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Confused reports on the situation (is there a cease-fire? or not? – no) yield a confused situation of the SC. Western countries believe it is too soon for the SC to decide anything by way of a resolution and that we first need to know from the SG what actually could be done. The SC President consequently drafted a letter asking the SG exactly this question – but during subsequent informals, this letter was subjected to so detailed a textual analysis and criticism as though it were at least a PRST. Meanwhile, two draft resolutions have appeared, one authored by Djibouti and other by NZ.

We are not enclosing these drafts. We'll make use of the presence of [the Head of our Africa Dept] and react on the spot.