

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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001. cable	re: Special Envoy Jackson May 19 Taylor Meetings: Small Meeting. [Monrovia 001583] (4 pages)	05/20/2000	P1/b(1)
002. cable	re: Special Envoy Jackson Meeting with RUF Former Military Leader Sam Bockarie. [Monrovia 001584] (3 pages)	05/20/2000	P1/b(1)
003. cable	re: Rev. Jackson's Meeting with President Konare. [Bamako 001909] (8 pages)	05/21/2000	P1/b(1)
004. cable	re: Obasanjo Meeting with Special Envoy Jackson and DAS Jeter. [State 096236] (4 pages)	05/22/2000	P1/b(1)
005. cable	re: Special Enjy [sic] Jesse Jackson May 20 Breakfast. [Monrovia 001596] (3 pages)	05/22/2000	P1/b(1)
006. cable	re: S/E Jackson's May 19 Meetings with Charles Taylor. [London 003800] (10 pages)	05/23/2000	P1/b(1)
007. cable	re: Liberia: Star Radio Remains Closed. [Monrovia 001606] (2 pages)	05/23/2000	P1/b(1)
008. cable	re: Sierra Leone: [Strategy] [London 003825] (7 pages)	05/24/2000	P1/b(1)
009. cable	re: President Eyadema Favors a Return. [Lome 001457] (4 pages)	05/24/2000	P1/b(1)
010. cable	re: Liberia: UN Hostage Update 5/25. [Monrovia 001644] (3 pages)	05/25/2000	P1/b(1)
011. cable	re: S/E Jackson's May 20 Meeting with Malian Prime Minister Sidibe. [State 103198] (3 pages)	05/31/2000	P1/b(1)

COLLECTION:

Clinton Presidential Records
NSC Cables
Jan 1999-Dec 2000 ([Special Envoy])
OA/Box Number: 530000

FOLDER TITLE:

[05/19/2000-06/02/2000] .

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LINE2: ZNY CCCCC ZZH
LINE3: O 190942Z MAY 00
LINE4: FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
OSRI: RUEHOS
DTG:
ORIG: AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1164
RUEHMY/AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE 0127
RUEHRY/AMEMBASSY CONAKRY IMMEDIATE 0018
RUEHAB/AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE 0470
RUEHBP/AMEMBASSY BAMAKO IMMEDIATE 0057
INFO: RUEHUJA/USLO ABUJA 2163
RUEHZK/ECOWAS COLLECTIVE
SUBJ: WHEELS UP FOR SPECIAL ENVOY JESSE JACKSON AND
PARTY

AT 1058 LOCAL TIME REV. JACKSON AND PARTY DEPARTED
LAGOS, NIGERIA IN ROUTE TO MONROVIA, LIBERIA.

TEXT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ LAGOS 001647

CONAKRY PASS FREETOWN, DAKAR PASS PRAIA

E.O. 12958: DECL: 0/19/05
TAGS: PREL, AMGT, NI
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PARTY

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LAGOS, NIGERIA IN ROUTE TO MONROVIA, LIBERIA.
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TOR: 05/19/00 06:16:35
DIST: SIT: BABBITT BYRNE NSC DEMPSEY SMITH

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 13526
Department of State Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By YZ NARA, Date 1/8/2018
2014-0927-f

Cable

PREC: IMMEDIATE

CLASS: UNCLASSIFIED

LINE1: OAAUZYUW RUEHBPA1900 1401458-UUUU--RHEHAAX.

LINE2: ZNR UUUUU ZZH

LINE3: O 191458Z MAY 00

LINE4: FM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

OSRI: RUEHBP

DTG:

ORIG: AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5167
RUEHZK/ECOWAS COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE

INFO: ////

SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE - TRAVEL OF SPECIAL
ENVOY JESSE JACKSON TO MALI ON MAY 20, 00

TEXT: UNCLAS BAMAKO 001900

SENSITIVE

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DEPT FOR AF/EX AND OPERATIONS CENTER

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, AMGT, ACOA

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE - TRAVEL OF SPECIAL
ENVOY JESSE JACKSON TO MALI ON MAY 20, 00

REF: STATE 94229

1. THE INFORMATION PROGRAMS UNIT IS NORMALLY CLOSED ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL ENVOY JESSE JACKSON'S TRAVEL TO MALI, THE IPU WILL PROCESS INCOMING TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC FROM 05:30 - 08:00 HRS (LOCAL) ON SATURDAY, MAY 20.

2. TELEGRAMS SENT OUTSIDE NORMAL DUTY HOURS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF SPECIAL ENVOY JESSE JACKSON AND HIS PARTY SHOULD BE SENT NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE. REVEREND JACKSON DEPARTS MALI AT 0700 HRS ON SUN MAY 21.

RANNEBERGER

TOR: 05/19/00 11:50:19

DIST: SIT: BABBITT BINNENDIJK BYRNE NSC CULLOM MCLEAN PETERMAN SCHWARTZ SMITH
VACCARO WILCOX

Cable

PREC: IMMEDIATE

CLASS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

LINE1: OAACZYUW RUEHMVA1582 1411457-CCCC--RHEHAAX.

LINE2: ZNY CCCCC ZZH

LINE3: O 201457Z MAY 00

LINE4: FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

OSRI: RUEHNV

DTG:

ORIG: AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5707

INFO: RUEHZK/ECOWAS COLLECTIVE

RUEKDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC//NMJIC-J2//

RUFGNOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE

RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC

SUBJ: WHEELS UP

CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY AMBASSADOR MYRICK BECAUSE OF 1.5
(B) AND (D)

TEXT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MONROVIA 001582

PARIS FOR WILLIAMS
LONDON FOR PFLAUMER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/20/09
TAGS: PREL, LI, ML

SUBJECT: WHEELS UP

CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY AMBASSADOR MYRICK BECAUSE OF 1.5
(B) AND (D)

~~(S)~~ SPECIAL ENVOY REVERENCE JESSE JACKSON'S DELEGATION HAD
WHEELS UP FROM MONROVIA TO BAMAKO AT 1231 HRS LOCAL TIME.
MYRICK

TOR: 05/20/00 11:02:53

DIST: SIT: NSC

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By VL NARA, Date 1/8/2018
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1. PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA
THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON DEPARTED BAMAKO AT 0515Z ON
MAY 21. RANNEBERGER
TOR: 05/21/00 15:32:27
DIST: SIT: BABBITT BINNENDIJK BYRNE NSC CULLOM MCLEAN PETERMAN SCHWARTZ SMITH
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TO: ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

ALL OECD CAPITALS IMMEDIATE

RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE 8481

RUEHBU/AMCONSUL DURBAN IMMEDIATE 1959

RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE 8778

RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE 9488

RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE 1897

RUEHJI/AMCONSUL JEDDAH IMMEDIATE 1745

RUEHJO/AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE 3332

RUEHDR/AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE 1728

RUEHKA/AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE 7646

RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE 7251

RUEHRH/AMEMBASSY RIYADH IMMEDIATE 5306

RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE 8315

RUEHBS/USEU BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 5541

RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE WASHDC/SITRRM PASS TO SMITH IMMEDIATE 7261

SOMALIA COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE

RUCJACC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL IMMEDIATE

RUFNGOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE IMMEDIATE

RHHMUNA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI IMMEDIATE

RUCQSOC/RUCJAAA/USCINCSOC MACDILL AFB FL IMMEDIATE

RUWSMXI/USCINCTrans INTEL CEN SCOTT AFB IL IMMEDIATE

RUEHZK/ECOWAS IMMEDIATE

INFO: RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9949

RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC 6360

RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC 2547

XMT AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

SUBJ: AF PRESS GUIDANCE MONDAY, MAY 22, 2000

SUMMARY

TEXT: UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 09 STATE 097086

PARIS FOR ARS AND USOECD

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: OPRC, OIIP, PREL, XA, US

SUBJECT: AF PRESS GUIDANCE MONDAY, MAY 22, 2000

SUMMARY

1. SIERRA LEONE
2. ZIMBABWE
3. ETHIOPIA/ERITREA
4. SOUTH AFRICA
5. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

END SUMMARY

SIERRA LEONE

SUMMARY POINTS

- FREETOWN REMAINS QUIET.
- EMBASSY IS OPEN.
- FODAY SANKOH REMAINS IN CUSTODY OF SIERRA LEONE AUTHORITIES.
- SPECIAL ENVOY JACKSON RETURNED TO THE U.S. MAY 21 AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KONARE OF MALI SATURDAY IN BAMAKO. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT TAYLOR OF LIBERIA ON FRIDAY.
- WITH THE RELEASE OF 54 MORE DETAINEES OVER THE WEEKEND, ABOUT THREE HUNDRED REMAIN DETAINED OR UNACCOUNTED FOR.
- U.S. AIR FORCE TEAM WHICH ARRIVED IN FREETOWN ON MAY 15 HAS LEFT.
- TOTAL UNAMSIL DEPLOYMENT IS NOW 10,252. UN RAISED THE CEILING OF 11,110 TO 13,000 MAY 19.
- Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE TODAY?
- A: FREETOWN REMAINS QUIET.
- THE U.S. EMBASSY IS OPEN.
- THE EMBASSY IS IN TOUCH WITH THE FEW DOZEN U.S. CITIZENS WHO REMAIN IN FREETOWN AND WHO HAVE NOT REQUESTED EVACUATION ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.
- NO NEW REPORTS OF COMBAT WITH RUF.
- NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL NIGERIAN TROOPS TO SIERRA LEONE.
- AT THE ECOWAS MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTERS ON MAY 17TH IN ABUJA, ECOWAS AGREED TO COMMIT A FORCE OF 3,000 TROOPS DRAWN FROM SEVEN COUNTRIES IN THE REGION ON A PEACE-MAKING MISSION TO SIERRA LEONE.
- Q: HAS THE U.S. AGREED TO PROVIDE \$20 MILLION TO REINFORCE UNAMSIL?
- A: YES. ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED A

NEW COMMITMENT OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 09 STATE 097086

PARIS FOR ARS AND USOECD

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SUBJECT: AF PRESS GUIDANCE MONDAY, MAY 22, 2000

DEFENSE GOODS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE UN AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN SIERRA LEONE.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF REV. JACKSON'S TRIP?

A: PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY JESSE JACKSON RETURNED TO
THE UNITED STATES MAY 22 AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
OBASANJO OF NIGERIA, PRESIDENT TAYLOR OF LIBERIA AND
PRESIDENT KONARE OF MALI. HIS MISSION WAS TO REINFORCE
AND SHOW THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR
EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REGIONAL LEADERS TO

SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE UN HOSTAGES AND END THE CRISIS
IN SIERRA LEONE.

Q: WHAT HAPPENED IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KONARE?

A: REVEREND JACKSON MET WITH PRESIDENT KONARE OF MALI
SATURDAY, MAY 20. KONARE IS THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES. THEY DISCUSSED
THE SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE, REGIONAL PLANS TO REINFORCE
UNAMSIL, AND EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE PEACE PROCESS.

Q: WHY DIDN'T REV. JACKSON GO TO FREETOWN?

A: REVEREND JACKSON AND PRESIDENT KABBAH OF SIERRA LEONE
DETERMINED THAT POLITICAL AND SECURITY CONDITIONS WERE NOT
RIGHT FOR A VISIT AT THIS TIME.

Q: WHAT IS REVEREND JACKSON'S VIEW OF THE RUF?

A: REVEREND JACKSON HAS CONSISTENTLY HELD THE RUF
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF THE LOME PEACE ACCORD.
IN SEVERAL RECENT INTERVIEWS, REVEREND JACKSON MADE IT
CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVES FODAY SANKOH AND THE RUF ALONE ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS IN SIERRA LEONE. HE
CONDEMNED THE RUF VIOLATIONS OF THE LOME ACCORD AND URGED
THE RUF TO RELEASE ALL DETAINEES, EFFECT AN IMMEDIATE
CEASEFIRE AND DISARM ITS FORCES.

Q: WHAT IS THE LATEST ON EXPANDING THE UN SIERRA LEONE
MISSION?

A: ON MAY 19, THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION
1299 WHICH LEFT UNAMSIL'S CURRENT MANDATE UNCHANGED, BUT
EXPANDS THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF TROOP AND MILITARY
OBSERVERS IN THE UNAMSIL PEACEKEEPING OPERATION FROM
11,100 TO 13,000.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ON THE CAPTURE OF FODAY SANKOH AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM NOW?

A: SANKOH WAS CAPTURED ON THE MORNING OF MAY 17. HE REMAINS IN CUSTODY OF SIERRA LEONE POLICE.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING SANKOH.

Q: IS IT TRUE SANKOH WAS WOUNDED? DO YOU HAVE DETAILS?

A: YES. WE UNDERSTAND HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG. WE UNDERSTAND THE WOUND IS NOT LIFE-THREATENING. HE HAS RECEIVED MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Q: WHAT WILL SANKOH'S ROLE BE NOW?
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A: THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THIS IS A QUESTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE TO DECIDE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THOSE DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE.

Q: WILL SANKOH BE CHARGED WITH CRIMES COMMITTED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE LOME PEACE AGREEMENT?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN NO DECISIONS ON THIS ISSUE. THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THERE MUST BE BOTH PEACE AND JUSTICE. THAT MEANS THERE SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABILITY.

-- ANY CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE RUF SINCE THE LOME PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ARE NOT COVERED BY THE DOMESTIC AMNESTY. WE ARE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE, REGIONAL STATES, THE UN, AND THE UK TO REVIEW POSSIBLE STEPS TO BRING THE PERPETRATORS OF ANY CRIMES TO JUSTICE.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON SANKOH'S FATE?

A: AS SANKOH IS A CITIZEN OF SIERRA LEONE, PRESENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE SIERRA LEONE AUTHORITIES, THAT WILL BE A MATTER FOR THE SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS FIRST.

Q: IS THERE A DUTY UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL?

A: THERE IS NO DUTY UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL. WE ARE REVIEWING THE POSSIBLE RESPONSES.

Q: ARE WE ENCOURAGING ANOTHER DEAL WITH SANKOH THROUGH TAYLOR?

A: WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING

DETAINEES, A CEASEFIRE AND THE RESUMPTION OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

(IF PRESSED) THE U.S. DOES NOT MAKE AND THE U.S. DISCOURAGES OTHERS FROM MAKING "DEALS" FOR HOSTAGES. THIS IS A LONG-STANDING POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE ON UNAMSIL TROOP DEPLOYMENTS?

A: THERE ARE NOW OVER 10,000 UNAMSIL TROOPS DEPLOYED IN SIERRA LEONE. THAT TOTAL IS INCREASING DAILY.

Q: WHAT DETAILS DO YOU HAVE ON THE ARRIVAL OF A U.S. AIR FORCE TEAM IN FREETOWN?

A: THE U.S. AIR FORCE TEAM, THAT WAS AT LUNGI AIRPORT, RETURNED HOME. THE TEAM WAS AT LUNGI PERFORMING A SURVEY OF THE AIRFIELD IN THE EVENT THE UN AND THE UNITED STATES DETERMINE THAT U.S. MILITARY SHOULD AIRLIFT UNAMSIL ELEMENTS INTO SIERRA LEONE.

Q: PLEASE COMMENT ON CRITICISM IN THE PRESS THAT THE U.S. RHETORIC ON AFRICA OUTSTRIPS ITS ACTUAL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE REGION.

A: AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER SANDY BERGER POINTED OUT IN AN EDITORIAL IN USA TODAY, THERE IS SOMETHING DEEPLY FLAWED ABOUT A VIEW OF AFRICA THAT IGNORES ITS TRIUMPHS
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WHILE ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS TRAGEDIES TO OUTSIDERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS WORKED HARD TO CHANGE THAT OUTDATED WAY OF THINKING. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT HAS WORKED TO BUILD A PARTNERSHIP BASED NOT ON WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OR ABOUT AFRICA BUT WHAT WE CAN DO WITH AFRICA TO ADVANCE COMMON GOALS.

-- PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SECRETARY ALBRIGHT HAVE DEVOTED MORE ATTENTION TO AFRICA THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE IN OUR HISTORY. THURSDAY, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION PUSHED FOR THREE YEARS. IT WILL EXPAND AFRICA'S ACCESS TO OUR MARKETS, HELPING EASE POVERTY WHILE ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC REFORM.

-- WE HAVE ACTIVELY PROMOTED PEACE IN AFRICA, HELPING FORGE A SETTLEMENT IN THE CONGO, SUPPORTING NELSON MANDELA'S EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE IN BURUNDI, HELPING PEACE TAKE HOLD IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND ENABLING IT TO BUILD

THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY. WHEN MOZAMBIQUE'S PROGRESS WAS THREATENED BY FLOODS, WE DEPLOYED OUR MILITARY TO BRING RELIEF. WE HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR TWO YEARS WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO MEDIATE PEACE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA.

-- WE HAVE TRAINED THOUSANDS OF AFRICAN SOLDIERS IN PEACEKEEPING, AND TODAY WE ARE SUPPORTING THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN SIERRA LEONE. NIGERIA, AFRICA'S NEWEST

DEMOCRACY, HAS BEEN A LADER IN THESE EFFORTS. WE HELPED MOBILIZE INTENATIONAL PRESSURE TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY THERE AND RE SUPPORTING ITS TRANSIITON TODAY.

-- WEALSO LED THE WORLD TO A HISTORIC COMMITMENT OF \$9 BILLION IN DEBT RELIEF TO THE POOREST NATIONS MOSTLY IN AFRICA. WE ARE LEADING THE INTERNAIONAL FIGHT AGAINST AIDS IN AFRICA.

-- I COULD GO ON. OF COURSE, WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE HORRIFIC VIOLENCE IN SIERRA LEONE. BUT WE ARE OMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE REGIONAL STATES ANDTHE UN TO ACHIEVE A LASTING PEACE. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED BOTH SUCCESSES AND FAILURES IN OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH AFRICA. BUT NO ONE SHOULD QUESTION OUR COMMITMENT.

ZIMBABWE

SUMMARY POINTS

-- VIOLENCE AND FARM OCCUPATIONS CONTINUE IN ZIMBABWE.

-- TWO MORE OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS WERE KILLED MAY 17, BRINGING THE DEATH TOLL TO 24, ALMOST ALL FROM THE OPPOSITION.

-- 17 OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS WERE BRIEFLY ARRESTED ON MAY 20 FOR ALLEGEDLY ENGAGING IN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, BUT WERE QUICKLY RELEASED.

-- U.S. PROTESTING VIOLENCE PRIVATELY AT HIGHEST LEVELS AND PUBLICLY THROUGH STATEMENTS, GUIDANCE. U.S. SUSPENDED AID TO LAND REFORM, SENDING ELECTION MONITORS.
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-- THE U.S. WILL FUND INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC OBSERVERS FOR JUNE 24-25 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Q: CAN YOU PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON VIOLENCE IN ZIMBABWE?

A: 24 ZIMBABWEANS, PREDOMINANTLY OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS, HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

-- FARMS CONTINUE TO BE OCCUPIED AND FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS CONTINUE TO BE HARASSED, BEATEN AND INTIMIDATED BY SUPPORTERS OF THE RULING ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION-PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZANU-PF) WHO ARE LEADING THE OCCUPATIONS.

-- CIVIL SERVANTS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS SUSPECTED OF SUPPORTING OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN HARASSED AND BEATEN BY ZANU-PF SUPPORTERS.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE HAS TAKEN FEW STEPS TO CURTAIL THE VIOLENCE AGAINST FARMERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, AND OPPOSITION PARTY SUPPORTERS OR TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE THE PERPETRATORS.

-- WE CALL AGAIN ON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE THE RULE OF LAW BY IMPLEMENTING COURT ORDERS THAT CALL ON POLICE TO EVICT OCCUPIERS FROM FARMS, PROSECUTING PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE, AND ACCEPTING ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL ZIMBABWEANS.

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF 17 OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS?

A: WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT 17 MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION WERE ARRESTED ON MAY 20 FOR USING A LOUDSPEAKER TO PROMOTE A RALLY OF THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. THEY WERE QUICKLY RELEASED.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE HAS USED PROVISIONS OF THE LAW AND ORDER MAINTENANCE ACT TO RESTRICT SOME POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

-- WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE TO RESPECT THE CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE POLITICAL PARTY OF THEIR CHOICE AND TO INSURE THAT ZIMBABWEANS CAN EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24-25.

CONTEXT

-- 850 COMMERCIAL FARMS ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED.

--NZANU-PF OCCUPIERS, LED BY WAR VETS, ARE TARGETING FARMERS AND LABORERS SUSPECTED OF SUPPORTING OPPOSITION MDC PARTY.

-- 24 ZIMBABWEANS, PRIMARILY SUPPORTERS OF THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (MDC) HAVE DIED IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

-- MUGABE CALLED FOR END TO FARM VIOLENCE 5/12, BUT IT CONTINUES, ESPECIALLY IN PROVINCES NEAR HARARE.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 15 THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD JUNE 24-25. ELECTORAL

RULES PROVIDE ADVANTAGES TO THE RULING ZANU-PF PARTY.
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-- ZANU-PF SUPPORTERS HAVE ASSAULTED OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS
AND BROKEN UP OPPOSITION RALLIES AND MEETINGS.

-- MUGABE CONTENDS MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE EMPLOYS
VIOLENCE, BUT ALMOST ALL VICTIMS ARE MDC SUPPORTERS.

-- USG INTENDS TO PROVIDE \$300,000 TO FUND INTERNATIONAL
ELECTION MONITORS IN ZIMBABWE.

ETHIOPIA/ERITREA

SUMMARY POINTS

-- ETHIOPIAN FORCES NORTH OF ERITREAN TOWN OF BARENTU
(NORTH OF BADME) AND WEST OF TOWN OF MENDEFERA --
APPARENTLY LITTLE NEW FIGHTING IN THOSE AREAS IN LAST TWO
DAYS

-- NEW FIGHTING REPORTED AT TOWN OF OMHAJER (NEAR SUDAN
BORDER) AND BURE (SOUTH OF ERITREAN PORT OF ASSAB, NEAR
DJIBOUTI)

--THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED VIGOROUSLY TO HELP FIND A
DURABLE PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR THE CONFLICT SINCE IT
ERUPTED IN MAY 1998, AND CONTINUES TO WORK WITH AND IN
SUPPORT OF THE OAU PEACE PROCESS.

Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION ALONG THE ETHIOPIA/ERITREA BORDER
TODAY?

A: FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE SLOWED NEAR BERENTU AND
MENDEFERA, BUT NEW FIGHTING IS REPORTED AT ONHAJER, JUST
NORTH OF THE ERITREAN BORDER NEAR SUDAN, AND AT BURE,
SOUTH OF THE PORT OF ASSAB.

Q: WHAT ARE WE DOING TO STOP THE FIGHTING?

A: WE DEPLORE THE UNJUSTIFIED AND UNNECESSARY RESUMPTION
OF HOSTILITIES. THE UNITED STATES URGENTLY CALLS ON BOTH

ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA TO END THE FIGHTING NOW AND
IMMEDIATELY RESUME TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU).

-- THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED TO HELP ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA REACH A DURABLE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS CONFLICT SINCE IT ERUPTED IN MAY 1998, AND CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU PEACE PROCESS.

-- WE LED EFFORTS TO ADOPT THE MAY 15 UNSC RESOLUTION 1297 WHICH CONDEMNED RENEWED FIGHTING BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA ON THE DAY THAT HOSTILITIES RESUMED, AND DROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE MAY 17 UNSC RESOLUTION (1298) WHICH IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO ON BOTH SIDES.

-- WE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BELIEVE THAT THE OAU PEACE PLAN OFFERS A FAIR, JUST, AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT, AND REMAINING DIFFERENCES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 STATE 097086

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CONTINUED OAU MEDIATION.

-- WE, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU TO HELP END THIS TRAGIC AND UNNECESSARY CONFLICT AND REACH A DURABLE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE OAU PEACE PLAN?

A: BOTH PARTIES HAVE ACCEPTED THE OAU FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

-- ETHIOPIA HAS SAID IT IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE OAU PEACE ACCORD AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED.

-- ERITREA HAS ACCEPTED THE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

-- PROXIMITY TALKS IN ALGIERS APRIL 29-MAY 5 DID NOT MAKE PROGRESS BECAUSE ERITREA INSISTED THAT ETHIOPIA SIGN THE OAU FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, THE MODALITIES, AND A FORMAL CEASEFIRE BEFORE UNDERTAKING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CONSOLIDATED TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS. ETHIOPIA HAS LONG MAINTAINED THAT IT WILL SIGN ALL THREE

DOCUMENTS WHEN A AGREEMENT ON AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS REACHED, BUT IS UNWILLING TO DO SO BEFORE SUCH AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

-- ETHIOPIA INDICATES IT IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW PEACE TALKS, DESPITE MILITARY OPERATIONS NOW UNDERWAY.

-- WE AND THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN THE FAIRNESS OF THE OAU PEACE PROCESS AND

ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS PROCESS IS THE ONLY WAY TO A PRINCIPLED AND DURABLE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT.

BACKGROUND

FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE SLOWED NORTH OF THE MEREB RIVER AND FORMER ERITREAN LINES AT THE BADME FRONT. ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE TOWN OF BARENTU AND ENVIRONS AND NOW WEST OF MENDEFERA. NEW FIGHTING HAS BEEN REPORTED AT OMHAJER, JUST NORTH OF THE ETHIOPIA/ERITREA BORDER NEAR THE SUDAN FRONTIER, AND AT BURE, SOUTH OF THE ERITREAN PORT OF ASSAB NEAR DJIBOUTI. THE FIGHTING HAS DISPLACED SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ERITREAN CIVILIANS, AND THERE IS CONCERN THAT AN IMPORTANT NEW HUMANITARIAN CRISIS MAY BE LOOMING.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WORKING PERSISTENTLY AND VIGOROUSLY TO IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU PEACE PROCESS SINCE HOSTILITIES ALONG THE ETHIOPIA/ERITREA BORDER RESUMED LAST YEAR. BOTH SIDES HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THE OAU FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND AN OAU PROPOSAL FOR MODALITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. THERE IS CONSENSUS ON SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE PLAN, WHILE OTHERS STILL AWAIT AGREEMENT TO SECURE THE MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE FULL DOCUMENT BY BOTH PARTIES.

ON MAY 12 THE UNSC ADOPTED A RESOLUTION (UNSC 1297) CONDEMNING RENEWED HOSTILITIES AND CALLING FOR RENEWED PEACE TALKS. IN VIEW OF CONTINUED FIGHTING, THE UNSC UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 09 STATE 097086

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ADOPTED A STRONGER RESOLUTION (UNSC 1298) MAY 17 WHICH IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO ON BOTH SIDES. WE, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU TO HELP END THIS TRAGIC AND

UNNECESSARY CONFLICT AND REACH A DURABLE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE.

SOUTH AFRICA: STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI

Q: WHAT ARE THE DETAILS REGARDING THE STATE VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI?

A: PRESIDENT MBEKI BEGINS HIS FIRST STATE VISIT TO

WASHINGTON TODAY, MAY 22. HE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE TODAY. IN THEIR MEETINGS, PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PRESIDENT MBEKI WILL REAFFIRM THE GROWING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WARM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS.

-- PRESIDENT MBEKI WILL ALSO VISIT CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, AND GEORGIA WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- SECRETARY ALBRIGHT WILL PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENT MBEKI'S WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS.

-- FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING PRESIDENT MBEKI'S AGENDA, I REFER YOU TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF THE MASSACRE OF 300 PEOPLE IN KATOGOTA?

A: WE HAVE SEEN TROUBLING REPORTS OF A MAY 14 MASSACRE AT KATOGOTA, IN EASTERN CONGO'S SOUTH KIVU PROVINCE, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THEM.

-- SOURCES HAVE GIVEN WIDELY VARIED ACCOUNTS OF WHAT OCCURRED IN THE EASTERN CONGOLESE TOWN AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED.

-- WE HAVE ALSO SEEN REPORTS THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE AREA HAVE SAID THEY WILL INVESTIGATE THIS INCIDENT. WE CALL UPON THESE AUTHORITIES TO PROMPTLY FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS PROMISE AND ALLOW A FULL INVESTIGATION BY OUTSIDE OBSERVERS.

-- WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY ONGOING REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE EASTERN CONGO. WE NOTE THE RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT THAT DETAILS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY ALL PARTIES IN THE CONFLICT.

-- WE CONDEMN ANY TARGETING OF CIVILIANS BY MILITARY
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CONTEXT

MISNA, THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY NEWS SERVICE, AND THE

KINSHASA PRESS ARE REPORTING THE MASSACRE OF OVER 300 CIVILIANS BY RWANDAN BACKED REBELS IN THE EASTERN CONGOLESE TOWN OF KATOGOTA DURING THE EVENING OF MAY 14. THE MASSACRE WAS ALLEGEDLY IN RETALIATION FOR THE KILLING OF A RWANDAN MILITARY OFFICER IN THE AREA.

--WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THIS INCIDENT AND DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS.

-- MANY OBSERVERS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING THE UN'S HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR, BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED TO BE WIDELY EXAGGERATED.

-- WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE UN WILL SEND PEOPLE TO KATOGOTA TO INVESTIGATE.
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1. SUMMARY: MEDIA COVERAGE COORDINATED DURING THE TWO-DAY MISSION OF PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA REVEREND JESSE JACKSON TO MONROVIA WAS EXTENSIVE AND POSITIVE. SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, HOWEVER, COVERAGE OF REVEREND JACKSON'S ROLE, AND THAT OF THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS HOWARD JETER, HAS TAKEN A DISTINCTLY NEGATIVE TURN IN MEDIA THAT CAN BE INFLUENCED BY THE RULING NATIONAL PATRIOTIC PARTY. END SUMMARY.

PRE-VISIT COVERAGE

2. REV. JACKSON'S TRIP TO LIBERIA WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA EVEN BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. PD PRESS RELEASES FROM THE WASHINGTON FILE CLARIFYING REVEREND JACKSON'S STATEMENTS THAT ALLEGEDLY COMPARED THE RUF WITH THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) WERE CARRIED BY ALL THE MEDIA PRIOR TO JACKSON'S ARRIVAL IN LIBERIA. ALTHOUGH QUESTIONS ON THAT SUBJECT DID ARISE DURING PRESS CONFERENCES, THE MEDIA SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE CONSISTENCY OF HIS EXPLANATION.

3. THE MAY 19 EDITION OF "THE NEWS" NEWSPAPER (DAILY INDEPENDENT) CARRIED A STORY GLEANED FROM THE WASHINGTON FILE HEADLINED, "JACKSON BLAMES SANKOH FOR TURMOIL IN SIERRA LEONE." THE PAPER SAID REV. JACKSON MADE IT CLEAR THAT TODAY SANKOH AND THE RUF ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS IN SIERRA LEONE. "SANKOH HAS DISCREDITED HIMSELF IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE AND MANY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE SEEK PEACE AND JUSTICE AND UNDERSTANDARIG HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE," THE NEWS QUOTED REV. JACKSON AS SAYING.

4. THE NEWS FURTHER REPORTED IN ITS MAY 19 EDITION: "JACKSON ALSO SOUGHT TO QUELL A MISUNDERSTANDING CREATED IN COMMENTS HE MADE IN A MAY 12 TELEPRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE DISCUSSED HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO NIGERIA, SIERRA LONE, LIBERIA, GUINEA AND MALI." THE PAPER QUOTED REV. JACKSON AS SAYING THAT THERE MUST BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT HE MEANT TO CONVEY WHEN HE MENTIONED THE ANC AND THE RUF, "... AS THERE CAN BE NO EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE TWO."

5. "MY INTENTION WAS MERELY TO NOTE THAT THE ANC BECAME A PART OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. NELSON MANDELA LEFT PRISON AND SUCCESSFULLY LED HIS PEOPLE TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AND A FUTURE OF HOPE. SANKOH, ON THE OTHER HAND, LEFT PRISON AND HAS LED SIERRA LEONE TO THE CRISIS IT IS IN NOW -- DIVIDED, DESTROYED AND DEJECTED," THE NEWS QUOTED JACKSON AS SAYING.

6. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT "DAILY TIMES" (ONCE A WEEK) CARRIED A SIMILAR HEADLINE, "SANKOH LOST GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY - JESSE JACKSON."

7. THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "INQUIRER" NEWSPAPER CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CAPTIONED "MORE PEACEKEEPERS RELEASED ... ECOWAS TO SEND 3,000 TROOPS, JESSE JACKSON ARRIVES TODAY" IN ITS MAY 19 EDITION.

8. THE RADIO STATIONS ALSO BROADCAST THAT THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WERE ARRIVING FROM NIGERIA ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION AIMED AT RESTORING THE LOME PEACE ACCORD.

EARLY POST-VISIT

9. UPON JACKSON'S ARRIVAL AT THE ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AMEMBASSY MONROVIA HOSTED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ENABLE THE U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY TO FURTHER INFORM LOCAL AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS VISIT. REVEREND JACKSON'S REMARKS WERE EXTENSIVELY AND OBJECTIVELY COVERED IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC MEDIA. BECAUSE

IT WAS ALREADY FRIDAY AND THE INDEPENDENT PAPERS DO NOT PRODUCE WEEKEND EDITIONS, PRINT COVERAGE OF THE VISIT DID NOT APPEAR UNTIL MONDAY.

10. "JESSE JACKSON WARNS AGAINST DIAMOND SMUGGLING, GUN RUNNING," WAS THE HEADLINE TO THE LEAD STORY OF "THE NEWS" ON MONDAY, MAY 22. THE NEWS SAID AMERICAN ENVOY JESSE JACKSON LEFT LIBERIA WITH A UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 MONROVIA 001734

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STRONG WARNING TO THOSE HE CHARACTERIZED AS DIAMOND SMUGGLING AND GUN-RUNNING TERRORISTS THRIVING ON THE WAR IN SIERRA LEONE, TO STOP THEIR ACTIONS OR BE MADE TO STOP IMMEDIATELY.

11. IN ITS EDITORIAL OF MAY 22, THE NEWS WAS SUPPORTIVE OF REV. JACKSON'S VIEWS THAT MR. SANKOH HAD DISCREDITED HIMSELF. TITLED "SANKOH IS NOT RUF," THE EDITORIAL INCLUDED: "LIKE REVEREND JACKSON, WE TOO BELIEVE THAT FODAY SANKOH HAS MADE HIMSELF IRRELEVANT TO THE SIERRA LEONE PEACE PROCESS BY RECKLESSLY UNLEASHING TERROR ON HIS PEACE-STARVED COMPATRIOTS. WE DON'T JUST BELIEVE THAT IMPLEMENTING THE LOME PEACE ACCORD IS INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE PERSONALITY OF SANKOH."

12. THE INQUIRER, UNDER A FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE IN ITS MAY 22 EDITION, "4 PEACEKEEPERS KILLED...SEVERAL WOUNDED; AS U.S. GIVES \$20M TO STABILIZE SA. LEONE," QUOTED REV. JACKSON AS SAYING THAT FOUR OF THE UN PEACEKEEPERS HELD HOSTAGE BY THE RUF HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT EVERYTHING MUST BE DONE TO FREE THE REMAINING HOSTAGES WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITION.

13. THE "NEW NATIONAL" (PRO-GOVERNMENT, ONCE A WEEK) CAPTIONED ITS LEAD STORY: "REV. JACKSON BLASTS RUF." THE PAPER SAID THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAS LASHED OUT AT THE RUF FOR TERRORIZING THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE. "THE RUF MUST DISARM VOLUNTARILY OR BE MADE TO DISARM INVOLUNTARILY," THE NEW NATIONAL QUOTED REV. JACKSON AS SAYING.

14. THE INQUIRER NEWSPAPER FEATURED REV. JACKSON'S REMARKS AT THE RECEPTION HOSTED IN HIS HONOR AT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FRIDAY EVENING MAY 19 IN ANOTHER ARTICLE TITLED, "LIBERIA NOT RECOVERED FROM COUP."

15. THE PAPER QUOTED REV. JACKSON AS SAYING THAT THE COUNTRY IS STILL EXPERIENCING THE EFFECTS OF THE COUP OF 1980 THAT KILLED PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND THIRTEEN OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, REV. JACKSON SAID "WE WILL NOT REST UNTIL LIBERIA TAKES ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AMONG THE COMITY OF NATIONS."

16. IN HIS REMARKS AT THE RECEPTION, REV. JACKSON BRIEFED HEADS OF LIBERIAN POLITICAL PARTIES, LEADERS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND JOURNALISTS ON SOME ASPECTS OF HIS SESSIONS WITH PRESIDENT TAYLOR.

17. AMEMBASSY MONROVIA HOSTED A FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS WITH REV. JACKSON AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AFTER A PRIVATE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY PRESIDENT TAYLOR AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION THAT INCLUDED REV. JACKSON AND AMBASSADOR MYRICK. REV. JACKSON REITERATED HIS MESSAGE ABOUT UNCONDITIONAL FREEDOM FOR THE UN HOSTAGES, RETURN TO THE LOME PEACE ACCORD, AND PROHIBITION OF DIAMOND SMUGGLING AND GUN-RUNNING. HE RESPONDED FRANKLY TO QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING ONE IN REGARD TO HIS MEETING WITH FORMER RUF FIELD COMMANDER SAM "MOSQUITO" BOCKARIE. COVERAGE OF THIS EVENT WAS SEEN LATER THAT DAY AND ALL WEEKEND ON CNN, AS WELL AS BROADCAST LOCALLY, ON BBC, AND VOA.

18. REVEREND JACKSON ALSO CONDUCTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS FROM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA WITH A PROMINENT RADIO STATION IN FREETOWN, CLEARING UP MANY OF THEIR MISPERCEPTIONS, AND WITH CNN "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS."

LATER COVERAGE

19. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER REV. JACKSON'S DEPARTURE FROM MONROVIA, PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA STORIES AND COMMENTARIES ON HIS WEST AFRICAN MISSION BEGAN TO TURN NEGATIVE. IN A PATTERN WHICH BEGAN AFTER THE GOVERNMENT CLOSED STAR RADIO AND CLAMPED DOWN ON NEWS MEDIA IN MARCH BY BRANDING THEM AS "DISSIDENTS," SEVERAL IRREGULAR EDITIONS OF PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS APPEARED. (THE PAO HAS BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT IMPRESSIVE SUMS OF MONEY HAVE CHANGED HANDS NOT ONLY TO FUND OBVIOUSLY PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS, BUT ALSO TO TRY TO INFLUENCE SOME OF THE MORE INDEPENDENT MEDIA MANAGEMENT AND JOURNALISTS TO BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO GOVERNMENT AND RULING PARTY POSITIONS.)

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20. "PEPPERBIRD", THE NEW OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF
PRESIDENT TAYLOR'S NATIONAL PATRIOTIC PARTY (NPP),
CARRIED A LEAD STORY ON MAY 25 CAPTIONED "NPP
CHAIRMAN BLASTS U.S. GOVT. OFFICIALS, S/LEONE
AMBASSADOR, DESCRIBES AS COCKY, DOUBLE TONGUES
(SIC), CARPET BEGGARS (SIC)..." THE ARTICLE SAID,
"MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO (AF/DAS) HOWARD JILTER
(SIC), THE NPP CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR A COMPLETE HALT
TO THE PRIVILEGE BEING ACCORDED JUNIOR OFFICIALS IN
THE US GOVERNMENT TO MEET AND HOLD TALKS WITH THE
LIBERIAN LEADER."

21. ACCORDING TO THE PEPPERBIRD, "...RECENT
STATEMENT(S) BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ENVOY
TO AFRICA THE REV. JESSE JACKSON CONVINCED HIM
(ALLEN) THAT THE AMBASSADOR (JACKSON) IS 'A TWO
TONGUES GOANNA' (IGUANA) WHO HAS CREATED THE
IMPRESSIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT
LIBERIA HAS A HIDDEN AGENDA IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE
SIERRA LEONE CRISIS, ESPECIALLY AFTER HAVING HELD A
FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT TAYLOR ONLY TO
PRESENT LIBERIA NEGATIVELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY."

22. THE "DAILY TIMES" (PRO-GOVERNMENT) MAY 26
EDITION CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE STORY ON THE ALLEN
INTERVIEW. WHILE REPEATING THE MATERIAL IN THE
PEPPERBIRD ARTICLE, IT ALSO QUOTED NPP CHAIRMAN
CYRIL ALLEN AS SAYING THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY REV.
JESSE JACKSON REGARDING LIBERIA'S ROLE IN THE SIERRA
LEONE CRISIS HAVE "...PROVEN THAT THE U.S.
PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR AFRICA IS A PATHOLOGICAL
LIAR."

23. ANOTHER NEWLY RESURRECTED PRO-GOVERNMENT
NEWSPAPER, "THE MONROVIA GUARDIAN", CARRIED A
COMMENTARY TITLED "JESSE JACKSON NO LONGER WELCOME
IN WEST AFRICA," WHICH WAS ALSO PLACED IN THE
FORMERLY INDEPENDENT "NEW NATIONAL". IT INCLUDED:
"THE RECENT HIGH PROFILE VISIT OF CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER JESSE JACKSON AS PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S
SPECIAL ENVOY HAS DEFINITELY LEFT MORE SOUR GRAPES
THAN ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE. ... ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT
HAD IT THAT REV. JACKSON'S VISIT WAS BASICALLY A
FISHING EXPEDITION DESIGNED TO BUY TIME FOR THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS FURTIVE ATTEMPT TO
FORMULATE A SIERRA LEONE POLICY... OUR DIPLOMATIC
SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT FAR FROM BUILDING
BRIDGES, REV. JACKSON'S VISIT TO LIBERIA HAS SO
INFURIATED AND FRUSTRATED THE TAYLOR ADMINISTRATION
THAT NEITHER JESSE JACKSON NOR HOWARD JETTER (SIC)

WOULD BE WELCOME TO LIBERIA WITH ANY WARMTH OR HOSPITALITY ANY TIME SOON."

24. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER REV. JACKSON DEPARTED MONROVIA, HIS SUPPOSED ANALOGY COMPARING FODAY SANKOH TO NELSON MANDELA WAS THE TOPIC OF THE MOST POPULAR RADIO TALK SHOW IN MONROVIA, DESPITE JACKSON'S EARLIER, WELL-PUBLICIZED, CLARIFICATION. GUESTS ON THE "DC-TALK" PANEL AND MOST CALLERS TO THE SHOW WERE QUITE UNCOMPLIMENTARY IN THEIR VIEWS ABOUT REV. JACKSON'S STATEMENT, AND THIS CARRIED OVER INTO COMMENTS ABOUT HIS ROLE IN GENERAL. TO THEM, REV. JACKSON'S CLARIFICATION DID NOT MATTER, AS HE HAD ALREADY DONE HARM TO THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE BY HIS STATEMENT. SOME, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS, FELT THAT THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE OFFICIALLY DIVORCED ITSELF FROM REV. JACKSON'S STATEMENTS.

25. SOME CALLERS COMPLAINED THAT REV. JACKSON WEARS TOO MANY HATS WHEN HE IS IN LIBERIA. THEY CONTENTED THAT HE HAS BUSINESS DEALINGS THAT ARE JUST AS HIGH ON HIS PRIORITY LIST AS HIS DIPLOMATIC MISSION. AT THE LEAST, PREVIOUS CRITICISMS THAT REV. JACKSON IS TOO CLOSE TO OR SUPPORTIVE OF TAYLOR MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ABOLISHED BY THIS VISIT.

COMMENT

26. THE VARYING PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT REFLECTS THE GOL'S AMBIGUITY ABOUT PRESIDENT TAYLOR'S ROLE AS LEAD NEGOTIATOR FOR THE ECOWAS EFFORT TO ARRANGE THE RELEASE OF THE UN HOSTAGES HELD BY SIERRA LEONE'S RUF. SOME SAID IT WAS TAYLOR'S ECOWAS COLLEAGUES' WAY OF TELLING HIM, "YOU BROKE IT, NOW FIX IT." THE GOL HAS STEADFASTLY DENIED THAT THIS WAS THE MESSAGE OF THEIR ACTION. RATHER, IT HAS ATTEMPTED TO GARNER MAXIMUM CREDIT UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 MONROVIA 001734

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FOR TAYLOR FROM HIS EFFORTS TO ARRANGE FOR RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS VERY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISMS THAT THE GOL IS INVOLVED IN DIAMOND-SMUGGLING AND GUN-RUNNING, WHICH IT BELIEVED REV. JACKSON'S REMARKS IMPLIED.

27. INITIALLY, THERE WAS SUSPICION WITHIN THE GOL THAT SE JACKSON'S VISIT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO STEAL SOME

OF THE CREDIT FOR THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES FROM CHARLES TAYLOR. PRESS COVERAGE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE VISIT CONVINCED SOME LIBERIAN OFFICIALS THAT REV. JACKSON WAS NOT GIVING TAYLOR ENOUGH CREDIT FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT.

28. PRIOR TO REV. JACKSON'S ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY, THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PUBLICLY SAID THE U.S. WAS NOT COOPERATING WITH ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE UN PEACEKEEPERS. THE GOVERNMENT COMPLAINED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MONROVIA HAD DENIED ITS REQUEST FOR A HELICOPTER TO AIRLIFT UN SOLDIERS RELEASED BY THE RUF. THIS COMPLAINT WAS REPRESSED DURING PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE GOL DURING JACKSON'S VISIT, BUT RE-EMERGED IN THE NEGATIVE COMMENTS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE. THE COMMON COMPLAINT THAT THE USG HAS RENEGED ON ALL ITS "PROMISES" TO HELP LIBERIA AFTER ITS FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS WERE INCLUDED IN CRITICISMS, AS WERE REFERENCES TO SENATOR GREGG'S RECENT REMARKS AGAINST PRESIDENT TAYLOR.

29. NPP CHAIRMAN ALLEN IS KNOWN FOR HIS INTEMPERATE, AND OFTEN VULGAR, ATTACKS ON THOSE WHO ROUSE HIS IRE. THE OBJECTS OF HIS VENOM HAVE RANGED FROM HIGH-LEVEL GOL OFFICIALS TO THE HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ASSISTANCE MISSION TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RULING PARTY, ALLEN REMAINS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT TAYLOR (E.G. HE ATTENDED SOME OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN TAYLOR AND SE JACKSON.) HOWEVER, THE GOL'S STANDARD RESPONSE WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT ALLEN'S STATEMENTS IS THAT HE HOLDS NO GOL POSITION AND DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

30. THE EMBASSY JUDGES THAT IT IS BEST TO LET THE CRITICISMS DIE AWAY. A FULL PAGE "COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS" OF THE RUF AND ANC APPEARED THIS WEEK IN AN INDEPENDENT (OPPOSITION) PAPER, "DIAGNOSING REV. JESSE JACKSON'S FALLACY," BUT THE NPP PARTY-LED CRITICISM OF THE ROLE, INTEGRITY, AND INTELLECT OF SPECIAL ENVOY JACKSON AND AF/DAS JETER HAS ALMOST STOPPED. ANY FURTHER ATTEMPT TO REFUTE THEM WOULD PROBABLY ONLY ADD FUEL TO THEIR FLAMES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE HAVE SEEN THE END OF THOSE CRITICISMS NOW THAT TAYLOR HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING THE RELEASE OF ALL THE UN HOSTAGES.

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