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1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONFINED TO STATE PERSONNEL.

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3. (U) AF

THIS WEEK IN AF

-, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRYNN ACCOMPANIED ACTING SECRETARY RICHARD MOOSE TO A PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS NIGERIA, LIBERIA, ZAIRE, THE DEVELOPMENT FUND
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FOR AFRICA, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION/PEACEKEEPING IN AFRICA.

4. (C) AF/C

ZAIRE

-- REFUGEES, RELIEF, AND VIP VISITS:
THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CRISIS IN EASTERN ZAIRE CAPTURED MOST OF THE ATTENTION INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. WELL OVER A MILLION RWANDAN REFUGEES REMAIN IN ZAIRE IN CAMPS FROM GOMA TO BUKAVU. THE U.S. HUMANITARIAN MISSION, OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE, HAS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT IN MITIGATING THE CRISIS, BUT DEATHS FROM CHOLERA AND

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DYSENTARY CONTINUE IN THE CAMPS. ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE A WORRISOME PRESENCE IN ZAIRE, ALTHOUGH THE GOZ HAS MADE EFFORTS TO DISARM THE MILITIA AND ARMY, AND HAS SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED FORMER RWANDAN OFFICIALS FROM HOLDING PROVOCATIVE MEETINGS IN ZAIRE. MOBUTU MET WITH THE NEW RWANDAN PRESIDENT IN PORT LOUIS AND PLEDGED TO DISARM THE MILITARY TO PREVENT THE FORMER REGIME FROM USING ZAIRIAN TERRITORY TO DESTABILIZE THE NEW RPF-LED REGIME IN KIGALI. ZAIRIAN MINISTERS AND A NUMBER OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES VISITED GOMA AND ITS ENVIRONS IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING FRENCH PM BALLADUR, DEFENSE SECRETARY PERRY, CONGRESSMAN PAYNE, A/S MOOSE, OFDA HEAD BORTON, AND CODEL REYNOLDS. NEW YORK'S REVEREND AL SHARPTON MAY VISIT GOMA ON A "FACT-FINDING MISSION" IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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-- U.S.-CAMEROONIAN RELATIONS - DIFFICULT YET CORDIAL: AMBASSADOR ISOM DEPARTED YAOUNDE AUGUST 4 FOR LEAVE EN ROUTE TO A SIX-WEEK STINT WITH PROMOTION PANELS IN WASHINGTON. SHORTLY BEFORE HER DEPARTURE SHE WAS CALLED IN BY FOREIGN MINISTER OYONO, WHO WAS PERHAPS ANXIOUS TO

DIALOGUE IS STILL EVIDENT DESPITE OUR REMONSTRATIONS FOR PROGRESS ON DEMOCRATIZATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ECONOMIC REFORM. AMBASSADOR ISOM NOTED CAMEROON SIMPLY HAD PRODUCED NO CONCRETE RESULTS IN THESE AREAS WHICH ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

-- HAIL AND FAREWELL: AMBASSADOR BENNETT DEPARTED MALABO AFTER THREE YEARS OF TIRELESS DEVOTION TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA'S VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. OUR BEST WISHES GO WITH HIM AS HE MOVES ON TO NEW CHALLENGES IN PANAMA. RETIRED ANNUITANT THOMAS TIMBERMAN HAS TAKEN UP DUTY AS TEMPORARY CHARGE IN MALABO.

RWANDA

-- WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES:

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AUGUST 4 MARKED THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD. FOR ALL THAT RWANDA'S SITUATION HAS CHANGED OVER THIS PAST YEAR, ARUSHA STILL PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF POWER-SHARING TO FACILITATE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN RWANDA.

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-- EMBASSY OPENS:
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE OFFICIALLY REOPENED EMBASSY KIGALI IN A SMALL CEREMONY DURING HIS VISIT THERE AUGUST 3.

BURUNDI

-- A/S MOOSE VISIT TO BURUNDI:
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE MET WITH BURUNDI'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP DURING HIS VISIT TO BURUNDI. HE LEFT WITH THE CONVICTION THAT MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL ARE WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE A SWIFT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS. UNFORTUNATELY HE ALSO NOTED THE PRESENCE OF EXTREMISTS APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO BLOCK A RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION ISSUE. IN A DEPARTURE STATEMENT, MOOSE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT DOMINATE MORE MODERATE VOICES.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- AUGUST DOLDRUMS HIT BANGUI:
THE CENTRAL AFRICANS ARE KEEPING A LOW PROFILE, THE FRENCH ARE ON VACATION, AND MUCH OF OUR EMBASSY IS EITHER ON LEAVE OR AWAITING NEW ARRIVALS. JOINING THE EXODUS AMBASSADOR GRIBBIN WILL VISIT CAR'S FOREST REGION AUGUST 6-13. SOON-TO-BE DCM JIM ENTWISTLE HAS BEEN CONSULTING IN THE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK.

GABON

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-- VIVE LA FRANCOPHONIE:

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FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR VISITED LIBREVILLE JULY 29-31, WHERE HE OPENED A NEW FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER, TALKED ECONOMICS, AND PRAISED PRESIDENT BONGO AS THE "DEAN" OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. BALLADUR ALSO MET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF CAR, CHAD, AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA, CARRYING A MESSAGE OF AUSTERITY DISCIPLINE, AND RIGOROUS MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CULTURAL CENTER, BALLADUR SAID THAT DESPITE A RELATIVE POVERTY OF RESOURCES AND INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD, FRANCOPHONIE WOULD CONTINUE TO THRIVE "FROM CANNES TO OUAGADOUGOU, FROM AVIGNON TO COTONOU". BALLADUR SQUEEZED IN A LITTLE 1995 PRESIDENTIAL POLITICKING WITH THE RESIDENT FRENCH COMMUNITY IN A RECEPTION AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

-- FAREWELL:

THE MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT IN LIBREVILLE WAS DEACTIVATED AS OF AUGUST 1. CHEERS AND FAREWELL TO THE MARINES'

5. (C) AF/E

-- AF/E PERSONNEL:

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATES ANDERSON (TANZANIA), STOKES (SEYCHELLES) AND SOUTHWICK (UGANDA) HAD THEIR CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON 7/25; FINAL SENATE ACTION IS EXPECTED BY AROUND 8/19. AMBASSADORS HOUDEK (ERITREA) AND PETERSON (SUDAN) ARE HERE ON CONSULTATIONS AND AMBASSADOR BRAZEAL (KENYA) IS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE PROMOTION BOARDS.

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DCMS PERLOW (MADAGASCAR) AND BUSH (UGANDA) ARE ALSO ON CONSULTATIONS. KENYA DCM FOSTER ARRIVED AT POST TWO WEEKS AGO AND SEYCHELLES NUMBER TWO BROWN WILL BE ARRIVING ON 8/5. THE KENYA/UGANDA AND TANZANIA/INDIAN OCEAN DESKS ARE TURNING OVER THIS MONTH.

SUDAN

-- ADJOURNMENT OF IGADD PEACE TALKS:

THE LATEST ROUND OF THE IGADD PEACE TALKS ADJOURNED ON JULY 29. LITTLE WAS ACCOMPLISHED OTHER THAN ESTABLISHING THE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 5-7 FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE OF IGADD MINISTERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION URGED ALL PARTIES TO BE

KENYA

-- SHIPMENTS TO REFUGEES FACILITATED:
EMBASSY NAIROBI HAS SECURED GOK APPROVAL FOR AIR, RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO RWANDA AND ZAIRE, INCLUDING THE USE OF U.S. TRUCKS AND U.S. DRIVERS. PRESIDENT MOI HAS FURTHER PROMISED TO WAIVE CUSTOMS FEES AND INSPECTIONS OF CONVOYS AND HALT PROFITEERING ON RELIEF OPERATIONS.

TANZANIA

-- GOT TO FOLLOW UN LEAD ON DEALING WITH WAR CRIMINALS:
FOREIGN MINISTER RWEGASIRA REITERATED THAT TANZANIA IS
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WILLING TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE RWANDANS GUILTY OF GENOCIDE AND WAR CRIMES. HOWEVER, THE GOT IS NOT PREPARED TO DETAIN ALLEGED CRIMINALS UNTIL THE UN' THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS OR A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IDENTIFIES THE SUSPECTS AND REQUESTS THE GOT TO ARREST THEM. THE MINISTER UNDERLINED THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WILL BE NECESSARY TO BOLSTER THE GOT'S SECURITY FORCES IN THE CAMPS IF ARRESTS ARE TO BE MADE.

SEYCHELLES

-- GOOD AND BAD ECONOMIC NEWS:
THE BAD ECONOMIC NEWS IN SEYCHELLES IS THAT TOURISM, THE MAIN ECONOMIC SECTOR, IS DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL IMPLEMENT AN INVESTMENT CODE BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WHICH SHOULD ENCOURAGE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INVESTMENT. A CODE WAS READY THREE YEARS AGO BUT WAS STOPPED BY PRESIDENT RENE WHO WANTED TO HANDLE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ON A "NEGOTIATED CASE BY CASE" BASIS--REPORTEDLY WITH KICKBACKS. ANOTHER BRIGHT SPOT IS THE 40 PERCENT PRIVATIZATION OF PORT VICTORIA, WHICH SHOULD LOWER ITS COSTS AND MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVE.

SOMALIA

-- UN MILITARY PLANNERS ASK FOR HELP WITH DRAWDOWN:

UN MILAD BARIL BRIEFED SELECTED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING THE U.S.) JULY 29 ON THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS TO ASSIST IN THE ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES.
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FORCES. UNOSOM'S MANDATE IS SCHEDULED TO END IN MARCH 1995, AND TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS. BARIL MADE AN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF C-5 AIRCRAFT, ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF SHIPS, AND A SMALL AMPHIBIOUS FORCE WITH HELICOPTER SUPPORT TO PROVIDE COVER FIRE AT A LATE STAGE OF THE WITHDRAWAL. THERE IS AN OBVIOUS EXPECTATION OF A U.S. ROLE. HOWEVER, THE BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH RESTRICTS DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOMALIA, MAY SEVERELY CURTAIL OUR ABILITY TO HELP.

-- FIRST BYRD, NOW KEMPTHORNE:
SENATOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE (R-IDAHO) PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1995 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FAST MARINES WHO NOW PROTECT USLO. KEMPTHORNE HAS BEEN THE MOST VOCAL CONGRESSIONAL CRITIC OF A CONTINUED USG PRESENCE IN SOMALIA. HE INSTIGATED THE JULY 21 SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HEARING ON SOMALIA AND A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON IN WHICH EIGHT SENATORS CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL USG MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL FROM SOMALIA.

-- AIDEED ON A ROLL?:
THE SNA FACTION LEADER IS ALREADY PUTTING TO USE THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES -- INCLUDING ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS -- CAPTURED FROM THE ZIMBABWEANS WHEN THEY WERE ROUTED IN BELET WEYN JULY 30. AIDEED'S MILITIAMEN HAVE BEGUN ADVANCING ALONG THE ROUTE FROM BELET WEYN TO MOGADISHU AND MAY BE PLANNING TO ATTACK OTHER UN SOFT TARGETS. RIVAL FACTION ALI MAHDI IS DEMANDING THAT UNOSOM RETURN WEAPONS CONFISCATED FROM HIS MILITIAMEN LAST
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YEAR, NOTING THAT THE UN WAS UNABLE TO PROTECT WEAPONS STOCKS IN BELET WEYN FROM AIDEED'S FORCES.

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-- HE'S COMING:

PRESIDENT MELES ZENAWI HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MAKE A WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11. HE IS EXPECTED TO SPEND UP TO A WEEK IN THE WASHINGTON AREA. AMBASSADOR IRVIN HICKS WILL RETURN FOR THE VISIT.

UGANDA

-- KAMPALA A BUSY STOP FOR HIGH LEVEL VISITORS:

RWANDAN RELIEF OPERATIONS HAVE GENERATED A STEADY STREAM OF HIGH LEVEL VISITORS TO KAMPALA. DEFENSE SECRETARY PERRY, CINCEUR JOULWAN, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WERE IN KAMPALA EARLIER THIS WEEK. DRL (PREVIOUSLY HA) ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK, JCS CHAIRMAN SHALIKASHVILI, AND MRS. GORE WILL BE IN KIGALI OVER THE WEEKEND, AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SULLIVAN IS DUE IN LATER NEXT WEEK.

6. (U) AF/EPS

-- DAS LARSON MEETS WITH AFDB ED ALICE DEAR:

ON AUGUST 3, DAS LARSON MET WITH THE U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ALICE DEAR, WHO PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AFDB. NEW CREDITWORTHINESS GUIDELINES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (EDS) IN AUGUST. THE AFDF

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REPLENISHMENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED IN SEPTEMBER. DEAR SAID THAT THE SO-CALLED "GANG OF FOUR" REGIONAL EDS--LIBYA, ALGERIA, NIGERIA AND EGYPT--WERE THE TROUBLEMAKERS IN THE BANK. SHE NOTED THE INITIATIVE TO PUSH REFORM IN THE BANK AT THE OAU MEETING IN JUNE FELL SHORT PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE LOBBYING OF REGIONAL EDS BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF TEPID SUPPORT FROM THE AFDB PRESIDENT.

-- FEES FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE:

A CABLE WILL SOON BE GOING OUT TO AF POSTS SOLICITING COMMENTS REGARDING PLANS TO INSTITUTE A "FEES FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE" PROGRAM. THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 94 AND FY 95 AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CHARGE A FEE TO COVER THE ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED COST OF PROVIDING ANY PERSON, FIRM OR ORGANIZATION (OTHER THAN AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT) WITH COMMERCIAL SERVICES AT POSTS ABROAD ON

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MATTERS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
THIS APPLIES TO POSTS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DOES NOT PERFORM COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

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-- THE BRETTON WOODS COMMISSION (BWC) CONFERENCE:
AS PART OF THE JULY 20-22 BWC CONFERENCE AT THE
DEPARTMENT, PANELS OF PROMINENT FIGURES IN INTERNATIONAL
PUBLIC FINANCE DISCUSSED NUMEROUS ISSUES FACING THE
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IFIS). THE PANEL
ADDRESSING HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW EMPHASIS ON THE
PRIVATE SECTOR LEFT UNANSWERED THE QUESTION OF HOW TO
PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

THE PANEL ON GLOBAL ISSUES AGREED THAT GOVERNANCE,
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ENVIRONMENT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE KEPT IN THE CONTEXT
OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND NOT
DRAW THE IFI'S INTO POLITICS. SOME NOTED THAT THE NEW
DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM OF SUSTAINABILITY, HOWEVER, MAY WELL
SEE THE WORLD BANK BECOME AN ECONOMIC TRUSTEE FOR SOME
AFRICAN STATES.

ANOTHER PANEL DISCUSSION AGREED MACROECONOMIC POLICY
REFORMS DO BRING GROWTH, BUT DO NOT ENSURE POVERTY
ALLEVIATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. INSTITUTIONALLY
WEAK POLICY ENVIRONMENTS REQUIRE REVISING THE USUAL
PRESCRIPTIONS AND USING UNORTHODOX MEASURES. AT THE PANEL
DISCUSSION ON "MAKING AID WORK," SOME SAID THE BANK MUST
LOOK AT SOCIAL EFFECTS OF LENDING, NOT JUST THE RATE OF
RETURN. IN MOVING TOWARDS SOCIAL SPENDING OTHERS NOTED,
THE WORLD BANK MUST FIND NEW WAYS OF SUPPORTING CAPITAL
INTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS--SUCH AS DEVELOPING BOND
MARKETS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC UTILITY INVESTMENT.

7. (U) AF/EX

-- NEW EX DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMES ON BOARD:
WE WELCOME BACK TO THE AF FAMILY OLD-TIMER NANCY MORGAN
SERPA. NANCY ASSUMED HER DUTIES AS THE NEW DEPUTY
DIRECTOR ON
AUGUST 1, REPLACING JACK BRYANT WHO RETIRED IN MAY.

-- FRAN GIDEZ TEMPORARILY DETAILED TO M:
FRAN GIDEZ, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND BUREAU PROGRAM
PLANNER FOR AF HAS TAKEN A DETAIL UNTIL MID-OCTOBER WITH

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UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT'S PLANNING OFFICE.

8. (U) AF/RA

-- AF/RA POL/MIL OFFICER TONY MARLEY CONTINUES HIS TDY IN KIGALI AS PART OF THE SKELETON EMBASSY STAFF. IN ADDITION TO OTHER DUTIES, HE HAS MADE SEVERAL SURVEY TRIPS OUTSIDE THE CITY TO REPORT ON ROAD AND REFUGEE CONDITIONS.

9. (C) AF/S

SADC/FLS

-- SADC SUMMIT TO REVIEW FLS:

DISBANDING. THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED BECOMING THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN STATES (ASAS). IF APPROVED BY THE HEADS OF STATE ATTENDING THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) SUMMIT IN GABORONE, THE ASAS WILL REMAIN AN INFORMAL GROUPING WHICH WOULD BE A SORT OF POLITICAL WING OF THE SADC. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL TIE TO THE SADC AND NO SECRETARIAT. THIS PROPOSAL REPRESENTS A VICTORY FOR THE LARGER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE.

ANGOLA

-- THE RELUCTANT TRAVELLER:
SAVIMBI IS PLAYING COY ABOUT WHETHER HE PLANS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PRESIDENT MANDELA'S INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO PRETORIA TO SORT OUT OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE ANGOLAN
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PEACE PROCESS. ON AUGUST 2 THE UNITA REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT UNITA WANTED TO SEND A SECOND ADVANCE TEAM TO PRETORIA--A PROPOSAL THE SOUTH AFRICANS TURNED DOWN FLAT. UNITA WASHINGTON COMPLAINED THAT THE SAG WAS BEING INFLEXIBLE AND THAT WITHOUT SETTING THE PROPER CONTEXT THE MANDELA-SAVIMBI

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MEETING WOULD PRODUCE NOTHING. THE SAG HAS INFORMED UNITA THAT IF SAVIMBI IS SERIOUS ABOUT ACCEPTING MANDELA'S INVITATION, HE MUST DO SO BY MID-AUGUST TO ACCOMMODATE MANDELA'S SCHEDULE. WE ARE PRESSURING UNITA TO GET OFF THE DIME OR FACE CERTAIN SANCTIONS AT THE UNSC MEETING AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

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MALAWI

-- AFORD VP QUILTS; JOINS UDF:

THE REVEREND PETER KALESO HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AS A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HAS JOINED THE RULING UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT. AN EARLY BACKER OF AFORD LEADER CHAKUFWA CHIHANA, KALESO WAS DISENCHANTED WITH AFORD'S ALLIANCE WITH THE MCP. SINCE KALESO DOES NOT HAVE A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT, HIS DEFECTION WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON VOTING STRENGTHS. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHER DISAFFECTED AFORD MEMBERS TO JUMP SHIP OR CROSS THE FLOOR WHEN VOTING IN PARLIAMENT.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- DEMOBILIZATION ENTERING CRITICAL STRETCH:

WITH TWO WEEKS REMAINING TO THE AUGUST 15 DEMOBILIZATION
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DEADLINE APPROXIMATELY 36,000 GRM AND RENAMO SOLDIERS

REMAIN TO BE PROCESSED. CONFRONTED BY INCREASINGLY FREQUENT OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE IN THE ASSEMBLY AND NON-ASSEMBLY AREAS, HOWEVER, BOTH SIDES ARE FINALLY ADMITTING THAT NEITHER CAN PROVIDE 15,000 MEN FOR THE NEW ARMY. THIS HAS TRANSLATED INTO GREATER WILLINGNESS TO GET ON WITH DEMOBILIZATION. ONUMOZ IS GEARING UP FOR A MAJOR ACCELERATION AND COULD, IF ALL GOES REASONABLY WELL, COMPLETE THE PROCESS BY LATE AUGUST. MEANWHILE THE TRANSFER OF BASES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE MOZAMBIKAN ARMED FORCES (FAM) TO THE NEW ARMY (FADM) IS MOVING AHEAD AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 15. AS EMBASSY MAPUTO HAS POINTED OUT, THE FADM WON'T INHERIT MUCH BUT THE ABOLITION OF THE FAM WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD.

NAMIBIA

-- LAND REFORM DEBATE WILL BEGIN SOON:

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LONG-AWAITED LEGISLATION ON LAND REFORM IN NAMIBIA WILL BE DEBATED SOON IN PARLIAMENT. TWO BILLS WILL BE PRESENTED: ONE RELATING TO PRIMARILY WHITE-OWNED COMMERCIAL LAND, THE OTHER RELATING TO INDIGENOUSLY-OWNED COMMUNAL LAND. THE REFORM BILLS ARE REPORTEDLY PATTERNED ON CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF A 1991 CONFERENCE WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT NONPRODUCTIVE LAND, PARTICULARLY THAT BELONGING TO ABSENTEE OWNERS SHOULD BE REALLOCATED. THE CONFERENCE HOWEVER, ALSO CALLED FOR COMPENSATION. THE LAND REFORM DEBATE IS LIKELY TO INCREASE IN INTENSITY AS THE DECEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS APPROACH.

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SOUTH AFRICA

-- LABOR FLEXES ITS MUSCLE:

A WAVE OF WAGE DISPUTES MAY BE THE FIRST MAJOR TEST FOR THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. STRIKES HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD IN RECENT WEEKS. A RECENTLY RESOLVED 15-DAY OLD STRIKE AGAINST THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN PICK 'N PAY LED TO VIOLENCE AND HUNDREDS OF ARRESTS. ON AUGUST 1, 25,000 AUTO WORKERS WENT OUT ON STRIKE, AND OTHER UNIONS, INCLUDING THE MINeworkERS, HAVE THREATENED STAYAWAY ACTION. LABOR UNION LEADERS SAY THAT RAISED EXPECTATIONS--FROM BOTH THE ELECTIONS AND THE POSTIVE ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION--ARE BEHIND THE CALL FOR WAGE INCREASES (ALREADY AVERAGING 10.4 PERCENT IN 1994).

PARLIAMENT INITIATED DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY'S FIRST BUDGET. IN A SURPRISINGLY CONTENTIOUS SESSION, ANC BACKBENCHERS CRITICIZED THE LARGE ALLOCATION

GIVEN THE SECURITY SERVICES AND CALLED FOR MORE MONEY FOR THE RDP. THE NATIONAL PARTY LAMBASTED GOVERMENT PROPOSALS TO ALLOW HIGHER SALARIES FOR POLITICAL APPOINTEES.

ZAMBIA

, - JULY ECONOMIC REPORT:

INFLATION FELL IN JULY TO 1.1 PERCENT FOR AN ANNUALIZED RATE OF 14 PERCENT. YEAR-TO-DATE INFLATION DECREASED SLIGHTLY TO 34.7 PERCENT. INTEREST RATES CONTINUED TO DECREASE WITH BANK RATES BETWEEN 55 AND 80 PERCENT (AS

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OPPOSED TO 90 PERCENT IN APRIL) WHILE TREASURY BILLS WERE
DOWN TO 63 PERCENT. MEANWHILE, THE BANK OF ZAMBIA
ANNOUNCED IT WOULD STOP FORCIBLY BUYING FOREIGN EXCHANGE
EARNINGS OF EXPORTERS SUCH AS ZCCM, THE COPPER
PARASTATAL. THIS SHOULD LEAVE THE FUNCTION OF
DISTRIBUTING EXPORTERS' EARNINGS OF FOREX ENTIRELY TO THE
MARKET.

ZIMBABWE

-- MNANGAGWA PRESENTS BUDGET, LEAVING MANY QUESTIONS:
ACTING SENIOR MINISTER OF FINANCE EMERSON MNANGAGWA
PRESENTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ON JULY
28. HE REQUESTED THAT MP'S NOT QUESTION HIM, AND THEY DID
NOT. HOWEVER, WITH STRIKES INCREASING IN FREQUENCY, A
GENERAL ELECTION LOOMING, 1993-94 BUDGET TARGETS
ABANDONED, NO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FOR SIX
MONTHS, AND SENIOR MINISTER OF FINANCE BERNARD CHIDZERO
REPORTEDLY NEAR DEATH, ONE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER
THE DOCUMENT IS REALISTIC.

-- STAYING IN SOMALIA FOR NOW; NOT HURRYING TO RWANDA:
DESPITE THE DEATH OF ONE SOLDIER AND THE LOSS OF ALL
EQUIPMENT AT BELET WEYNE, SOMALIA, THE ZIMBABWEANS HAVE
SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNOSOM II
THROUGH OCTOBER. THEY APPEAR LESS ANXIOUS ABOUT EXPANDING
THEIR UNAMIR CONTINGENT IN RWANDA, AND, AS THEY DID WITH
THE PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT TO LIBERIA, THE GOZ IS INSISTING
THAT THE UN OR ANOTHER DONOR PROVIDE TRANSPORT, EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPLIES BEFORE THEY WILL DEPLOY.

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-- MUGABE REASSURES WHITES AND MULTINATIONALS:
AS THE GENERAL ELECTION DRAWS NEARER, MUGABE HELD A TOWN
MEETING DURING WHICH HE REFERRED TO WHITES AS INDIGENOUS
FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE DECLARED THAT PRODUCTIVITY WOULD
BE A CRITERIA FOR FUTURE RESETTLEMENT AND SAID
MULTINATIONALS USING LAND PRODUCTIVELY NEED NOT FEAR
DESIGNATION.

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-- SOGLO "STRONGARMS" THE LEGISLATURE:

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTED JULY 26 TO INCREASE SALARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS OVER AND ABOVE GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS IN ITS FY94 BUDGET. THREE DAYS LATER THE IMF WARNED THAT THE ACTION JEOPARDIZED BENIN'S STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND DEBT RESCHEDULING. ON AUGUST 1, PRESIDENT SOGOLO USED EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS TO MAKE LAW THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET. IT COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO SOGLO IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULES AGAINST HIM, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT RECENTLY REJECTED HIS ATTEMPTS TO REPLACE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

-- EMBASSY COTONOU IS POSITIVE ABOUT THE GOB PROPOSING THEIR CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AS THE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

BURKINA FASO

-- AGREEMENT TO MOVE REFUGEE CAMPS SIGNED:
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ON JULY 26, THE UNHCR, GOBF AND GRM (MALI) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON TUAREG REFUGEES IN BURKINA FASO INCLUDING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, AND THE MODALITIES OF MOVING REFUGEE CAMPS AWAY FROM THE BORDERS WITH MALI AND NIGER. THE GOBF HOPES THIS WILL REDUCE INCIDENCE OF BANDITRY IN THE NORTH, AND PREVENT THEIR TERRITORY FROM BECOMING A BASE OF OPERATION FOR BANDIT/REBEL GROUPS. THE UNHCR HAS BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SITE, BUT NEEDS ADDITIONAL DONOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

-- SIX MONTHS AFTER DEVALUATION - EXPORTS UP/IMPORTS DOWN:

A SURVEY OF THE EFFECTS OF DEVALUATION SIX MONTHS ON REVEALED THAT INFLATION IS HOVERING AROUND 35 PERCENT, ALTHOUGH SOME COMMODITY PRICES HAVE RISEN BY UP TO 75 PERCENT. LIVESTOCK EXPORTS INCREASED BY 65-70 PERCENT AND LOCALLY PRODUCED RICE IS SELLING AT PRICES WELL BELOW IMPORTS. SOME CONSUMER GOODS PRODUCERS, SUCH AS SOAP MANUFACTURERS, CANNOT MEET INCREASED LOCAL DEMAND DUE TO INEFFICIENT PRODUCTION PRACTICES.

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-- MEDICAL TEAM FOR RWANDA:
THE GOBF ANNOUNCED THAT A TEN MEMBER CIVILIAN MEDICAL TEAM
WILL JOIN THE EFFORT IN RWANDA. ORGANIZATION AND
COORDINATION OF THE TEAM IS THROUGH AN NGO, SOS HUMANITY.

COTE D'IVOIRE

-- A U.S. COMMERCIAL SUCCESS -- WHAT A GAS' AN AMERICAN
FIRM, UMIC, SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH GOCI IN PARIS 7/20
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WHICH SIGNIFIES IT OUTCOMPETED A FRENCH FIRM FOR
DEVELOPING GAS FIELDS AND BUILDING PIPELINES. THE FRENCH
FIRM, BOUYGUES, SIGNED A SEPARATE CONTRACT TO BUILD A FIVE
TURBINE POWER GENERATING PLANT.

-- A FIRST - IVORIAN PEACEKEEPERS:
DESPITE INITIAL OPPOSITION BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, THE
PRESIDENT APPROVED THE DEPLOYMENT OF IVORIAN MILITARY TO
RWANDA. A MEDICAL TEAM WILL DEPLOY WITHIN 30 DAYS. SUCH
A DEPLOYMENT OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY REPRESENTS A MAJOR POLICY
CHANGE FROM THAT OF THE LATE PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET.

THE GAMBIA

-- MILITARY LEADERS CONSOLIDATE POWER:
THE ARMED FORCES PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL IS SETTING
DOWN ROOTS AND CONSOLIDATING ITS HOLD ON POWER. ON THE
POLITICAL SIDE, SEVERAL MINISTERS OF THE JAWARA GOVERNMENT
HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION BUT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO REMAIN AT HOME. HEADS OF PARASTATALS, SUCH AS THE PORT
AUTHORITY AND THE INVESTMENT BOARD, HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP
AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD ON SUSPICION OF HAVING
ENGAGED IN CORRUPTION. APPROXIMATELY 21 MILITARY AND
POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE SMALL CORPS OF GAMBIAN OFFICERS
WHO OUTRANK THE AFPRC LIEUTENANTS IN THE MILITARY COMMAND
STRUCTURE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED COUNTER-COUP
ACTIVITIES.

-- ON WHAT MIGHT BE TERMED THE "SOCIAL" SIDE OF THE
MILITARY'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN, THE SECURITY FORCES
HAVE ROUNDED UP SUSPECTED PROSTITUTES AND SHAVED THE HEADS
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 OF MEN SPORTING "RASTAS". THE PRESS CONTINUES TO OPERATE
 WITH A FREE HAND, HOWEVER, AND THE WELL-REGARDED DAILY
 OBSERVER IS BECOMING MORE CRITICAL OF THE COUNCIL BY THE
 DAY.

-- NO TIMELINE FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY:
 AFPRC HEAD JAMMEH IS MAKING FEWER REFERENCES TO A QUICK
 RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ELECTIONS.
 IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, JAMMEH APPEARED TO CLAIM THAT THE
 MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS ITSELF DEMOCRATIC BY VIRTUE OF THE
 MILITARY HAVING NAMED A NUMBER OF CIVILIANS TO CABINET
 POSITIONS.

GUINEA

-- IMF ASSESSES GUINEA'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR ESAF:
 IMF TEAM LEADER MICHAEL HADJIMICHAEL GAVE A GUARDED BUT
 OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT THAT GOG'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE 30
 MEASURES UNDER THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WOULD QUALIFY IT FOR
 AN ENHANCED STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY (ESAF).
 HADJIMICHAEL CITED GOG'S INCREASED TAX, CUSTOMS, AND
 PETROLEUM RECEIPTS, LOWERED INFLATION, AND REDUCED CIVIL
 SERVICE ROLLS. ON THE MINUS SIDE, WERE SLOW PROGRESS IN
 THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE NATIONAL AIRLINE AND A BUS
 COMPANY AS WELL AS DECLINING REVENUES FROM THE MINING
 SECTOR.

-, CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN GUINEA:
 THE GOG'S SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
 AFFAIRS CALLED A DONORS' MEETING ON AUGUST 1 TO REQUEST
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 ASSISTANCE IN CONTAINING THE "NATIONAL CATASTROPHE" WHICH
 HAS AFFECTED AN ESTIMATED 9,000 PEOPLE IN CONAKRY ALONE
 SINCE THE END OF JUNE. OTHER AFFECTED COUNTRIES INCLUDE
 LIBERIA AND COTE D'IVOIRE. UNICEF, WHO, MEDECIN SANS
 FRONTIERS, UNDP, THE GERMANS, FRENCH, AND EU HAVE
 RESPONDED WITH FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. AID IS
 REQUESTING DOLS 25,000 FROM OFDA TO PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT
 EMERGENCY LAB EQUIPMENT TO GUINEA.

GUINEA BISSAU

-- PRESIDENTIAL RUN-OFF ELECTIONS A TOSS-UP:
 BISSAUANS GO TO THE POLLS SUNDAY AUGUST 7, IN A RUN-OFF
 ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT. BOTH CANDIDATES, PRESIDENT VIEIRA
 AND HIS OPPONENT, DR. KOUMBA YALA BOTH PREDICT VICTORY.
 VIEIRA'S PAIGC PARTY EXPECTS HIM TO WIN 55-60 PERCENT OF
 THE VOTES, PICKING UP ABOUT 10-15 PERCENT OVER HIS 46
 PERCENT OF THE FIRST ROUND VOTED IN JULY. YALA, WHO HAS
 NO PARTY AFFILIATION, CLAIMS HE WILL GAIN THE SUPPORT OF
 ELIMINATED OPPOSITION CANDIDATES TO MOVE FROM HIS 22
 PERCENT IN THE FIRST ROUND TO OVER 50 PERCENT. THE
 EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE OUTCOME TOO CLOSE TO CALL. THE
 WINNER WILL PROBABLY BE SWORN IN SEPTEMBER 12. A
 MULTI-PARTY LEGISLATURE ELECTED IN JULY WILL PROBABLY BE
 SWORN IN AUGUST 15.

LIBERIA

-- ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE REVIEW LIBERIA SITUATION:
 THE ECOWAS COMMITTEE OF NINE ON LIBERIA MET AUGUST 5 IN
 ABUJA, NIGERIA, TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS IN LIBERIA.

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 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED KEY REGIONAL HEADS OF STATE,
 INCLUDING ECOWAS CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT SOGLO OF BENIN. AND
 PRESIDENT ABACHA OF NIGERIA. THE COMMUNIQUE IS LIKELY TO
 ASK DONORS TO COMMIT RESOURCES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF
 LIBERIA TO FACILITATE DISARMAMENT. SOME PARTICIPANTS
 EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LIBERIA COULD BECOME ANOTHER RWANDA
 AND SOME HINTED THAT THE U.S., NAMED SEVERAL TIMES DURING
 THE MEETING, COULD SOLD LIBERIA IF IT WANTED TO.

MALI

-- TUAREG ATTACKS HEAT UP... :
 TUAREG AND MAUR ATTACKS IN BAMBA AND N'DEBOUGOU LAST WEEK
 APPEAR TO HAVE TARGETED CIVILIANS. BANDITS STOLE SEVEN
 VEHICLES AT N'DEBOUGOU, BUT NOBODY WAS KILLED. IN BAMBA
 AT LEAST 35 WERE KILLED IN THE ATTACK WHICH "WIPE (THE
 VILLAGE) FROM THE MAP." THE ATTACK WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE
 FIAA, AN ISLAMIC GROUP OF MAUR REBELS.

-- AND DEMONSTRATORS GET OUT OF HAND:
 ON JULY 30, THE GOVERNOR DENIED DEMONSTRATORS IN BAMAKO,
 WHO WERE PROTESTING THE KILLINGS IN THE NORTH, PERMISSION
 TO MARCH. AFTER PRESENTING THEIR "DEMANDS" TO THE

GOVERNOR SMALL GROUPS BEGAN ATTACKING MAUR, TUAREG AND LIGHT SKINNED INDIVIDUALS. NO FATALITIES WERE REPORTED, BUT A BEATEN MAURITANIAN TEMPORARILY SOUGHT SANCTUARY IN THE EMBASSY.

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-- PRESIDENT HITS THE ROAD:

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PRESIDENT OUSMANE TRAVELED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TILABERI, ONLY HIS SECOND LONG TRIP OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL SINCE HE WAS INAUGURATED. WELCOMING CROWDS RECEIVED HIM EVERYWHERE. HIS SPEECHES DEALT WITH THE NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK, DESPITE UNION DEMANDS, TO KEEP DEVELOPMENT AID MONEY FLOWING.

-- PEACEKEEPERS TO RWANDA:

NIGER'S 43-MAN CONTINGENT FOR RWANDA HUMANITARIAN RELIEF LEFT ON JULY 25 TO JOIN "OPERATION TURQUOISE."

-- STUDENTS RIOT OVER STIPENDS:

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RIOTED ON JULY 20 AND 21, BURNING TIRES AND DAMAGING PASSING VEHICLES, INCLUDING ONE

BELONGING TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER. THEY WERE DEMANDING PAYMENT OF OVERDUE LIVING STIPENDS, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN PAYING, IN PART, ON JULY 25.

NIGERIA

-- GENERAL STRIKE CALLED OFF AFTER TWO DAYS:

THE NIGERIAN LABOUR CONGRESS' GENERAL STRIKE ENDED AFTER ONLY TWO DAYS WHEN IT WAS CALLED OFF SO THAT IT COULD FACILITATE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE CONGRESS DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF MKO ABIOLA, THE APPARENT WINNER OF LAST YEARS' ANNULLED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. SUSPENSION OF THE STRIKE HAS HAD LITTLE EFFECT IN LAGOS AND SOUTHWEST NIGERIA WHERE THE OIL WORKERS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR STRIKE.

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-- ABIOLA TRIAL ADJOURNED:

CHIEF MKO ABIOLA'S TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL AUGUST 16 ON MOTION OF THE DEFENSE WHICH WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE VENUE TO LAGOS. ABIOLA REMAINS IN PRISON IN ABUJA.

SENEGAL

-- FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR VISITS SENEGAL:

FRENCH PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD BALLADUR ARRIVED IN SENEGAL ON JULY 27 AND 28 AS PART OF AN AFRICAN TOUR WHICH ALSO INCLUDED COTE D'IVOIRE, AND GABON. DURING HIS VISIT THREE CONVENTIONS WERE SIGNED WHICH PROVIDED FOR GRANTS TOTALLING 4.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ENTERPRISE COMPETITIVENESS, RESTRUCTURING OF INDUSTRIAL FISHING AND AIDS CONTROL. ALTHOUGH MUCH FANFARE ACCOMPANIED BALLADUR'S VISIT, IT WAS GENERALLY VIEWED AS A REAFFIRMATION OF CLOSE POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND OF LITTLE ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE. MANY BELIEVE BALLADUR'S MOTIVES TO BE MORE SELF-SERVING AND SEE THE VISIT AS A DE RIGUEUR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN STOP.

-- "ANNEE INVALIDE":

IN ORDERING THE EARLY CLOSURE OF DAKAR AND ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITIES AND THEN DECLARING THE YEAR INVALID BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT CLASS HOURS, THE GOS EFFECTIVELY FLUNKED THE SCHOOLS' ENTIRE STUDENT BODY AND PLACED AN ESTIMATED 2,000 TO 10,000 ACADEMIC PROBATIONERS IN DANGER OF EXPULSION. THE GOS DECISION TO "CLEAN HOUSE" WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING A PROFESSORS' STRIKE AT DAKAR UNIVERSITY AND THE STUDENT/ADMINISTRATION IMPASSE OVER ANTICIPATED INCREASES

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IN ROOM, BOARD, AND TUITION AS A RESULT OF THE

PRIVATIZATION OF STUDENT SERVICES. PROFESSORS AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY RETALIATED AGAINST THE STUDENTS WHO TOOK THEM HOSTAGE IN JULY BY PROVIDING FOR ONE, RATHER THAN THE CUSTOMARY TWO, OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE THE FINALS.

-- SENEGALESE TROOPS TO REMAIN IN RWANDA:

PRESIDENT DIOUF ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO KEEP SENEGALESE TROOPS IN RWANDA AS PART OF THE UN ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA (UNAMIR) FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH FORCES. THE MAJORITY OF SENEGALESE MILITARY OFFICERS HAD

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FAVORED WITHDRAWAL, BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BELLADUR WOULD WEIGH IN WITH THE PROMISE OF UNSPECIFIED FRENCH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN RETURN FOR CONTINUED SENEGALESE TROOP PRESENCE.

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-- SENEGAL AND ISRAEL TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS:
SENEGAL AND ISRAEL PLAN TO ISSUE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON AUGUST 4 DECLARING THEIR INTENTION TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THIS COMES AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE WHO KNOW THAT PRESIDENT DIOUF IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) AND THEY HAD EXPECTED HIM TO WAIT UNTIL HIS TERM EXPIRES IN 1995 BEFORE TAKING THIS DECISION.

SIERRA LEONE

-- DISARMAMENT OF ULIMO FIGHTERS:
AT A MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN STRASSER IN EARLY JULY, PARAMOUNT CHIEFS CALLED FOR THE DISARMING OF ULIMO (UNITED
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LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY IN LIBERIA) FIGHTERS ON SIERRA LEONEAN SOIL. IN RESPONSE, THE RSLMF HAS DISARMED OVER 300 ULIMO COMBATANTS. ULIMO HAS HISTORICALLY ALLIED ITSELF WITH THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE MILITARY FORCES AGAINST NPRC-INSPIRED REBELS. MORE RECENTLY, THOUGH, ULIMO REPORTEDLY HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON CIVILIAN AND RSLMF TARGETS IN THE BO AND KENEMA DISTRICTS.

-- PARIS CLUB RESCHEDULING:
PARIS CLUB CREDITORS AGREED ON JULY 20 TO RESCHEDULE USD 48.5 MILLION IN PAYMENTS COMING DUE OVER THE NEXT 17 MONTHS. CREDITORS GRANTED SIERRA LEONE THE "ENHANCED TORONTO TERMS", THE MOST CONCESSIONAL TERMS OFFERED TO THE POOREST AND MOST HEAVILY-INDEBTED DEBTORS. AN EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS FACILITY FOR SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS NOT NORMALLY COVERED BY PARIS CLUB RESCHEDULINGS WAS SET UP IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNTRY'S EXCEPTIONAL FINANCING NEEDS. CREDITORS AGREED TO CONSIDER THE REMAINING STOCK OF DEBT AT THE END OF 1995 IF THE GOSL LIVES UP TO THE

CONDITIONS OF THIS RESCHEDULING. ACCORDING TO EB, FINANCE MINISTER KARIMU GAVE AN IMPRESSIVE AND "REFRESHING" PERFORMANCE AS THE HEAD OF THE GOSL DELEGATION.

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-- A NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE US:
EMBASSY LOME REPORTS THAT THIS TIME CONSTITUTIONAL
PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE GOT TO REQUEST
AGREEMENT FOR THEIR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. THE
CANDIDATE IS THE BROTHER OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S SECOND
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WIFE.

-- MORE REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT:
EYADEMA RECEIVED AN NPFL DELEGATION JULY 28. THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT A
SOURCE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE THOUGHT TAYLOR'S GROUP WAS
SIMPLY SHOPPING FOR HELP IN LOME.

11. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

RWANDA

-- DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR WIRTH, A.I.D. DIRECTOR ATWOOD AND
DOD SECRETARY PERRY BRIEFED HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP ON
RWANDA ON AUGUST 2.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION LEGISLATION

-- A.I.D. AND CONGRESSMAN JOHNSTON ARE WORKING ON A
COMPROMISE. THE FULL COMMITTEE PLANS TO MARK UP THE
JOHNSTON PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK.

-- SFRC AF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SIMON PLANS TO ATTACH
THE JOHNSTON LEGISLATION TO THE DOD APPROPRIATIONS BILL.
THE SENATE PROBABLY WILL CONSIDER THE DOD BILL NEXT WEEK.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

-- THE HOUSE PASSED THE FY 1995 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
APPROPRIATIONS BILL CONFERENCE REPORT BY A 341-85 VOTE ON
AUGUST 4. THE SENATE PROBABLY WILL CONSIDER THE
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CONFERENCE REPORT TODAY OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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SUDAN

-- AMBASSADOR PETTERSON UPDATED CHAIRMAN JOHNSTON AND CONGRESSMEN WOLF AND RICHARDSON ON THE SUDAN PEACE TALKS THIS WEEK

ANGOLA

-- AF/S WILL BRIEF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ON THE ANGOLAN PEACE PROCESS NEXT WEEK.

HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

-- AID AFR DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR PEASELY, STEVE SINGIN (ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION), DR. OLU KOYA (WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION, NIGERIA), NICK EBERSTADT (AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE) AND PEGGY CARLIN (CENTER FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES) TESTIFIED AT THE AUGUST 4 HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE PANELISTS INTER ALIA DISCUSSED THE EFFECTS OF THE POPULATION GROWTH IN AFRICA. THE PANELISTS SAW THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE AS EXASERBATING OTHER PROBLEMS BUT NOT AS BIG A PROBLEM FOR AFRICA AS BAD GOVERNANCE.

SUCCESS STORIES HEARING POSTPONED

-- THE AUGUST 9 HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON SUCCESS CONFIDENTIAL

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STORIES HAS BEEN POSTPONED, PROBABLY UNTIL AFTER THE AUGUST RECESS.

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AUG. 28: MUNICIPAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIONS IN GABON.

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OCT. 2 SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

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OCT. 27-28 MOZAMBIQUE ELECTIONS.

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