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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 23, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN
THROUGH: ROBERT L. SCHWEITZER *NLS*
FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Boh*
SUBJECT: Additional Assistance for Liberia *(u)*

We have received the Haig memorandum recommending additional foreign assistance for Liberia (Tab A). He proposes reprogramming \$25 million in earmarked ESF funds from Israel, Egypt, and Cyprus and \$10 million in PL 480 Title I. Fred Wetters alerted you earlier to the possibility that Haig may have taken a copy of this memorandum directly to the President. *(u)*

As mentioned in Friday's memorandum on this subject (NSC #1424), reprogramming actions require coordination with OMB. We currently are developing a joint memorandum to the President from you and Stockman, and it will be forwarded as soon as possible. (Bill Schneider is ~~out~~ today, but we intend to go directly to Stockman or Ed Harper in his absence.) *(u)*

Attachment

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Subject: Additional Assistance for Liberia

Serious financial problems threaten Liberia's tenuous political stability and its government's efforts to stabilize the economy. We have in Liberia the greatest concentration of USG assets in Africa, including a top secret diplomatic relay station and classified access rights. Since the April 1980 coup in Liberia, the Soviets and Libyans have been trying to undermine our special relationship with Liberia with offers of military and economic assistance.

A high level State Department official, sent to Liberia in mid-March to assess the situation, found the political situation critical. We are taking steps now in the security and military framework but must also provide emergency economic assistance. Otherwise our interests will be jeopardized.

A thorough review of the most recent economic data reveals an external financing gap of \$35 million for the remainder of 1981. This estimate takes into account funding from the International Monetary Fund and economic programs of other Western donors. These donors are not prepared to increase their assistance this fiscal year and expect us to take the lead because of our special ties with Liberia. We propose to meet this gap with \$25 million in Economic Support Funds and \$10 million in PL 480 Title I, which would bring our total FY 81 economic assistance to \$58.6 million.

Although there may be some political cost, I recommend that we obtain the necessary funds by reprogramming Congressionally earmarked ESF funds from Israel, Egypt and Cyprus. Use of these funds requires prior consultation with the Congress and a Presidential Determination under Section 614 (a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. We will insure that our reprogramming requirements for both El Salvador and Liberia are reflected in our consultations with Congress and in our discussions with the Egyptians and Israelis.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1987

By smf NARA, Date 7/24/07

KEYWORDS: LIBERIA

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR LIBERIA

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 23 MAR 81 STATUS IX FILES

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COMMENTS NOTE - 3 HOUR TURNAROUND - CABINET LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE

Original Haig memo not received back from Allen's office.

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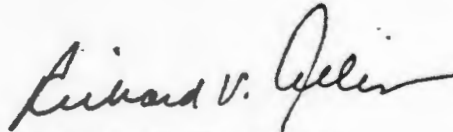
MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Reprogrammings for El Salvador and
Liberia (C)

See El Salvador for PR

The President has approved your recommendations to re-program during fiscal year 1981 an additional \$63.5 million in foreign assistance to El Salvador and \$35 million in additional assistance to Liberia. Congressional consultations and subsequent Presidential Determinations should be handled in tandem to minimize adverse reaction from the countries whose programs will be reduced. (C)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

cc: The Vice President
Counsellor to the President
The Director, OMB
Chief of Staff to the President
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff

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INTERIM NOTE FOR THE FILE:

Janet Colson indicated she will do a closeout note of her own on this file, however she informed me that she advised the State Dept. that WH would not be sending a delegation for this event. Janet has also passed this information to Fred Wetters, by telephone.

JCP

8 April 1981

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

TO: Janet Colson

Per our telcon, attached is my original memo. State would like to be able to say that there will be no Presidential delegation per se.

Reasons: Cubans, Libyans, Soviets may show at a senior level, we have been encouraging Doe to diminish celebrations given Liberia's desperate financial situation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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10 APRIL 1981

JANET,

Wanted you to see the attached so you would know what has been done on this file. If you want to add anything for closeout/record purposes, we will add it to the file.

Thanks.

JCP

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 5, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN
FROM: FRED WETTERING *FW*
SUBJECT: Formation of Presidential Delegation for
Liberian Revolution Day Celebrations,
12-15 April 1981

The Government of Liberia has formally invited President Reagan to attend their first anniversary celebration of the Liberian revolution which will take place in the Liberian capital of Monrovia from 12 to 15 April. In accepting the invitation from the Liberian Foreign Minister, Charge d'Affaires Walker noted that it was unlikely that the President could come on such short notice but that the President would likely send a delegation in his stead. The Liberian Foreign Minister said that would be fine. The Foreign Minister also noted that the United States was receiving the first invitation; other invitees include the USSR, UK, France, South Korea, the Peoples Republic of China, and numerous "military governments and neighbors in Africa." (u)

The State working levels have suggested to State leadership that Deputy Secretary William Clark would be an appropriate delegation member (but this has not been concurred in by Secretary Haig as yet). State will be sending a recommendation to the White House in a week or so. (u)

The Embassy has recommended that as senior a delegation as possible be sent to reinforce our relations with the somewhat shaky, erratic Doe Government. (u)

While Liberia has always had a strong constituency in the American Black community, the rather bloody revolution last year in which Sergeant Doe overthrew the former Americo-Liberian elite which previously controlled the country alienated large segments of the American Black community which had strong identifications with the overthrown regime. (u)

I recommend extra care be taken by the White House in selecting personalities for this Presidential delegation given the above sensitivities. (u)

cc: Charles Tyson

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Review on Mar 5, 1987

*I agree.
Let's get him on
this one.
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FROM WETTERING

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
By slg NARA, Date 7/24/07

KEYWORDS: LIBERIA

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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF PRES DELEGATION FOR LIBERIAN REVOLUTION DAY CELEBRATION
ON APRIL 12 - 15

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5057

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E.O. 12048: RDS-4 4/15/01 (WALKER, JULIUS W.) DR-M

TAGS: PINS, PIKT, PEPR, LI, US

SUBJ: LIBERIA: DOE REASSURES US ON REDUCTION OF SOVIET
AND SOVIET SURROGATE PRESENCE

1. (X-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: DOE REASSURED DAS WALKER THE GOV WILL REDUCE
THE SOVIET PRESENCE, KICK OUT THE LIBYANS AND CUBANS, AND
SELL THE 737 AIRPLANE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US
ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTED MORE BE
MADE AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

3. ON APRIL 15 DAS LANNON WALKER, HEAD OF THE US DELEGA-
TION TO THE LIBERIAN CELEBRATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE
CHARGE AND POLCOMBS, SAW HEAD OF STATE MSGT DOE. DR.
HARRY NAYOU, MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS,
SAT IN ON THE LIBERIAN SIDE. DAS WALKER THANKED THE HEAD
OF STATE FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN AND SAID EVERY COMMENT
HE HAD HEARD CONCERNING THE FESTIVITIES HAD BEEN
LAUDATORY. HE THEN SUMMARIZED OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
WALKER SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD RESPONDED TO ALL THAT
HAD BEEN REQUESTED. IN SECURITY THERE WOULD BE MORE JOINT
EXERCISES, SHIP VISITS AND ADDITIONAL MILITARY TRAINING
TEAMS. IF ALL WORKED OUT ON THE MILITARY BARRACKS CON-
STRUCTION PROJECT, AN ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION COULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND STARTING IN OCTOBER ANOTHER
\$10 MILLION. DOE SAID THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND CHIEF OF STAFF WERE WORKING ON A MILITARY EQUIPMENT
LIST AND ON TRAINING FOR THE SIXTH BATTALION AT BOMI HILLS.
HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE COMPANY OF US
TROOPS HERE ALL THE TIME SO THE COUNTRY PEOPLE WOULD BE

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REASSURED. WALKER SAID MR HARPER OF USCOM HAD SOME IDEAS ON HOW THE LIBERIAN MILITARY COULD INCREASE THEIR CAPABILITY AT REASONABLE COST. THE USG WISHES TO INSURE OUR ASSISTANCE GETS TO THE PEOPLE AND IF MONEY IS SPENT ON TANKS AND AIRPLANES, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY CONTINUING US SUPPORT FOR LIBERIA. WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS THOUGHTS WERE OF THE PRESENT PROJECTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MSGT DOE SAID, "AS SOON AS I COME TO A CONCLUSION I WILL SPEAK TO THE CHARGE."

4. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, DAS WALKER NOTED THERE HAD BEEN A \$12.5 MILLION BUDGETARY DEFICIT PROJECTED DURING THE PERIOD TO THE END OF JUNE 30 FINANCIAL YEAR AND A SIMILAR DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. WE HAVE ASKED FOR \$25 MILLION IN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNDS AND \$10 MILLION IN \$1.480 RICE FOR A TOTAL OF \$35 MILLION IN NEW MONEY, WHICH ADDED TO THAT ALREADY PROVIDED, WOULD MEAN THAT WE WILL HAVE GIVEN LIBERIA \$66 MILLION SINCE THE REVOLUTION. WE PLAN TO ASK CONGRESS FOR \$80 MILLION IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. WE HOPE THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO PAY BILLS ABROAD AND THE MONEY FREED BY THIS WILL BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE OFFICIALS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND NATIONAL BANK. HOWEVER, LIBERIA HAS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE HARD DECISIONS IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS ON TRACK. DOE THANKED WALKER FOR ALL OF THE ASSISTANCE PROFFERED.

5. MSGT DOE THEN SAID DR. AMOS SAWYER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION, HAD BEEN TO SEE HIM AND HE WANTED TO START COMMISSION HEARINGS AS SOON AS THE 20TH OR 21ST OF APRIL. DOE HOPED THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITH FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR. WHEN QUERIED AS TO HOW TO PROCEED, DOE INDICATED SAWYER WAS TO GET BACK TO HIM AND HE WOULD LET US KNOW. ALSO, WE COULD WORK THROUGH PAC ADVISORS GBALA AND JANGARA.

6. AT THIS POINT, DOE INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PRIVATE TALK WITH DAS WALKER. DOE OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT HE HAD TO HAVE MORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN BEFORE THE CELEBRATIONS TO REPEAT HIS EARLIER OFFER OF 5 MILITARY AIRCRAFT. DOE HAD SAID HE WOULD GIVE A RESPONSE ON FRIDAY AND ASKED WHAT HE SHOULD DO. WALKER REPLIED, "YOU CANNOT DO THAT." DOE CONTINUED THAT NO NATION COULD HAVE A STRONG ECONOMY IF IT DID NOT HAVE A STRONG ARMY. IF HE DID NOT BUILD UP THE MILITARY NOW, NO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD DO SO. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT OUR VARIOUS MILITARY PROGRAMS IN OTHER PARTS

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OF AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. DAS WALKER EXPLAINED THE RATIONALE IN EACH CASE; HE ADDED THE DOE GOVERNMENT HAD TO SEE THE SCARCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE WERE USED IN SUPPORT OF PROJECTS THAT BENEFITED THE PEOPLE. HE ILLUSTRATED THE SITUATION WITH A CIGARETTE PACK AND NOTED THAT THE TOLBERT REGIME KEPT TOO MANY CIGARETTES FOR THEMSELVES AND NOT ENOUGH FOR THE PEOPLE. THE SAME SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXIST WITH RESPECT TO THE PRC GOVERNMENT, USING TOO MANY OF THE CIGARETTES FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WALKER SAID HE HAD TO JUSTIFY THIS PROGRAM TO THE US CONGRESS AND AN IMPORTANT SENATOR (PERCY) WOULD BE VISIT-

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ING LIBERIA SOON; DOE COULD EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO HIM. DOE SAID TIPTON AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" MINISTERS WERE TALKING TO COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOUT SOVIET OFFERS AND HE WAS UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE TO ACCEPT THEM. DOE CONCLUDED HE WOULD NOT LEAVE POWER WITH ANY OTHER SYSTEM THAN THE DEMOCRATIC ONE.

7. WALKER THEN SAID THE USG HAD BASICALLY DELIVERED ON ALL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND HE WONDERED WHERE THE GOL STOOD ON ITS PROMISES WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET, LIBYAN AND CUBAN PRESENCE. DOE SAID THAT THERE WERE REALLY ONLY 9 SOVIETS IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE IT DEPENDED ON HOW YOU COUNTED THEM AND THAT HE INTENDED TO KICK OUT BOTH THE LIBYANS AND THE CUBANS. HE SAID MATTHEWS HAD TOLD HIM THE TOLBERT GOVERNMENT HAD AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE LIBYANS IN, THAT HE DIDN'T TRUST THEM AND HE WOULD WATCH THEM. IT WAS THE SAME WITH THE CUBANS. HOWEVER, HE WAS GOING TO KICK THEM OUT.

8. ON THE SALE OF THE 737 AIRPLANE, DOE SAID IT WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF SOON. WALKER SAID HE HAD TOLD PEOPLE BACK IN WASHINGTON LIBERIA WAS GOING TO KICK OUT THE LIBYANS AND CUBANS, REDUCE THE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIETS, AND SELL THE 737. DOE REITERATED THESE WOULD BE DONE.

9. DAS WALKER DID NOT SEE THIS MESSAGE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. WALKER

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E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: EMIN, LI
SUBJECT: NATIONAL IRON ORE COMPANY: LETTER TO PRESIDENT
- REAGAN

REF: MONROVIA 4717

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE HEAD OF STATE A LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN REQUESTING HIS INTERVENTION ON THE REQUEST FOR AN OPIC LOAN GUARANTEE ON THE SHORT TERM FINANCING FOR NIOC. THE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED, BUT WE ARE TRANSMITTING THE CONTENTS HEREWITH.
AFGIN TEXT.

MR. PRESIDENT:

THE NATIONAL IRON ORE COMPANY, LIMITED (NIOC), EMPLOYERS OF 2,000 LIBERIANS, SHALL CEASE OPERATION BY JULY 31, 1981, AND OVER 20,000 LIBERIANS BECOME BURDEN ON OUR FRAGILE PUBLIC SECTOR UNLESS THE COMPANY CAN OBTAIN \$15 MILLION FROM COMMERCIAL BANK SOURCES BY JUNE 30, 1981. THE ONLY MEANS TO RAISING THIS AMOUNT IS FOR THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, AN AGENCY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO GUARANTEE REPAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT TO AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BANKS.

IN THIS RESPECT AND CONSIDERING THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER, I WRITE TO REQUEST, IN THE NAME OF MY PEOPLE, THAT YOU USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST US PROCURE THIS GUARANTEE.

DURING THE LAST FIFTEEN MONTHS, MR. PRESIDENT, THE PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION COUNCIL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PRE-OCCUPIED WITH A SERIES OF CRISES IN OUR ECONOMY. WHILE THE CRISES HAVE NOT ALL BEEN RESOLVED, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OF EXCEPTIONAL HELP TO US, FOR WHICH WE ARE INDEED GREATFUL. EACH SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT CRISES RESOLUTION HAS ENABLED US TO RESTORE CALM IN THE NATION, AND THEREBY CREATE

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CONDITIONS AMENABLE TO A RATIONAL, CONSIDERED APPROACH TO LONG RANGE PLANS FOR LIBERIA'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE CREATION OF JOBS AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF OUR PEOPLE IS REGARDED BY US AS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF POLITICAL STABILITY. FOR THIS REASON, SINCE APRIL, 1980, WE HAVE GIVEN PRIORITY TO SAVING THE NATIONAL IRON ORE COMPANY, LTD., A JOINT VENTURE ENTERPRISE OF THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTORS.

THE MINE NOW PRODUCES 1.4 MILLION TONS OF IRON ORE PER YEAR, BUT LOSES ABOUT \$1 MILLION A MONTH. TO COMPOUND THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM, THE COMPANY NOW OWES THE LIBERIAN PETROLEUM REFINING COMPANY, A WHOLLY OWNED GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE, \$3.5 MILLION. CONSEQUENTLY, SINCE APRIL, 1980, OUR GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT OVER \$4.75 MILLION TO KEEP THE MINE OPERATIONAL, EXCLUDING \$1.5 MILLION IN DEFERRED EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING TAX RECEIPTS.

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED ITSELF OF INJECTING ANOTHER \$3 MILLION INTO THE PROJECT IN FISCAL YEAR 1981/82. ALL OF THESE EFFORTS ARE DESIGNED TO REHABILITATE THE PROJECT, SO THAT PRODUCTION WOULD BE INCREASED TO 3.25 MILLION TONS PER YEAR. AT THAT LEVEL, NIOC WOULD BECOME CAPABLE OF REPAYING \$42 MILLION OF NEW DEBT (COST OF REHABILITATION), AS WELL AS \$5 MILLION OF EXISTING DEBTS, INCLUDING DEBTS TO THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTORS.

I SHOULD LIKE TO INDICATE THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE REHABILITATION PROCESS WOULD BE PROCURED FROM AMERICAN SUPPLIERS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ORE IS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT COMPETE WITH AMERICAN IRON ORE PRODUCERS.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE SOCIO-POLITICAL STABILITY OF LIBERIA, THE COMPANY'S 2,000 LABOR FORCE, GIVEN OUR EXTENDED FAMILY SYSTEM, AND ABOUT 20,000 DEPENDENTS COULD BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE OF THE MINE. AS THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS, MASS EXODUS THEREFROM INTO OTHER URBAN CENTERS WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DESTABILIZE THE ECONOMY, PERHAPS IRRETRIEVABLY.

DURING THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE PERSUADED THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE WORLD BANK AND THE NETHERLANDS FMO TO PROVIDE THE CAPITAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE REINVESTMENT, NAMELY, \$42 MILLION.

WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN UNABLE TO RAISE \$15 MILLION FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES, BECAUSE, WE ARE TOLD, THEIR CHARTERS

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ALL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE \$15 MILLION FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS, THEREFORE, HAVE FAILED.

ALSO OUR APPLICATION TO THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION TO GUARANTEE REPAYMENT DID NOT RECEIVE POSITIVE CONSIDERATION. THE NORMAL TERMS OF AN OPIC INSURANCE POLICY ARE INSUFFICIENT TO INDUCE COMMERCIAL BANKS TO PROVIDE THE FINANCING.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE MINE WOULD BE CLOSED ON JULY 31, 1981, UNLESS FUNDS WERE DISBURSED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1981.

AT THIS STAGE, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS BEEN BY OUR SIDE UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. WE TRUST, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA, THAT THIS MATTER WILL RECEIVE YOUR VERY TIMELY CONSIDERATION.

WITH SENTIMENTS OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND REGARDS,
CORDIALLY YOURS,

M/SGT. SAMUEL K. DOE

HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN, PRC

2. I AM OF COURSE AWARE OPIC HAS ALREADY REACHED A NEGATIVE DECISION ON THIS APPLICATION. FRANKLY, I FIND IT A BIT PARADOXICAL THAT AT A TIME WE ARE PUTTING MORE AND MORE MONEY INTO THIS COUNTRY, OPIC DOES NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ISSUE A LOAN GUARANTEE FOR A PROJECT WHICH PROVIDES JOBS FOR A RELATIVELY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION OF THIS COUNTRY. I HOPE IT WILL IN SOME WAY BE POSSIBLE TO RESPOND TO THE HEAD OF STATE'S CONCERNS.

3. WE AWAIT THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS LETTER. WALKER

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 E.O. 12065: GDS 8/12/87 (SWING, WILLIAM L.) DR-M
 TAGS: PDIP, PINS, PINT, MASS, LI, US
 SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS
 1. (X - ENTIRE TEXT)
 2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON
 AUGUST 11, AS FORESEEN. FRIENDLY, DETAILED CONVERSATION
 CENTERED ON URGENCY OF CLOSE COLLABORATION IN ACHIEVING
 ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND POLITICAL RECONCILIATION TO CHECK
 DANGEROUS INSTABILITY AT HOME AND WANING CONFIDENCE ABROAD.
 AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CURRENT COUP TRIAL BE
 HANDLED IN WAY THAT WOULD REFLECT CREDIT ON LIBERIA AND
 DOE. DOE WAS REASSURED IN REGARD TO OUR GENERAL SUPPORT.
 HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL/
 CUSTOMS ADVISORS UNDER US-AEGIS AND WAS BRIEFED ON CURRENT
 SECURITY ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR TOLD DOE THAT, OWING TO
 ENORMOUS CALENDAR DEMANDS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE UNGA,
 OUTLOOK FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS UNCEPAIN.
 END SUMMARY.

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3. IN THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER MATTHEWS, MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS NAYDU, AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM ALLISON, I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS TO HEAD OF STATE DOE AT 1600 AUGUST 11.

4. IN WARM, FRANK ATMOSPHERE I EXPRESSED MY PLEASURE AT BEING THE FIRST AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO A HEAD OF STATE FROM THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION. I SAID THAT ALTHOUGH US/LIBERIAN TIES WERE OLDER AND PERHAPS DEEPER THAN ANY OTHER IN AFRICA, MY GOVERNMENT REALIZED THAT THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY WATERSHED PERIOD IN LIBERIAN HISTORY AND IN OUR RELATIONS. WE FULLY REALIZED THAT A PAGE HAD BEEN TURNED IN LIBERIAN HISTORY. I ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT DOE AND COMPANY HAD TOPPLED AFRICA'S OLDEST EXISTING POLITICAL PARTY. DOE REPLIED: "I HEAR YOU."

5. THIS SAID, HOWEVER, THE REAL WORK LAY AHEAD, I SAID. LIBERIA FACED ENORMOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. THE PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO SEE RESULTS OR THEY WOULD BEGIN TO LOSE FAITH IN THE NEW LEADERSHIP. I SAID THAT I HAD COME AS A FRIEND AND I BELIEVED THAT THROUGH OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND POLITICAL RECONCILIATION COULD BE ACHIEVED, AND OUR INTERESTS PROTECTED.

6. U.S. ASSISTANCE. I TOLD DOE THAT I WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE BROAD SUPPORT I HAD ENCOUNTERED IN WASHINGTON FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD LIBERIA. HOWEVER TIME WAS SHORT. BUSINESSES ARE WORRIED. IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT MY GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE UNLESS WE COULD SHOW IMPROVEMENTS OR AT LEAST PROMISE OF BETTER THINGS TO COME. MEETINGS IN AKRON AND NEW YORK HAD REVEALED DEEPSEATED ANXIETY AMONG AMERICAN BUSINESSES OPERATING IN LIBERIA. ECONOMIC RECOVERY WOULD DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON BRINGING NEW PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT INTO LIBERIA AND REASSURING THOSE COMPANIES ALREADY HERE. IN THIS REGARD I THANKED THE HEAD OF STATE FOR HIS EFFORTS TO STOP HARASSMENT AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE SIGNATURE AUGUST 10 OF A LETTER OF INTENT ON THE IMF STANDBY ACCORD. HIS DECISION TO RAISE THE PRICE OF RICE WAS COURAGEOUS. NONETHELESS, WE WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE. DOE NODDED.

7. LIBERIA'S EXTERNAL IMAGE. LIBERIA'S IMAGE HAD SUFFERED MUCH IN THE WAKE OF THE COUP AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. WORKING TOGETHER LIBERIA COULD IMPROVE THAT IMAGE. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ARRIVE QUICKLY AT EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LAMCO AND B.F. GOODRICH, FOR EXAMPLE.

8 COUP TRIALS. WITH THIS IN MIND, I TOLD DOE THAT MY GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZED WITH HIM IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED

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ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF THIS PAST WEEKEND. THESE EVENTS
SIMPLY UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE AND THE URGENCY OF
QUICKLY ACHIEVING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY. THE
WORLD WOULD BE WATCHING THE TRIAL OF THOSE IMPLICATED.
THERE WAS CONCERN THAT TO DATE THE SUPREME MILITARY

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TRIBUNAL HAD BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. WHAT HAPPENED AT THE TRIAL WOULD BE USED BY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO INVEST FURTHER IN LIBERIA OR WHETHER THEY REMAINED. IN RESPONSE DOE SAID THE TRIALS WOULD BE PUBLIC, THAT DEFENSE LAWYERS WOULD BE APPOINTED, AND THAT DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE UPHELD. HE SAID THAT THE BBC AND OTHER MEDIA WERE ALREADY PRESENT. (NOTE: WE HAVE NO CORROBORATION OF THIS.)

9. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. WE THEN MOVED TO DISCUSS DOE'S OWN SECURITY CONCERNS. DOE WAS GIVEN A CURRENT STATUS REPORT ON OUR MTT'S AND OTHER EFFORTS TO ASSIST HIM IN THE SECURITY AREA. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE CONTROL AND COMMAND MTT AT THE BARCLAY TRAINING CENTER HAD JUST TODAY BEEN EXTENDED BY THREE MONTHS TO DECEMBER 1981. A SUPPLY ASSISTANCE MTT WOULD ARRIVE THIS WEEK TO WORK WITH THE LOGISTIC AND ARMY DEPOT. IN NOVEMBER A FURTHER SPECIAL FORCES MTT AND A 3-MAN TAFT WOULD ARRIVE. AS HE WAS UNABLE TO DO SO LAST YEAR, I URGED DOE TO ACCEPT OUR INVI-

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TATION TO VISIT THE U.S.S. KALAMAZON DURING ITS VISIT TO MONROVIA SEPTEMBER 27-29.

10. ECONOMIC ADVISORS. BEFORE DEPARTING I BROACHED WITH HEAD OF STATE DOE THE POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. DOE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC. HE STRESSED NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CUSTOMS, FINANCE, BUDGET CONTROL, AND OVERALL ECONOMIC PLANNING. WE AGREED THAT THE EMBASSY IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES WOULD COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL FOR WASHINGTON.

11. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN. FUNMIN MATTHEWS STRESSED IMPORTANCE FOR US/LIBERIAN RELATIONSHIP OF POSITIVE RESPONSE TO DOE'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN IN WASHINGTON OR ON THE MARGINS OF THE UNGA. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, WHILE HE HAD RECEIVED NO DEFINITE REPLY, HE HAD DEPARTED WASHINGTON WITH IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR WAS EXTREMELY CHARGED AND THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE. HE WOULD KEEP DOE INFORMED.

12. COMMENT: DOE, WHOSE MANNER WAS RELAXED AND CONFIDENT, APPEARED TO TAKE IN AND ACCEPT MOST OF THE POINTS DISCUSSED ABOVE. HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY EAGER TO PROVIDE REASSURANCES ON THE TRIALS. HOWEVER, HE OFFERED NOTHING IN THE WAY OF DETAILS EITHER ON THE ACCUSATIONS, THE EVIDENCE, OR THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE INQUIRIES BY THE SUPREME MILITARY TRIBUNAL. DOE EXPRESSED HIMSELF MORE COMMITTED THAN EVER TO TAKING MEASURES DESIGNED TO SHORE UP INVESTOR CONFIDENCE AND TO ATTRACT NEW INVESTMENT. IN PARTICULAR WE AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE FRANK AND OPEN DIALOGUE BEGUN TODAY AND GAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANOTHER MEETING TO BE ARRANGED IN THE NEXT DAYS. SWING

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TAGS: OVIP, LI, US

SUBJECT: CIC DOE CANCELS U.S. VISIT

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2. AS INSTRUCTED, AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNTRY OFFICER EICHER, MET WITH HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL DOE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1 TO INFORM HIM OF APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THE SUBSTITUTION OF THIS APPOINTMENT FOR THAT REQUESTED WITH PRESIDENT. HE ALSO SPELLED OUT SOME OF THE STRONG INTERESTS IN US/LIBERIAN RELATIONSHIP WHICH A MEETING BETWEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE CIC COULD SERVE.

3. DOE LISTENED IN TOTAL SILENCE THROUGHOUT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION DOE SAID SIMPLY, "I WILL NOT GO." HIS ONLY ELABORATION ON THIS STATEMENT WAS HE WOULD CANCEL HIS TRIP TO THE U.S. IF HE WERE UNABLE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. DOE SAID, ALMOST AS IF HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY INFORMED HIM, THAT HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO NOTIFY WASHINGTON OFFICIALLY OF THE CANCELLATION. AT THAT POINT HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER.

4. COMMENT: DOE WAS CLEARLY DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED AND DISTRESSED AT THE NEWS. IN FACT IT SEEMED AS IF HE ALREADY EXPECTED IT. IN MY THREE OF FOUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH HIM I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM IN SUCH A DESPONDENT MOOD. WE APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S STRONG EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND STILL BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT FOR OUR RELATIONS. AS IT IS NOT TO BE, WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH SHORTLY IN REGARD TO WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. SWING
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ED 12065; RDS 2/3 10/11/01 (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)

TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DOE

1. SECRETARY MET BRIEFLY WITH LIBERIAN PRESIDENT DOE IN DOE'S HOTEL SUITE SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 10. DOE RAISED ALLEGED RECENT HARASSMENT OF LIBERIAN VICE PRESIDENT WHILE DEPARTING US. SECRETARY MOLLIFIED DOE'S CONCERNS. DOE EXPRESSED GREAT WORRY OVER EFFORTS BEING ENGINEERED AGAINST HIM BY QADHAFI AND SOVIETS. HE BELIEVES THESE EFFORTS WERE GENERATED BY HIS PRO-US POLICY AND HIS EXPULSION OF SOVIETS AND LIBYANS. HE EXPRESSED HIS FEAR THAT HE COULD BE REMOVED WITHIN SIX MONTHS UNLESS FIRM US HELP IS PROVIDED. DOE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY ANTI-QADHAFI EFFORTS US MAY MOUNT. SECRETARY REASSURED DOE THAT US SUPPORT WILL REMAIN STRONG.

2. MEETING WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY POWER OUTAGE IN HOTEL AND WAS CONTINUED BY THE LIGHT OF PORTABLE ELECTRIC LAMP.

3. WARM REGARDS.HAIG.

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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/13/87 (SWING, WILLIAM L.) DR-M
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, PINS, PINT, LI, US, LY
SUBJECT: HEAD OF STATE DISCUSSES MEETING WITH SECRETARY
- HAIG

REF: STATE 271342 (NOTAL)

1. (X - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL K. DOE CALLED ME IN OCTOBER 12, LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE SADAT FUNERAL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVEYING HIS DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THEIR MEETING AT CAIRO. HE USED THE OCCASION ALSO TO BRIEF ME ON THEIR MEETING. DOE SAID THE CONVERSATION CENTERED ON THE LIBYAN THREAT AND LIBERIA'S PERCEIVED SECURITY CONCERNS AND NEEDS. DOE SAID HE GAVE THE SECRETARY A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN RELATED TO SECURITY MATTERS AND HIS DESIRE TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL GROUP OF SECURITY EXPERTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD. DOE ALSO DISCUSSED HIS INVITATION TO FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT LIBERIA AND ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING THIS UP. DOE, WHO WAS IN AN EBULLIENT MOOD, DOWNPLAYED THE PODIER AFFAIR WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "CLOSED CHAPTER" IN THE WAKE OF HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. END COMMENT.
3. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DOE ASKED THAT I CONVEY TELEGRAPHICALLY HIS DEEP GRATITUDE TO SECRETARY HAIG FOR THE "VERY FRUITFUL" 45-MINUTE MEETING AT CAIRO. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY, BEING A MILITARY MAN, HAD BEEN VERY SYMPATHETIC TO HIS SECURITY CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS

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QADHAFI. DOE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE RECENT SEARCH AT JFK AIRPORT OF VICE HEAD OF STATE PODIER. HE SAID THE SECRETARY HAD INFORMED HIM THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD HEARD OF THE PODIER INCIDENT. DOE SAID ON THE BASIS OF HIS TALK WITH THE SECRETARY THE PODIER INCIDENT WAS "FINISHED."

4. LIBYA AND SECURITY. THE BULK OF THE CONVERSATION, ACCORDING TO DOE, DWELT ON QADHAFI'S THREAT TO LIBERIA, SUDAN AND OTHER MODERATE STATES. DOE SAID HE HAD GIVEN THE SECRETARY A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN CONCERNING HIS SECURITY CONCERNS. HE WISHED TO SEND A "HIGH POWERED" DELEGATION TO MEET WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CASPER WEINBERGER. LIBERIA NEEDED ARMS, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT FOR ITS MILITARY. HE SAID LIBERIA WAS THE ONLY AFRICAN COUNTRY WITHOUT AN AIRFORCE. HE ASKED WHEN SUCH A DELEGATION MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. (THE DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, MAJOR GENERAL ALBERT KARPEH; BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS QUIWONKPA, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL); AND THE AFL CHIEF OF STAFF, LT. GENERAL HENRY DUBAR.) I PROMISED TO REPORT THIS TO WASHINGTON AND FOLLOW UP.

- HE SAID LIBYA WOULD NOW BE AFTER HIM, SIAD BARRE, AND SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMIERY FOR ATTENDING THE SADAT FUNERAL. ACCORDING TO DOE, QADHAFI HAD LET IT BE KNOWN THAT AT LEAST THREE HEADS OF STATE WOULD DIE DURING THE FUNERAL IN CAIRO. THE RESULT WAS SOME DELEGATIONS WHICH CAME TO CAIRO DID NOT ACTUALLY ATTEND THE FUNERAL. OTHERS LIKE SIAD BARRE DISCARDED THEIR MILITARY UNIFORMS FOR CIVILIAN ATTIRE. BUT, DOE SAID, HE INSISTED ON GOING IN FULL UNIFORM. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HE SAID HIS FORMER MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TOGBA NAH TIPOTEH, WAS IN LIBYA (SEE SEPTEL INDICATING TIPOTEH REALLY IS IN SENEGAL). EVEN IF TIPOTEH DID NOT GET ARMS HE WOULD OBTAIN MONEY WITH WHICH TO SOW UNREST IN LIBERIA. DOE SAID HE HAD MADE A TECHNICAL STOP IN BANGUI WHERE HE MET WITH CAR PRESIDENT GENERAL ANDREA KOLINGBA. HE SAID THAT KOLINGBA, WHO HAD LIBYANS ON HIS NORTHERN BORDER IN CHAD, FULLY SHARED HIS SECURITY CONCERNS AND HE HAD INVITED KOLINGBA TO COME TO MONROVIA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT. SEPTEL FOLLOWS WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HANDLING DOE'S SECURITY REQUESTS.

5. INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER. DOE SAID HE HAD ALSO ENJOYED HIS BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WHO HAD INTRODUCED HIM TO SEVERAL ON THE AMERICAN DELEGATION

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INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT FORD AND DR. HENRY KISSINGER.
HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
VISITING LIBERIA AGAIN. AS HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PHONE
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PRESIDENT CARTER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, DOE ASKED THAT I
SEND A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN FOLLOWUP TO HIS
CONVERSATION IN ORDER TO REAFFIRM HIS INVITATION AND
ASCERTAIN POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE VISIT. DOE ASKED THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER PHONE HIM BUT ACCEPTED MY COUNTER-
SUGGESTION THAT WE DO THIS BY CABLE. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON
CARTER INVITATION. HE SAID HE HOPED CARTER WOULD COME
AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SHOWING THE FORMER PRESIDENT
THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE THE APRIL 1980 COUP.
6. CROCKER VISIT. I USED THE CONVERSATION TO EMPHASIZE
TO DOE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE CHESTER CROCKER IN KEEPING THE TEMPO
GOING IN OUR RELATIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY'S TALK WITH
HIM HAD SPARKED. DOE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THE PODIER
INCIDENT WAS BEHIND US AND AGREED THAT THE CROCKER VISIT
SHOULD BE THE NEXT BENCHMARK IN OUR DEVELOPING RELATIONS.
7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DOE HAS TOSSED US SEVERAL DIFFICULT
BALLS TO HANDLE, NAMELY HIS SECURITY REQUESTS AND THE
CARTER INVITATION, THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE HEAD
OF STATE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL IN PUTTING THE CART
BACK ON THE TRACKS AS REGARDS US/LIBERIAN RELATIONS. CIC
DOE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN HIDING HIS EXTREME PLEASURE
AT BEING ABLE TO MEET FACE TO FACE WITH SECRETARY HAIG.
HE WAS GLOWING IN HIS PRAISE FOR THE SECRETARY AND
CLEARLY FEELS THAT US/LIBERIAN RELATIONS ARE ONCE AGAIN
BACK TO THEIR FORMER WARMTH AND CLOSENESS. OUR
RECOMMENDATIONS ON HANDLING HIS SECURITY REQUESTS WILL,
AS INDICATED, FOLLOW BY SEPTELS. SWING

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