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USEU FOR REGAN  
ROME FOR QUESADA AND EMBASSY VATICAN  
PRETORIA PASS JOHANNESBURG

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1. (U) THE AF FRIDAY REPORT FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE  
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING  
WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR

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2. (U) BEGIN TEXT; FRIDAY REPORT, NOVEMBER 17, 2000

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3. (U) AF FRONT OFFICE

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

4. (U) AF/ACRI

ACRI FOLLOW-ON TRAINING 3 (FT-3) IN MALI ENDED TODAY AND  
REPRESENTS A SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF THE ACRI PROGRAM.  
FT-3 FOCUSES ON BATTALION LEADERS EXERCISING COMMAND AND  
STAFF SKILLS AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SKILLS, FINISHING  
WITH A COMPUTER ASSISTED COMMAND POST EXERCISE. THE MALI  
BATTALION'S SENIOR STAFF RETURN RATE EXCEEDED 50%. THE  
ACRI HIV/AIDS MODULE, PRESENTED BY A MALIAN MILITARY  
DOCTOR, WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

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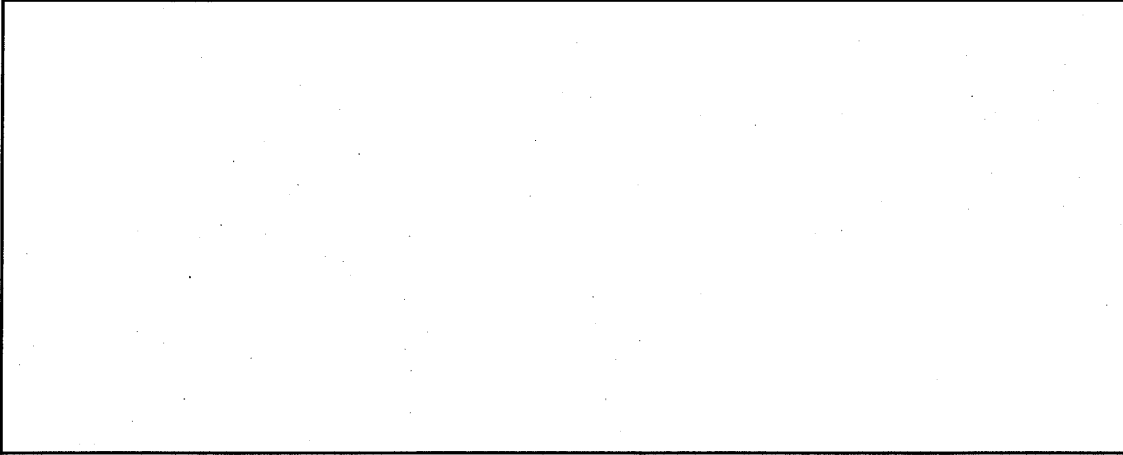
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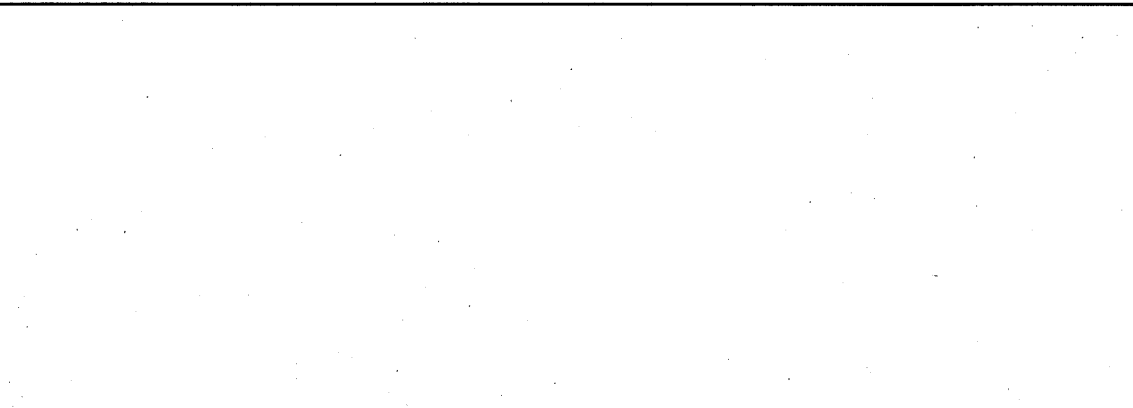
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BURUNDI

BURUNDI NEWS:



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(SBU) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S VIEW ON PEACE ACCORD:  
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SESSION SINCE OCTOBER 2 ARE DIVIDED  
OVER RATIFICATION OF BURUNDI'S AUGUST 28 PEACE ACCORD.  
GOVERNMENT OPPONENTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SAY THEY  
WANT TO RATIFY THE ACCORD IN HOPES IT WILL FORCE THE  
GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN REFORMS. PRO-GOVERNMENT PARTIES ARE  
CALLING ON SIGNATORIES TO RESOLVE RESERVATIONS TO THE  
ACCORD BEFORE RATIFICATION.



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(U) BURUNDI BESET BY MALARIA EPIDEMIC: ACCORDING TO LATEST  
REPORTS, 818 BURUNDIANS, INCLUDING 100 CHILDREN, HAVE DIED  
IN THE PAST MONTH IN A MALARIA OUTBREAK NOW SWEEPING  
BURUNDI. SOME BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST HALF THE POPULATION  
IS AFFECTED.

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CAMEROON

(U) GOVERNMENT BLOCKS OPPOSITION MARCH: THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED A NOVEMBER 13 MARCH IN YAOUNDE ORGANIZED BY THE OPPOSITION SDF PARTY. POLICE BLOCKED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PARLIAMENTARIANS AND ACTIVISTS CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION. TWELVE MARCHERS WERE ARRESTED AND A PROMINENT JOURNALIST WAS BEATEN.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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CHAD

(U) FOOD AID APPEAL: CHAD URGENTLY APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE FOOD AID IN RESPONSE TO AN ESTIMATED CEREAL DEFICIT OF OVER 377,000 TONS. UNEVEN RAINFALL AND POOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS WERE APPARENTLY TO BLAME FOR MUCH OF THE PROBLEM THIS YEAR. THE APPEAL COMES ON THE EVE OF A LONG-PLANNED DONORS' ROUND TABLE IN GENEVA ON PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION/URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS. HUMANITARIAN DEMINING WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE

(SBU) NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM: WITH THE APPROACHING ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECEMBER 1999 PEACE ACCORD, THE CONGO-B GOVERNMENT FACES INCREASED SCRUTINY OF PLANS FOR THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE CALLED FOR IN THE ACCORD. MEDIATOR OMAR BONGO ANNOUNCED DURING AN OCTOBER VISIT TO BRAZZAVILLE THAT NEXT STEPS ON THE DIALOGUE WOULD OCCUR AFTER RECEIPT OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE PEACE ACCORD

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FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE. MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS  
APPROVED A PRELIMINARY DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WHICH WILL BE  
THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNITY-BASED DEBATES. THEN IT WILL BE  
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PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL TRANSITION COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION  
AND SUBMITTED FOR RATIFICATION IN A NATION-WIDE  
REFERENDUM. SEVERAL PROMINENT EXILED POLITICIANS ARE

REPORTEDLY MAKING TO OVERTURES TO SASSOU AND INDICATING  
INTEREST IN RETURNING TO CONGO.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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GABON

(U) DISAPPOINTING WTO TALKS: ACCORDING TO INITIAL PRESS  
REPORTS, SEVERAL AFRICAN MINISTERS MEETING IN LIBREVILLE  
THIS WEEK WITH WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, U.S. AND E.U.  
OFFICIALS REFUSED TO JOIN A NEW WORLD TRADE ROUND. THEIR  
CONCERNS APPARENTLY WERE BASED ON ARGUMENTS THAT PARTS OF  
OLDER AGREEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND THAT  
THEY HAD NO MANDATE FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO COMMIT TO A  
NEW TRADE ROUND.

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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(U) NEW OIL TALKS WITH NIGERIA: PRESS REPORTS INDICATE  
THAT SAO TOMEAN AND NIGERIAN TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS  
INITIATED A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS THIS WEEK IN LONDON,  
AIMED AT DETERMINING THEIR RESPECTIVE STANCES ON JOINT  
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN THE DISPUTED AREA OF THEIR  
TERRITORIAL WATERS.

6. (S) AF/E

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MAURITIUS/DIEGO GARCIA

FOLLOWING THE RECENT RULING BY UK COURT THAT NATIVES OF THE CHAGOS ISLANDS (WHICH INCLUDE DIEGO GARCIA) WERE WRONGFULLY EXPELLED 35 YEARS AGO, MAURITIAN PRESS SAYS THE GOM INTENDS TO SUE IN U.S. FEDERAL COURT FOR COMPENSATION FROM THE U.S. AND THE UK FOR THE CHAGOS ISLANDERS. FM ANIL GAYAN TOLD REPORTERS "THE FIGHT IS ON TWO FRONTS: FIRST OF ALL, THE QUESTION OF MAURITIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, AND THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHAGOS COMMUNITY BY THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR THE DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THEY HAD SUFFERED." THE CHAGOS REFUGEE GROUP WILL CLAIM COMPENSATION FROM THE U.S. BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MILITARY BASE TO BE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR UPROOTING THE ARCHIPELAGO'S COMMUNITY. ASKED ABOUT

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THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE REQUESTED, GAYAN SAID "IT WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT, COMPENSATION FOR 35 YEARS OF SUFFERING."

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DJIBOUTI

(U) HIV/AIDS--RECIPE FOR CRISIS: DJIBOUTI'S MOBILE POPULATION, LACK OF RESOURCES AND SOCIAL CONSERVATION LEAD TO THE WORLD'S 12TH HIGHEST INFECTION RATE, ACCORDING TO UNAIDS. THE UNAIDS OFFICE PROJECTED FOR THE END OF 1999 AN 11.75 PERCENT HIV INFECTION RATE AMONG ADULTS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IT ISSUED IN JUNE 2000.

7. (U) AF/EPS

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NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

8. (U) AF/EX

BUJUMBURA -RESOLUTION OF OIG REPORT

(U) WE CONGRATULATE EMBASSY BUJUMBURA FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE 1998 OIG INSPECTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THE OIG THIS WEEK COMPLETED AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL SIX UNCLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE LAST CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATION RESULTING FROM THEIR INSPECTION DATED OCTOBER 31 THROUGH

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NOVEMBER 6, 1998. AF HAD DISAGREED STRONGLY WITH SEVERAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND, WITH POST ASSISTANCE, SECURED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OIG THAT THESE HAD BEEN "OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS." AS A RESULT OF THIS REPORT, THE OIG HAS CLOSED ALL RECOMMENDATIONS "IN THEIR ENTIRETY."

IF WE HADN'T MENTIONED IT BEFORE, THE SAME KUDOS APPLY TO EMBASSIES KAMPALA AND KIGALI - MISSIONS THAT WERE INSPECTED DURING THE SAME FRAME OF TIME AND ALSO HAVE CLOSED OUT THEIR REPORTS.

9. (SBU) AF/PD

HIV/AIDS WORLD AIDS DAY

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(U) WHITE HOUSE AIDS POLICY DIRECTOR SANDRA THURMAN, WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN A NOVEMBER 21 AF/PD AFNET INTERACTIVE AS PART OF HER OUTREACH FOR WORLD AIDS DAY, ASKED AF/PD TO PARTNER HER WITH EITHER ATLANTA HAWKS NBA STAR DIKEMBE MUTOMBO OR DANNY GLOVER. AF/PD WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING BOTH MEN TO PARTICIPATE. MUTOMBO WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO BE ON THE NOVEMBER 21 AFNET PROGRAM WITH THURMAN, AND GLOVER WILL RECORD AN AIDS MESSAGE TO BE USED ON INTERACTIVES ON NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 1. GLOVER, NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA, WILL WORK WITH AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG TO VIDEO TAPE HIS AIDS MESSAGE. THE THREE POSTS THAT WILL BE ACTIVE (ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS) FOR THE NOVEMBER 21 THURMAN-MUTOMBO AFNET ARE KINSHASA, YAOUNDE, AND LUSAKA. THE REST OF OUR POSTS CAN VIEW THE PROGRAM LIVE. THE NOVEMBER 28 AFNET WILL FEATURE FAMILY HEALTH INTERNATIONAL WITH ACTIVE POSTS BEING COTONOU, ASMARA AND DAR, AND THE DEC. 1 MULTI-REGIONAL INTERACTIVE WILL FEATURE THE COORDINATOR OF THE WASHINGTON D.C. HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITH NIGERIA BEING THE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT FROM AFRICA IN THIS GLOBAL PROGRAM.

KENYA

(SBU) VOA POSSIBLE IN KENYA. AFTER VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS BETWEEN IBB AFFILIATES HEAD GARY THATCHER AND GOK OFFICIALS, IT APPEARS THAT VOA WILL LIKELY HAVE PERMISSION

TO BEGIN BROADCASTING FROM ITS OWN RADIO STATION IN NAIROBI BY MARCH 2001.

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AFRICAN NATIONS VIEWS ON THE U.S. ELECTIONS

(U) NIGERIA: THE NIGERIAN MEDIA IS GIVING WIDE COVERAGE TO THE DELAY IN THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE PAS HAS BEEN ABLE TO OFFWR THE NIGERIAN MEDIA AN ACCURATE EXPLANATION OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND THE ISSUES REGARDING THE FLORIDA BALLOTS. SOME NIGERIAN COLUMNISTS AND EDITORIAL WRITERS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE VOTE COUNT DELAY AND OF THE "UNDEMOCRATIC" ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. OTHET NIGERIAN COMMENTARS, HOWEVERM HAVE BEEN NOTED THAT THE DELIBERATE SYSTEM OF RECOUNTS IN THE U.S. WOULD HAVE SPAWNED VIOLENCE AND RIOTING HAD SUCH AN EVENT HAPPENED IN NIGERIA.

(U) NAMIBIA: THERE CONTINUES TO BE PRESS QUERIES IN NAMIBIA ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. ON NOVEMBER 13, AMBASSADOR BADER PARTICIPATED IN THE TAPING OF A THREE WAY PANEL DISCUSSION AT NAMIBIAN BROADCASTING COOPERATION (NBC) ABOUT THE U.S. ELECTIONS. THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE THE NAMIBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, T HEO-BEN GUIRIRAB, AND NBC BOARD CHAIRMAN, UAZUVA KAUMBI. THE TAPE WAS BROADCAST IN ITS ENTIRETY AS A SPECIAL EDITION OF NBC'S HALF-HOUR "OPEN FILE" PROGRAM.

(U)UGANDA: POST HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ADDRESSING UGANDAN CONCERNS ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE U.S. ELECTION. AMBASSADOR BRENNAN APPEARED ON A CALL-IN PROGRAM ON RADIO ONE, ONE OF UGANDA'S MOST POPULAR FM RADIO STATIONS TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION RESULTS. THE AMBASSADOR EFFECTIVELY MADE THE POINT IN RESPONDING TO THE MANY SOPHISTICATED QUESTIONS THAT WHAT WE ARE "WITNESSING WAS NOT DEMOCRACY  
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IN CRISIS BUT DEMOCRACY IN ACTION."

10. (U) AF/RA

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