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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5601
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
SECDEF WASHDC
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O.12356: NA
TAGS: MOPS, PREL, CT
SUBJECT: FRENCH USE OF BANGUI FOR RWANDA
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REF: BANGUI 2194

1. (U) BANGUI'S MPOKO AIRPORT REMAINS VERY BUSY WITH THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF GIANT ANATOV AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE OFFLOADED INTO WAITING C-160 TRANSALLS. RAMP SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM AS ARE FORK LIFTS, ELEVATORS, POWER WAGONS AND OTHER AIRPORT GEAR. COORDINATION SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM AS PALLETS OF EQUIPMENT ARE STACKED ABOUT EVERYWHERE. COMMENT: IF NOTHING ELSE, AEROFLOT IS MAKING GOOD MONEY.

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2. (LOU) FRENCH AMBASSADOR ANGELIER CONFIRMED THAT THE OPERATIONAL PLAN IS TO USE HEAVY AIRLIFT TO BANGUI, THEN LIGHTER AIRCRAFT ONWARD TO GOMA AND BUKAVU WHERE HE SAID RUNWAYS ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE BIG PLANES.

3. (U) IN LIGHT OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT THE US IS PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR OPERATION TURQUOISE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SOME DETAILS. BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITY, CENTRAL AFRICAN AND RESIDENT DIPLOMATS ARE TRACKING RWANDA OPERATIONS WITH CARE.
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