMITTEE (SVTS) MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1990
4:30 - 5:00 PM

WHITE HOUSE

Andy Card (Invited)
Robert Gates

OFC OF THE VP

Carnes Lord

NSC

David Miller

STATE

Robert Kimmitt
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JUSTICE

William Barr

TREASURY

John Robson (OUT OF TOWN UNTIL 9/13)

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- ✓ 1. intell update
- ✓ 2. intercept operation update
- ✓ 3. arms sales for Saudis package???
- ✓ 4. arms for Israel/Ivry follow-up???
- ✓ 5. UN: food exception, Art 50 for Jordan
- ✓ 6. Jordan: policy, \$20 million, King visit
- ✓ 7. getting Iraqi defense attache out of SA
- ✓ 8. Saudi request for jamming equipment
- 9. other?

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September 12, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ROBERT C. FRASURE *RCF*

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions on the Deputies Committee
(SVTS) Meeting on Liberia, September 10, 1990
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Attached at Tab I is the Summary of Conclusions on the Deputies Committee Meeting on Liberia.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve and file the Summary of Conclusions for the record.

Approve

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Disapprove

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Tab I Summary of Conclusions

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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS FOR
NSC DEPUTIES COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: September 10, 1990
LOCATION: White House Situation Room
(SVTS)
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions on the Deputies Committee (SVTS)
Meeting on Liberia (S)

PARTICIPANTS

Office of the Vice President:
Carnes Lord

White House:
Robert M. Gates
Andrew Card

State:
Robert Kimmitt
Jeffrey Davidow

NSC:
David C. Miller, Jr.
Robert C. Frasure

DOD:
Paul Wolfowitz
Henry Rowen

OMB:
Robert Howard

CIA:
John Helgerson
(b)(3)

JCS:
Admiral David Jeremiah
Rear Admiral Merrill Ruck

Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- State will come up with a detailed list of specific items vis-a-vis support for ECOWAS/ECOMOG for further discussion in a Deputies Committee Meeting this week.
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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ROBERT C. FRASURE *RF*

SUBJECT: Minutes on the Deputies Committee (SVTS) Meeting
on Liberia, September 10, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Attached at Tab I are the Minutes on the Deputies Committee Meeting on Liberia.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve and file the Minutes for the record.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

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Tab I Minutes

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September 10, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. GATES

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: ROBERT C. FRASURE RCF

SUBJECT: Today's Deputies Committee Meeting on Liberia --
4:30 p.m.

Deputy Natl Sec Advisor
has seen

The events of the weekend demonstrate graphically how bizarre and volatile the situation is in Monrovia. Some reports indicate that Doe is now dead. Johnson has told the embassy that Doe "died from his wounds." ECOMOG commander Quainoo evacuated his nineteen wounded soldiers by boat to Freetown during the night without taking up our first-light-of-dawn offer to use MARG assets.

While we have had many putative break points during the long months of the Liberia melodrama, this week really could be crucial. In essence, we are quickly evolving into a situation where ECOMOG and Prince Johnson -- with a perception of some USG support -- are facing off with Taylor's forces. Taylor and ECOMOG blasted away at each other late last week at several places around Monrovia with inconclusive results. If ECOMOG has serious problems this week and shows signs of losing control of the situation, we should start to think about a further embassy drawdown. Given Taylor's growing hostility toward us -- his people have broken into some of our abandoned communications sites -- we may not want to be around if ECOMOG starts to come unhinged. A USG pullout just might have a sobering effect on the various combatants.

In this afternoon's Deputies Committee meeting, State is likely to push for greater discretionary authority for decisions to be made at lower levels. Our confidence level is probably not high enough to agree to that arrangement, particularly in the absence of a credible game plan on Liberia.

State is also likely to argue that -- despite the bloody events of the weekend -- ECOMOG has made enough progress that we should expand our supposedly calibrated, step-by-step support for the ECOWAS operation. In that regard, a number of decisions are looming, if we decide to stay the course, in particular:

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- Funding. State is looking at a three million dollar contribution to ECOWAS drawn from various ESF accounts. (State believes we agreed to this in principle in a Baker/Cheney/Scowcroft breakfast. Did we?) A paper is on its way to Baker. A Presidential Determination will be required. ECOWAS no doubt needs the money.
- Logistical requests. There are none outstanding at the moment. But we could imminently get asked to help get the ECOWAS sponsored Liberian "interim government" into Monrovia using MARG transportation. We could also get more requests on ECOMOG wounded, given the clashes with Taylor's people who apparently are getting more weaponry from Burkina Faso. (It's not clear whether they now have artillery. If so, our concerns over embassy security become more acute.)
- Taylor meeting. A DeVos session with Taylor has not yet taken place. Part of the problem is venue, i.e., we won't let Pete go into Taylorland. But another part of the problem has been the fact that Dave Miller and I are insisting that State sort out first what DeVos would say. We need to defuse some of Taylor's suspicion of us. That will not be easy.
- Humanitarian assistance. The situation is confused in Monrovia. But there are indications that we are seeing a dramatic downturn in health and social conditions in Monrovia. (The embassy has a three week water supply.) Our OFDA DART team is in Monrovia but has not yet reported.

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ADMIRAL DAVID JEREMIAH

SUBJECT: Issues Paper for DC on Liberia

Attached is an issues paper on Liberia which I am circulating for discussion at this afternoon's Deputies Committee meeting.

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Issues Paper on Liberia

I. INTRODUCTION

The capture and killing of Doe and other recent events in Liberia have moved to a point that we need to re-examine the kind and extent of U.S. involvement there. We should continue to follow the step-by-step, calibrated course that we have been taking. But instead of having to focus on day-to-day issues, it would be useful if the Deputies Committee could, within the framework of an agreed over-arching policy, allow those kinds of issues to be handled at a lower level.

From the beginning of the war in Liberia, we have been careful not to take actions which would assist, or be construed as assisting, any of the protagonists. Doe was unsavory, but Taylor was not much better and, moreover, he was getting backing from Libya. When Johnson came on the scene he quickly established himself as a vicious killer and unstable personality. The Administration has kept ECOMOG at arms length because of concern that its advent in Liberia might just add another unstable armed force on the scene or that it might abjectly fail. As a consequence, and because of fear that Taylor might react in ways that could be harmful to our interests in establishing a relationship with ECOMOG, we were cautious to give it only a modicum of help.

II. U.S. POLICY

The situation in Liberia has changed dramatically, but the U.S. approach remains constant: we seek to support the states of the region in their effort to end the conflict in a satisfactory way, but not to get out in front of that effort ourselves. With Doe gone, ECOMOG acting responsibly, and the ECOWAS-sponsored interim government in the wings, we should now consider whether a more active diplomatic approach and relief effort is called for in support of our objectives.

U.S. economic and political interests in Liberia are modest but of a nature such that we need to continue to be engaged there diplomatically. For us to be able to do that under current, still unstable, conditions, our embassy must continue to have a modest amount of military/logistical support. Once the ECOMOG has extended its control over all of Monrovia (including the Spriggs-Payne Airport) and its outlying areas, or definitive arrangements for a military stand-down are made with Taylor, the need for the two ships, their helicopters and the Marines will end.

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With Doe dead, the erratic and volatile Prince Johnson stating an intention to resume fighting against the AFL, and Taylor's forces quiet for the moment, the political-military situation is murkier than ever and difficult to predict. But with Doe no longer a factor, Taylor's professed reason for continuing to fight no longer holds water, perhaps opening the way to more intensive diplomatic efforts to find a political settlement. Both Johnson and the remnants of Doe's government in the Executive Mansion have asked the Liberian interim government to come to Monrovia as soon as possible.

Our responsibility to keep engaged is unchanged. It had been defined in the past by the "special relationship" with Liberia and in the present by a broader international context of relations with other African countries. We are going to be in the forefront of the humanitarian relief effort. In addition, we should work actively with Quainoo, the ECOMOG governments (especially the Nigerians) and others to find a way to end the Liberian conflict, which is having a destabilizing effect on neighboring countries and is causing some tensions farther afield in West Africa. The conflict also is providing a venue for Libyan intervention.

In sum, our role should be to support the states in the region to end the conflict in a satisfactory way, but not to get out in front in doing so.

III. NEW SETTING FOR POLICY

Now, as we ponder what we can do to help bring about a satisfactory resolution of the Liberian problem, we have a new set of circumstances:

-- The wanton slaughter of innocent people in Monrovia has ended, but thousands of Liberians there face starvation or death from diseases unless an international relief effort is started soon. Relief workers are in place but cannot begin to function until the port and the areas surrounding it are free from fighting. And the effects of their work cannot be maximized until a total cease-fire is in place.

-- Doe's removal from the scene makes it all the more imperative that Taylor be brought into the negotiating process.

-- Taylor's prospects for a military victory are not good, despite his recent success in taking Camp Schiefflin. Some of his soldiers have surrendered and others are negotiating a surrender. He has been unable to make good his boast that he would take the Mansion and all of Monrovia. Taylor has yet to prove that he can prevail against a well-armed, disciplined opponent. But he has demonstrated that he is capable of inflicting punishment on ECOMOG and keeping it off balance.

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-- It is Taylor now, more than Doe, who is perceived as keeping the killing and destruction going. Even Taylor's "foreign minister" has said that Taylor needs to get to the negotiating table, and a confidant of Burkina Faso President Compaore has gone to Liberia to encourage Taylor to do just that.

-- Still, Taylor has to be reckoned with. He is receiving arms from Burkina Faso, and has a force capable of maintaining control of Buchanan and other important areas of the country. His assent and assistance are needed for relief efforts in those areas.

-- In the meantime, Prince Johnson cannot be ignored. In the long run, he may become irrelevant to the political future of Liberia. He has asked for the interim government and has said he has no political ambitions. His force is small and not well armed. But for now, he remains opposed to Taylor, wants to defeat the remnants of the Doe army, and is totally unpredictable.

-- Our people in Monrovia have once again moved back into the confines of the embassy compound. The ambassador believes it is prudent to do this, even though there is no military activity in the downtown area or Mamba Point. The embassy is in no imminent danger, he says.

IV ISSUES FOR DECISION

A. Support for ECOMOG

-- Quainoo and his force have performed reasonably well. He has avoided a serious head-to-head military confrontation with Taylor and has made it clear that a diplomatic settlement is preferable to a military conflict. The ECOMOG appears to be the best, perhaps only, means of opening the way to a political settlement.

-- Our embassy reports that the ECOMOG soldiers are behaving professionally and have been welcomed by the people of Monrovia. The people of the city and other Liberians view their arrival as a positive step toward restoring peace to Liberia.

-- ECOMOG's prompt and effective response to Taylor's bombardment of the port September 8 --in which it quickly pushed back Taylor's forces to beyond artillery range-- demonstrated that it is an effective fighting force capable of carrying out its mission.

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-- The ECOWAS heads of state who agreed on ECOMOG's creation and its political agenda (cease-fire, national convention, interim government, supervised democratic elections) have brought about the creation of an interim government. Gambian President and ECOWAS head Jawara has set in motion a diplomatic effort to win wide support and to get Taylor to the negotiating table.

-- In view of the changed political equation in Liberia, the continuing need to get a settlement, the evolving diplomatic effort, and ECOMOG's satisfactory performance under Quainoo's leadership, we should consider the following:

- Jawara has renewed a request to us for a contribution to the ECOWAS emergency fund. He says the fund will be administered by the ECOWAS secretariat in Lagos and will be used to defray the costs of ECOMOG (e.g., food, allowances, equipment).

- State and AID have identified \$3 million of ESF funds that can be used for the contribution. States's lawyers have concluded that the contribution can be made to ECOWAS. A paper is being cleared for Secretary Baker which recommends to the President that he make a presidential determination, exercising his special Foreign Assistance Act authority to make the contribution.

-- We have no requests outstanding from Quainoo for ECOMOG. Given the depletion of our logistical support assets available in the area, there is not a lot we can do for him. But there no longer is any good reason not to be responsive to his requests if doing so poses no risk to U.S. personnel, has no untoward political consequences and will not constitute a significant drawdown of U.S. resources.

- With those caveats in place, decisions on operational requests from Quainoo should be left to the discretion of the MARG commander and the ambassador or decided at the assistant secretary level by State (AF) and DOD (ISA and JCS).

B. Humanitarian Aid

-- To date, the U.S. has provided some \$24 million of food and other aid to Liberian refugees in Guinea, Sierre Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire.

-- An international emergency relief effort for Liberia itself has begun. The U.S. will play a major role, and to some extent will be cooperating with ECOMOG in this endeavor.

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-- We should de-link whatever operational support we can give to the relief effort from ECOMOG's military operations. In that regard, decisions on helping transport relief personnel and supplies should--to the degree that we can without interfering with the MARG's and the embassy's primary functions and putting any strain on their resources--be made by the MARG commander and the U.S. ambassador in Monrovia acting jointly.

C. Meeting With Taylor

-- There is much to be said for a face-to-face meeting between Ambassador de Vos and Taylor. We need to disabuse Taylor of some false notions he has about, for example, U.S. support for Doe, and to try to convince him to honor the cease-fire and enter into negotiations.

Just as Doe's departure was a key to a settlement so too is an agreement by Taylor to a cease-fire, for it is believed that Doe will not step down until Taylor stops fighting.

-- We did not want de Vos to risk going to Taylor's territory, and have proposed to Taylor that they meet in the Cote d'Ivoire. There is a good chance that Taylor will refuse to meet there.

-- In that event, we would want to consider other alternatives. One could be a meeting on one of our ships. Another could be to take the risk (which de Vos and, we understand, JCS believe is minimal) of agreeing to have the meeting take place in Buchanan.