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1. SUMMARY: NOTED AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST STOKELY CARMICHAEL, WHO HAD CHANGED HIS NAME TO KWAME TURE, DIED OF PROTSTATE CANCER IN CONAKRY ON 15 NOVEMBER. ACTIVE IN THE U.S. IN THE 1960S, FIRST WITH THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND LATER AS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE MILITANT BLACK PANTHER PARTY, CARMICHAEL/TURE MOVED TO GUINEA IN 1969. ON 22 NOVEMBER, A SYMPOSIUM IN HIS HONOR WAS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONAKRY BY HIS "BIOLOGICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL FAMILIES" BEFORE HIS BURIAL THAT AFTERNOON. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. NAGY ACCOMPANIED THE FINAL CORTEGE TO THE CEMETARY FOR THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ATTENDED PARTS OF THE

CEREMONIES. USG OFFICIALS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SYMPOSIUM.

2. THE NON-STOP, ALL-DAY SYMPOSIUM FEATURED SPEECHES BY MORE THAN TWENTY PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PDG (THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA, THE PARTY OF GUINEA'S FIRST PRESIDENT AND FORMER DICTATOR SEKOU TOURE), THE AMBASSADORS OF PALESTINE, LIBYA, CUBA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LOUIS FARRAKHAN AND THE NATION OF ISLAM, DELEGATIONS FROM THE ALL-AFRICA PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP) AND THE BLACK UNITED FRONT, AND OTHER ADMIRERS. MANY OF THE SPEAKERS WHILE PRAISING TURE'S STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR "SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM," AND FOR AFRICAN UNITY, USED THE OCCASION TO PUSH THEIR OWN POLITICAL AGENDAS, TO THE GOG'S DISPLEASURE. END SUMMARY.

SETTING THE STATE

3. ON 22 NOVEMBER AT 0830, PDG PARTY FAITHFUL SET UP SEVERAL HUNDRED RENTED PLASTIC CHAIRS IN THE SHADE OF THE PAVILLION UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF CONAKRY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. ONE WALL OF THE BUILDING WHICH IS ELEVATED ON PYLONS, IS A MULTICOLORED MOSAIC DEPICTING A BLACK MAN BREAKING FREE OF HIS CHAINS AND CATCHING A BALL OF FIRE IN HIS HAND. BANNERS HUNG BEHIND THE HEAD TABLE PROCLAIMED "KWAME TURE ALIAS STOKELY CARMICHAEL -- THE PEOPLES OF GUINEA AND OF AFRICA WHICH YOU HAVE LOVED AND SERVED SO MUCH ARE PAYING THEIR LAST RESPECTS." ANOTHER BANNER, BORDERED BY LINE DRAWINGS OF THE HEADS OF AMILCAR CABRAL AND KWAME NKRUMAH, READ, "BUILD THE PDG-RDA, THE AAPRP AND PAN-ARICANISM." LATER, AFTER THE GUESTS WERE SEATED A THIRD BANNER WAS HUNG, PROCLAIMING, "THE CIA GAVE ME CANCER -- KWAME TURE."

ARRIVAL OF THE CASKET

4. AROUND 0915, KWAME TURE'S REMAINS ARRIVED IN A CASKET CARRIED BY AN AMBULANCE FROM CLINIQUE PASTEUR, THE SMALL PRIVATE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS A FREQUENT PATIENT OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HIS LAST VISIT OF (#) ABOUT TWO WEEKS ENDED WITH HIS DEATH FROM CANCER ON 15 NOVEMBER.

(REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA, VISITED TURE TWICE ON 12 NOVEMBER AND ONCE ON 13 NOVEMBER WHICH IN CONAKRY FOR THE MANO RIVER SUMMIT.) AN EIGHTEEN-MAN MARCHING BAND PLAYING A DIRGE ON BRASS AND DRUMS LED THE AMBULANCE, FOLLOWED BY A MOTORCADE OF ABOUT FORTY CARS, FROM THE GATE OF THE UNIVERSITY. PLANS FOR THE BODY TO BE MOVED TO CONAKRY'S GRAND MOSQUE FOR PRAYERS BEFORE BURIAL WERE CANCELLED WITH THE FAMILY'S APPROVAL, HIS MOTHER SAYING THAT, ALTHOUGH BAPTISED A CHRISTIAN HE PRACTICED NEITHER CHRISTIANITY NOR ISLAM.

SETTLING IN

5. THE GUESTS, DRESSED PREDOMINATELY IN FORMAL WHITE AFRICAN ROBES WITH ELEGANT EMBROIDERY, TOOK THEIR SEATS IN FRONT OF THE FLOWER COVERED CASKET. THREE LARGE, FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DISPLAYED -- A SMILING CANDID HEAD SHOT OF KWAME TURE SANDWICHED BETWEEN FORMAL

SEATED PORTRAITS OF SEKOU TOURE (FIRST PRESIDENT OF GUINEA) AND KWAME NKRUMAH (FIRST PRESIDENT OF GHANA). FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, THE MUSIC ALTERNATED BETWEEN THE MARCHING BAND AND A SOLOIST ON THE KORA, A WEST AFRICAN STRINGED INSTRUMENT, WHILE THOSE SEATED AT THE HEAD TABLE WERE ENGAGED IN ANIMATED DISCUSSION.

INTRODUCTIONS: SPEAKERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

6. ISMAEL GHUSSEIN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PDG-RDA AND FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT, OF THE GUINEAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, INTRODUCED THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN THE FRONT ROW FLANKED BY KWAME TURE'S SON AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY. THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION JOINED THE SYMPOSIUM LATED BUT DID NOT SPEAK. GHUSSEIN ALSO INTRODUCED ABOUT A DOZEN MEMBERS OF TURE'S "IDEOLOGICAL FAMILY," INCLUDING PDG PARTY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE BLACK UNITED FRONT AND AAPRP.

7. AAPRP'S VIVIANE YOUNGER CALLED TURE "ONE OF THE GREATEST SONS OF MOTHER AFRICA" AND INTRODUCED BIOLOGICAL FAMILY MEMBERS OF TURE: HIS MOTHER MAY CHARLES, HIS AUNT AUGUST SIMON, HIS EX-WIFE MARLYATOU BARRY, HIS SON BOUBACAR BIRO TURE, HIS FOUR SISTERS, A COUSIN AND TWO NIECES. HIS FIRST WIFE, MIRIAM MAKEBA, A WELL-KNOWN SOUTH AFRICAN SINGER WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN GUINEA DURING THE APARTHEID ERA, DID NOT ATTEND BUT REPORTEDLY SENT A MESSAGE.

PRAISES FOR TURE, AMIDST RADICAL POLITICAL AGENDAS

8. SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSITY GALEMA BEAVOGUI PRAISED TURE ASAN INTELLECTUAL ENGAGED IN THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND WELL BELOVED BY GUINEAN STUDENTS. NEXT, PDG-RDA SYG GHUSSEIN GAVE THE LONGEST SPEECH OF THE DAY, SPEAKING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR ABOUT TURE'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PDG PARTY. HE SAID THAT TURE OFTEN SPENT LONG EVENINGS IN CONVERSATION WITH SEKOU TOURE AND KWAME NKRUMAH (FROM WHOME HE COINED HIS AFRICAN NAME, "KWAME TURE"), DISCUSSING SOCIALISM AND REVOLUTION. HE NOTED THAT TURE WAS ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY IN 1993, AND WAS ALWAYS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE AND LAST TO LEAVE ITS MEETINGS.

9. FOREIGN MINISTER LAMINE CAMARA DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LANSANA CONTE, SAYING "ALL AFRICA MOURNS OUR BROTHER, A SON WHO CHOSE TO RETURN TO HIS ROOTS," AND "YOUR ADOPTED COUNTRY WILL CHERISH YOUR MEMORY." IRONICALLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO SURVIVED SEVEN YEARS IN "CAMP BOIRO," SEKOU TOURE'S INFAMOUS POLITICAL PRISON, SAT THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN STOIC FASHION, DESPITE HAVING TO FACE THE DICTATOR'S PORTRAIT ONLY A FEW YEARS AWAY.

10. THE PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR (WHO IS ALSO DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS) STATED THAT TURE'S BURIAL DAY WAS DEEPLY SYMOBLC BECAUSE NOVEMBER 22 IS THE HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN THE GUINEANS FOUGHT OFF A PORTUGUESE "INVASION." HE SAID THAT TURE FOUGHT AGAINST APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR THE LIBERTY OF PALESTINE. HE SAID THAT SOUTH IS FREE, AND, WITH GOD'S WILL, PALESTINE WILL ALSO BECOME FREE AND INDEPENDENT. THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR DELIVERED CONDOLENCES IN THE NAME OF QUADDAFI, AND ASKED THAT GOD RECEIVE TURE IN PARADISE WITH ALL THOSE WHO FIGHT RACISM AND IMPERIALISM. THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR CALLED TURE "A FRIEND OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION" AND PRAISED HIM FOR STRUGGLING FOR "REAL DEMOCRACY." THE AMBASSADOR FROM TRINIDAD (WHO FLEW IN FROM NIGERIA, AS TRINIDAD DOES

NOT HAVE A MISSION IN GUINEA) DESCRIBED TURE, BORN IN TRINIDAD, AS A "SON OF TRINIDAD WHO FOUGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION OF ALL PEOPLES, ESPECIALLY THE AFRICAN DIASPORA."

11. VARJIOUS MEMBERS OF THE AAPRP, MOST APPEARING TO BE FROM THE U.S. (ALTHOUGH ONE WAS INTRODUCED AS A GUINEA-BISSAUAN), PRAISED TURE'S FIGHT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND HIS "BATTLE AGAINST THE KKK, FBI AND CIA, WHICH LED HIM AROUND THE WORLD FROM HAVANA TO HANOI." THE SPEAKERS SAID THAT THE CIA AND FBI "ORCHESTRATED HIS EXCLUSION FROM THIRTY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD" AND THAT TURE HAD TOLD THEM HIMSELF THAT THE CIA GAVE HIM CANCER. MEMBERS OF THE NATION OF ISLAM CIRCULATED A NEWSPAPER, "THE FINAL CALL," WHICH CARRIED LETTERS FROM FARRAKHAN AND PURPORTEDLY FROM TURE HIMSELF REFERRING TO "FBI-INDUCED CANCER" AND ARGUING AGAINST THE TRAVEL BAN AND SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA. ONE AAPRP MEMBER, BOB BROWN, STATED THAT TURE, UP THROUGH HIS FINAL DAYS, STRUGGLED TO LIFT THE EMBARGOS AGAINST CUBA, LIBYA, IRAQ, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND SUDAN.

12. THE SISTER OF SEKOU TOURE SPOKE IN MALINKE PARISING TURE AS A "GREAT REVOLUTIONARY." TURE'S SON, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, SPOKE VERY BRIEFLY, COMMENTING THAT HIS FATHER IS HAPPY TO REST IN GUINEA.

13. AKABAR MOHAMMED, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LOUIS FARRAKHAN, SAID THAT FARRAKHAN WANTED TO ATTEND BUT COULD NOT TRAVEL AT THE LAST MOMENT, SO HE WAS HONORED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE NATION OF ISLAM. HE REMARKED THAT HE SAW A COPY OF THE ECONOMIST (THE FRENCH TRANSLATOR MISTRANSLATED THIS AS "COMMUNIST") MAGAZINE ON THE PLANE WITH A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE ON TURE, "SHOWING THAT THE CAPITALISTS CAN ONLY RECOGNIZE HIM AS A GREAT MAN AFTER HIS DEATH."

14. HARRY ENGLISH OF THE BLACK UNITED FRONT, WHICH HAD COLLECTED FUNDS FOR TURE'S MEDICAL CARE, ASSURED THE FAMILY THAT THEY WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE IN THE FAMILY'S TIME OF NEED.

15. A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BROUGHT "GREETINGS FROM PAN-AFRICAN GROUPS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA" AND A LETTER HE SAID WAS FROM SINN FEIN PRAISING TURE'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND. SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS SQUEEZED ONTO THE PLATFORM OVER THE COURSE OF THE SYMPOSIUM, WHICH PROCEEDED WITHOUT A BREAK UNTIL THE CASKET WAS LOADED INTO THE AMBULANCE AT 1520.

THE FINAL MARCH OF REVOLUTIONARY

16. THE CROWD AT THE SYMPOSIUM WAXED AND WANED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, REACHING ITS PEAK OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED BEFORE DEPARTING FOR "CAMEROON CEMETARY," A PUBLIC CEMETARY WITH CHRISTIANS BURIED ON THE RIGHT AND MUSLIMS ON THE LEFT. A GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTY WALKING MOURNERS, FOLLOWED BY THE AMBULANCE AND A MOTORCADE OF ABOUT SIXTY VEHICLES, LED THE HALF-HOUR PROCESSION FROM THE UNIVERSITY. AT THE CEMETARY, SHADY BUT LITTERED WITH DEBRIS, FEW WORDS WERE AUDIBLE AS THE PALLBEARERS, LED BY TURE'S SON, LOWERED THE CASKET INTO A GRAVE LOCATED ON THE MUSLIM SIDE OF THE CEMETARY. CHIEF OF CABINET AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DJIBRIL MORIBA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON THE SIDE THAT, SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, HE CONSIDERED WALKING OUT. HE REMAINED BECAUSE, AS HE SAID, "THERE IS NO REASON TO DISRESPECT THE DEAD." AS THE CROWD LEFT THE BURIAL SITE WHERE THE

SOMETIMES ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVIST WHO NEVER RENOUCED HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP WAS LAID TO REST, ONE OF TURE'S FRIENDS REMARKD "THE BEAT GOES ON."

17. COMMENT: WHILE THE GOG PROVIDED HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION AND WENTOUT OF ITS WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TURE, MORIBA'S COMMENT INDICATES THAT THE GOG WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE POLITICAL USES OF WHICH THE SERVICE WAS PUT.
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SUMMARY OF PRESS GUIDANCE ON AFRICA

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SUMMARY OF PRESS GUIDANCE ON AFRICA

1. NIGERIA
2. SIERRA LEONE
END SUMMARY

1. NIGERIA

AF PRESS GUIDANCE
DECEMBER 4, 1998

NIGERIA

Q: WHEN ARE THE NIGERIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS? WHAT IS AT STAKE?

A: THE FIRST STEP IN NIGERIA'S TRANSITION TO A CIVILIAN ELECTED GOVERNMENT TAKES PLACE TOMORROW, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, WHEN NIGERIANS ELECT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THESE ELECTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STATE (REGIONAL) ELECTIONS IN JANUARY AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY. POLITICAL PARTIES THAT ARE ABLE TO DRAW AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN 24 (OF 37) STATES AND TERRITORIES WILL QUALIFY TO RUN CANDIDATES IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

Q: HAVE WE SENT OBSERVERS?

A: THE CARTER CENTER AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HAVE SENT A NINE MEMBER DELEGATION TO NIGERIA TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY AND ASSESS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH USAID FUNDING.

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2. SIERRA LEONE/REBEL ATROCITIES

CONTEXT: A FRONT PAGE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE DESCRIBES ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY REBEL SOLDIERS AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT (RUF) GUERILLAS WHO ARE INTENT ON AVENGING

THE REVERSAL OF THEIR 1997 COUP BY METHODICALLY MUTILATING INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

Q: WHAT IS US POLICY ON SIERRA LEONE?
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A: WE SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT TAJAN KABBAH AND HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO HIS COUNTRY. WE ARE OUTRAGED AND HAVE VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED THE SENSELESS ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED BY REBEL SOLDIERS AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT (RUF) GUERRILLAS AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN SIERRA LEONE. WE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO END THE TRAGIC CONFLICT IN SIERRA LEONE.

Q: IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING ANY ASSISTANCE TO THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE THAT IS TRYING TO END REBEL ATROCITIES AND RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO SIERRA LEONE?

A: THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND SECRETARY GENERAL ANNAN HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED UN MEMBER-STATES TO ASSIST THE ECOMOG PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN SIERRA LEONE. IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATED \$3.9 MILLION THAT WAS USED TO CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ECOMOG'S PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN SIERRA LEONE. THAT MONEY RAN OUT IN SEPTEMBER 1998. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

Q: WHAT ASSISTANCE IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING TO VICTIMS OF REBEL ATROCITIES IN SIERRA LEONE?

A: IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED OVER \$55 MILLION IN EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SIERRA

LEONE. HOWEVER, DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS HAMPERED IN MANY AREAS BY INSECURITY AND SEVERE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE. THE ASSISTANCE WE PROVIDED INCLUDED EMERGENCY FOOD AID; SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, WATER/SANITATION, AND SHELTER PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT MORE THAN TWO MILLION REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND OTHER WAR-AFFECTED SIERRA LEONEANS; LEASE OF A HELICOPTER TO SUPPORT MEDICAL UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 STATE 224896

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Q: WHAT DID REV. JACKSON DO FOR SIERRA LEONE IN HIS RECENT TRIP TO WEST AFRICA?

A: REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AND SECRETARY OF STATE ALBRIGHT'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA, VISITED WEST AFRICA LAST MONTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP BRING AN END TO THE CONFLICT IN SIERRA LEONE. HE FACILITATED A NOVEMBER 12 SUMMIT OF THE MANO RIVER UNION HEADS OF STATE IN CONAKRY, GUINEA. AT THAT MEETING, GUINEA PRESIDENT LANSANA CONTE, LIBERIAN PRESIDENT CHARLES TAYLOR, AND SIERRA LEONE PRESIDENT TEJAN KABBAH ADDRESSED SECURITY ISSUES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RESTORING STABILITY TO THE SUB-REGION. THE RE-AFFIRMATION OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES WAS ONE IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF

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THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT KABBAH. WHILE IN FREETOWN,
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REGIONAL RECONCILIATION. JACKSON AND PRESIDENT KABBAH
ALSO VISITED MUTILATION VICTIMS AT CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL AND
MET WITH MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE PRESS.

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3. SIERRA LEONE

END SUMMARY

1. STATEMENT ON NIGERIA

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER 8, 1998

STATEMENT BY JAMES P. RUBIN, SPOKESMAN

NIGERIA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

WE CONGRATULATE THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA, THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA FOR THE OVERALL PEACEFUL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

THESE INITIAL ELECTIONS, ANNOUNCED AS PART OF THE TRANSITION PROGRAM BY HEAD OF STATE GENERAL ABUBAKAR IN JULY, REPRESENT A CRITICAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS NIGERIA'S RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY PRELIMINARY REPORTS THAT THE MAJORITY OF NIGERIANS VOTED IN PEACE AND DEMONSTRATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO RETURN THEIR COUNTRY TO DEMOCRATIC CIVILIAN RULE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SUCCESS OF THIS ELECTION BODES WELL FOR THE STATE, FEDERAL, AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS EARLY NEXT YEAR. WE HOPE THAT NIGERIA WILL SUCCEED IN ITS TRANSITION, AND THAT IT WILL SOON RESUME ITS PLACE AS A DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD.

2. GABON

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE GABONESE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS?

A: --PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM OUR EMBASSY AND INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS INDICATE THAT THE ACTUAL VOTING PROCESS AND THE SUBSEQUENT VOTE COUNTING WERE ACCEPTABLE.

-- HOWEVER, THE ELECTION SUFFERED FROM SEVERAL SERIOUS

ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE LACK OF MATERIAL AND/OR INEXPERIENCED ELECTIONS OFFICIALS. WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A MORE DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT AFTER FINAL ELECTION RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED, PROBABLY LATER THIS WEEK.
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WHY WAS VOTER TURNOUT SO LOW?

A: --THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT TURNOUT WAS LOW, PERHAPS 20 TO 30 PERCENT, PERHAPS BECAUSE MANY GABONESE BELIEVED PRESIDENT BONGO'S RE-ELECTION WAS HIGHLY PROBABLE AND THEREFORE DID NOT BOTHER TO VOTE.

Q: WERE THERE IRREGULARITIES DURING THE VOTING?

A: --THE EMBASSY AND ELECTION OBSERVERS NOTED SEVERAL IRREGULARITIES. MANY OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS WERE INCOMPLETE. WHILE SOME GROUPS WERE DISALLOWED FROM VOTING BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, OTHERS WHO HAD REGISTERED DID NOT FIND THEIR NAMES ON THE LISTS.

Q: WHAT ABOUT PRESS REPORTS OF FRAUDULENT PASSPORTS BEING GIVEN TO VOTERS?

A: --EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS WERE PRESENTED WITH SEVERAL INSTANCES OF MULTIPLE PASSPORTS FOR THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT THESE PASSPORTS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO VOTE SEVERAL TIMES, WE CANNOT YET ASSESS THE IMPACT ON THE VOTE.

3. SIERRA LEONE/REBEL ATROCITIES

CONTEXT: RUF/AFRC REBELS ATTACKED SEVERAL TOWNS IN NORTH WEST SIERRA LEONE OVER THE WEEKEND. AN ALARMIST PARAGRAPH BURIED DEEP IN THE WASHINGTON POST SUGGESTS "REBELS THREATEN CAPITAL OF SIERRA LEONE."

Q: IS FREETOWN ABOUT TO FALL TO THE REBELS?

A: OVER THE WEEKEND, REBEL SOLDIERS AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT (RUF) GUERRILLAS ATTACKED SEVERAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN NORTHWESTERN SIERRA LEONE, FORTY TO SIXTY MILES FROM FREETOWN. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, REBELS LOOTED A HOSPITAL, BURNED HOUSES, AND KILLED AND ABDUCTED DOZENS OF VILLAGERS. RUF GUERRILLAS AND REBEL SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN WREAKING THE SAME SORT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THEIR COMPATRIOTS FOR SEVEN YEARS. A WEST-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING

FORCE, ECOMOG, IS ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO SIERRA LEONE AND HAS SAID IT WILL PROTECT FREETOWN FROM THE LATEST REBEL THREAT.

Q: IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING ANY ASSISTANCE TO THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE THAT IS TRYING TO END REBEL ATROCITIES AND RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO SIERRA LEONE?

A: THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND SECRETARY GENERAL ANNAN HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED UN MEMBER-STATES TO ASSIST THE ECOMOG PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN SIERRA LEONE. IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATED \$3.9 MILLION THAT WAS USED TO CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ECOMOG'S PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN SIERRA LEONE. THAT MONEY RAN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 STATE 226843

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OUT IN SEPTEMBER 1998. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MODEST ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FISCAL YEAR 1999.

Q: WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNING FOR SIERRA LEONE?

A: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNING DATED JULY 14, 1998, WARNS U.S. CITIZENS TO DEFER TRAVEL TO SIERRA LEONE. TRAVEL WITHIN SIERRA LEONE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS DUE TO POSSIBLE ATTACKS BY DEPOSED MILITARY AND REBEL FORCES.

Q: WHAT IS UNITED STATES POLICY ON SIERRA LEONE?

A: WE ARE OUTRAGED AND HAVE VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED THE SENSELESS ATROCITIES BEING COMMITTED BY REBEL SOLDIERS AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT (RU F) GUERRILLAS AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN SIERRA LEONE. WE SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT TEJAN KABBAH AND HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO HIS COUNTRY AND ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO END THE TRAGIC CONFLICT IN SIERRA LEONE.

Q: WHAT ASSISTANCE IS THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING TO VICTIMS OF REBEL ATROCITIES IN SIERRA LEONE?

A: IN FISCAL YEAR 1998, THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED OVER \$55 MILLION IN EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SIERRA LEONE. HOWEVER, DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS HAMPERED IN MANY AREAS BY INSECURITY AND SEVERE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE. THE ASSISTANCE WE PROVIDED INCLUDED EMERGENCY FOOD AID; SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, WATER/SANITATION, AND SHELTER PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT MORE THAN TWO MILLION REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND OTHER WAR-AFFECTED SIERRA

LEONEANS; LEASE OF A HELICOPTER TO SUPPORT MEDICAL

EVACUATION OF ATROCITY VICTIMS FROM AND MOVEMENT OF
MEDICAL TEAMS TO RURAL AREAS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND
USAID WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE TO SIERRA LEONE AS LONG AS THERE IS A NEED.

Q: WHAT DID REV. JACKSON DO FOR SIERRA LEONE IN HIS RECENT.
TRIP TO WEST AFRICA?

A: REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AND
SECRETARY OF STATE ALBRIGHT'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE
PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA VISITED WEST AFRICA LAST
MONTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP BRING AN END TO THE CONFLICT
IN SIERRA LEONE. HE FACILITATED A NOVEMBER 12 SUMMIT OF
THE MANO RIVER UNION HEADS OF STATE IN CONAKRY, GUINEA.
AT THAT MEETING, GUINEA PRESIDENT LANSANA CONTE, LIBERIAN
PRESIDENT CHARLES TAYLOR, AND SIERRA LEONE PRESIDENT TEJAN
KABBAH ADDRESSED SECURITY ISSUES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
RESTORING STABILITY TO THE SUB-REGION. THE RE-AFFIRMATION
OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES WAS ONE
OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING, WHICH WE WELCOME AS A STEP IN
PROMOTING GREATER PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

REV. JACKSON ALSO MADE A SHORT VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE TO
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DEMONSTRATE HIS SUPPORT FOR THE SIERRA LEONEAN PEOPLE AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT KABBAH. WHILE IN FREETOWN,
JACKSON MET WITH POLITICAL LEADERS TO RESTATE PLEAS FOR
REGIONAL RECONCILIATION. JACKSON AND PRESIDENT KABBAH
ALSO VISITED MUTILATION VICTIMS AT CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL AND
MET WITH MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE PRESS.

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1. REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA, IS PLANNING A RETURN TRIP TO SIERRA LEONE AND NIGERIA TO FOLLOW UP ON THE PROGRESS MADE DURING HIS NOVEMBER VISIT. HE PLANS TO LEAVE THE U.S. DECEMBER 26 AND RETURN JANUARY 1.

2. FOR FREETOWN: JACKSON WOULD LIKE TO FLY TO FREETOWN DECEMBER 27 FROM FRANKFURT ON MILAIR ARRIVING LUNGI EARLY AFTERNOON. HE WANTS TO MEET PRESIDENT KABBAH SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL AND ADDRESS A RALLY TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEACE PROCESS EARLY MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 28. JACKSON WILL HAVE TO LEAVE FREETOWN FOR PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA, NO LATER THAN NOON. IS THIS FEASIBLE?

3. FOR LAGOS AND ABUJA: IF THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM IN FREETOWN IS ACCEPTABLE, JACKSON WOULD ARRIVE PORT HARCOURT DECEMBER 28 IN THE

LATE AFTERNOON. HE WOULD REMAIN IN THE DELTA DECEMBER 29 AND 30. WHILE THERE, JACKSON WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PROMINENT LEADERS OF DELTA ETHNIC GROUPS TO FOLLOW UP AND SUPPLEMENT HIS NOVEMBER MEETING IN LAGOS. JACKSON WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGED AREAS IN THE DELTA, AND SEE AN OIL DRILLING OPERATION. IF FEASIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT JESSE AND/OR SOME OF THE BURN VICTIMS IN HOSPITALS (IN PORT HARCOURT?). JACKSON ALSO WANTS TO ADDRESS ONE OR MORE LARGE PUBLIC GATHERINGS DURING HIS STAY IN THE DELTA. IS THIS FEASIBLE?

4. EARLY DECEMBER 31, JACKSON WOULD FLY FROM PORT HARCOURT TO ABUJA. IN ABUJA, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN WITH GENERAL ABUBAKAR TO BRIEF THE HEAD OF STATE ON THE FINDINGS OF HIS DELTA VISIT AND TO DISCUSS WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE REGION. HE ALSO WANTS TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WITH ABUBAKAR ON OUR SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSITION, THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC REFORM AND THE NEED FOR GREATER PROGRESS TO SUPPORT THE CASE FOR NARCOTICS DECERTIFICATION.

5. FOR LAGOS, ABUJA, FREETOWN, MONROVIA, ABIDJAN, CONAKRY, OUAGADOUGOU, ACCRA: WHILE IN ABUJA WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GHANA, GUINEA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, BURKINA FASO, COTE D'IVOIRE AND NIGERIA TO PLAN NEXT STEPS IN THE SIERRA LEONE PEACE PROCESS BEGUN AT THE MANO RIVER SUMMIT IN CONAKRY NOVEMBER 12. JACKSON WOULD THEN LEAVE THAT EVENING FOR EUROPE, RETURNING TO THE U.S. JANUARY 1. IS THIS FEASIBLE?

6. JACKSON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS STAFFERS MARIE NELSON AND YURI TEDESSE, AMBASSADOR JETER, USAID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA VALERIE DIXON-HORTON, AND USIA WRITER CHUCK COREY.

7. MONROVIA AND FREETOWN MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. PICKERING

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SECURITY COUNCIL

1. ON DECEMBER 18, THE SECURITY COUNCIL HELD AN OPEN MEETING ON SIERRA LEONE. COUNCIL PRESIDENT BUALLAY (BAHRAIN) ORGANIZED THE BRIEFING, OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO DEMONSTRATE GREATER COUNCIL OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

2. UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS MIYET PRAISED THE PRECEDENT OF BRIEFING AN OPEN MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND INTRODUCED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S THIRD PROGRESS REPORT ON THE UN OBSERVER MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE (UNOMSIL) (S/1998/1176). ON THE MILITARY/SECURITY SITUATION, MIYET SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE (GOSL) CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE AUTHORITY. THE SECURITY SITUATION WAS STILL EXTREMELY VOLATILE AND UNPREDICTABLE, WITH REBEL FORCES ACTIVE IN THE NORTH AND EAST. ECOMOG, THE MILITARY ARM OF THE

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) AND THE SIERRA LEONE CIVIL DEFENSE FORCE WERE OVERSTRETCHED AND NEEDED ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

3. MIYET NOTED THE SYG SENT SIERRA LEONE PRESIDENT KABBAH A LETTER ON NOVEMBER 10 REGARDING ONGOING EXECUTIONS OF CAPTURED REBELS BY THE GOSL. ON THE HUMANITARIAN FRONT, CONTINUED FIGHTING CONTINUES TO DISRUPT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. MIYET REPEATED THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATION THE COUNCIL EXTEND UNOMSIL'S MANDATE AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS WHEN IT EXPIRES IN MID-JANUARY.

SANCTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS ON TRIP

4. SWEDISH PERMREP DALGHREN, CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON SIERRA LEONE, REPORTED ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA. HE SAID HIS TRIP WAS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS AND TO OBSERVE THEIR IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS. WHILE STIPULATING "FACTS ARE HARD TO COME BY," HE SAID IT WAS INDISPUTABLE THE SITUATION WAS STILL TENSE. ECOMOG PROVIDES A SENSE OF SECURITY WHERE IT MAINTAINS CONTROL, BUT IT NEEDED ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. DAHLGREN MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE CHILDREN OF SIERRA LEONE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY.

5. DAHLGREN SAID IT WAS CLEAR SANCTIONS WERE NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE REBELS HAD INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ARMS. THE POROUS NATURE OF THE BORDER WITH LIBERIA AND GUINEA EXACERBATED THE PROBLEM. HE THANKED THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY JESSE JACKSON, AND THE TWO SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SYG FOR THEIR WORK IN THE REGION.

SHARED CONCERN; CALLS FOR A HALT TO EXECUTIONS

6. THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUING ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE REBELS AND THE GRAVE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION. MANY POINTED TO PROGRESS CITED IN THE SYG'S REPORT AND ENCOURAGED THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE REINTEGRATING FORMER COMBATANTS INTO CIVIL SOCIETY. SEVERAL MEMBERS (FRANCE, BRAZIL, SLOVENIA, GABON, AND SWEDEN) EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE GOSL EXECUTIONS OF CAPTURED REBELS. SWEDEN AND PORTUGAL SPOKE AGAINST IMPUNITY AND ARGUED THE SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE DEMANDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT. MANY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF UNOMSIL IN MID-JANUARY.

7. AMBASSADOR BURLEIGH PRAISED MIYET'S REPORT AND THE DEDICATION OF AMB. DAHLGREN. HE NOTED HE WOULD KEEP COUNCIL'S MEMBERS ABREAST OF THE WORK OF PRESIDENTIAL

ENVOY JACKSON.

8. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY AMB. BURLEIGH AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TAKASU, DAHLGREN SAID BOTH PRESIDENT KABBAH AND LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TAYLOR NEEDED TO ELABORATE FURTHER ON THEIR PLANS FOR A JOINT BORDER MONITORING MECHANISM. THE SRSGS IN BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD TRACK PROGRESS, ESPECIALLY IN OBTAINING

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING. U/SYG MIYET SAID IT WAS CLEAR ECOMOG COULD NOT PROVIDE SECURITY AT THE BORDER AT THE MOMENT, DUE TO LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS.

9. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION BY AMB. BURLEIGH, MIYET SAID GUARANTEEING THE SAFETY OF THE UNOMSIL MILITARY OBSERVERS WAS A DAILY CONCERN. AS A RESULT, THE UN HAD NOT DEPLOYED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OBSERVERS TO COVER AREAS OUTSIDE OF FREETOWN AND NOTED THAT THOSE DEPLOYED BEYOND THE CAPITAL WERE TRANSPORTED ONLY BY AIR.

LARGER QUESTION OF SANCTIONS; PRAISE FOR "OPEN BRIEFING"

10. BRAZIL, SLOVENIA, AND PORTUGAL CALLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE COUNCIL'S USE OF SANCTIONS. BRAZILIAN PERMREP AMORIM SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD AN OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS AS A TOOL FOR PEACE. PORTUGUESE PERMREP MONTEIRO ECHOED THE SENTIMENT AND URGED A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. SLOVENIAN PERMREP TURK SAID "FURTHER REFLECTION" WAS NECESSARY ON THE QUESTION, CITING THE RECENT REPORT OF THE SANCTIONS CHAIRMEN TO THE COUNCIL. MANY MEMBERS ALSO PRAISED THE "OPEN BRIEFING" FORMAT AS A MEANS TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE COUNCIL.

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