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July 14, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THRU: CHARLES TYSON

FROM: FRED WETTERING *W*

SUBJECT: Liberia: Rescheduling Request for Presidential Meeting With Liberia Chairman Doe

In April, the White House approved a longstanding State and Liberian Government request that the President receive Liberian Head of State Samuel Doe for a working visit. A letter from the President pledged a meeting at "a mutually convenient date in the next few months" and the White House suggested a half hour meeting followed by lunch for either May 7 or July 26, 1982. Unfortunately, Doe could not make either date and State and the Liberian Government requested rescheduling for the period late August-October time frame. Mike Deaver decided to put this request on ice during the Versailles runup and following events, including the brief early July vacation. (C)

State has been pressing (with my support) to reschedule. They suggested a statement reaffirming the President's willingness to meet with Doe in the proposed National Day message for Liberia's July 26 National Day. Charles Tyson believes this will serve as an effective lever to get a firm date in the next few days, and he requested that I resubmit a schedule outline (attached). (C)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Deaver-Ryan Schedule Outline calling for a brief meeting and lunch appointment with the President for Liberian Chairman Doe. (C)

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I

Schedule Outline

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BY RW NARA DATE 6-10-10

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

TO: FREDERICK RYAN

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER

REQUEST: Thirty-minute meeting and following seventy-five minute lunch with Chairman Samuel Doe, Liberian Chief of State.

PURPOSE: To honor a commitment made in a Presidential letter to Chairman Doe in April 1982. The meeting would enable the President to reinforce the special relationship between the US and Liberia, and re-inforce Chairman Doe's strong support for the US. (Doe is a personal admirer of the President as well).

BACKGROUND: A thirty-minute Oval Office meeting and following lunch were approved by the White House for May 7 or July 26. For understandable reasons Doe could not make either date. State has requested re-scheduling in August-September 1982 and urges that a proposed date or time frame be made available by Liberian National Day (July 26). Further delay of this requested meeting might produce negative consequences.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE: Late August-October 1982 time frame.

LOCATION: Oval Office; State Dining Room.

PARTICIPANTS: US: Secretary of State, Assistant Secretary of State Crocker, William Clark, Fred Wetters (NSC). Liberia: Chairman Samuel Doe, Ambassador Joseph Guannu, possibly Foreign Minister Henry Fahnbulleh.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Brief working visit.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo opportunity; meeting will be announced.

RECOMMENDED BY: State and NSC

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DOE, SAMUEL K

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPT W/ PRES FOR LIBERIAN HEAD OF STATE IN MID MAY

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

DUE: 15 JUL 82 STATUS X FILES PA

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August 5, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MICHAEL O. WHEELER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Liberian Head of State Doe

We would appreciate your clearance on the attached cable concerning the White House luncheon for Liberian Head of State Doe.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

1. Draft cable to Monrovia.
2. Monrovia 7826.

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: OVIP {DOE, SAMUEL K}, LI

SUBJECT: DOE VISIT: WHITE HOUSE LUNCH

REF: MONROVIA 7826

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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (DOE, SAMUEL K.), LI
SUBJECT: DOE VISIT: WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON

REF: STATE 213328

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E. O. 12065: GDS 7/21/88 (PERKINS, EDWARD J) OR-M
TAGS: PINT, OVIP, LI
SUBJ: PROPOSED DATE FOR DOE VISIT
REF: A) STATE 201109, B) STATE 190142, C) MONROVIA 6744

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. CHARGE ON JULY 21 HAND DELIVERED TO HEAD OF STATE DOE THE INVITATION FOR A WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DOE INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE DATE, BUT SAID HE WISHED TO RESPOND FORMALLY LATER.
3. THE HEAD OF STATE AGREED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD BEGIN WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON ARRANGEMENTS. A MEETING WITH WILLIAM BULL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22 ON THE SUBJECT. WE WILL ASK THE LIBERIANS FOR THEIR IDEAS ON THE VISIT, USING GUIDANCE IN REF B. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH RESULTS ASAP.
4. GOL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE DATE IS FIRM AND THAT NO CHANGES ARE POSSIBLE. PERKINS

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By AMJ NARA, Date 7/24/07

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E.O. 12065: GDS 7/27/86 (PERKINS, EDWARD J) OR-M
TAGS: MILI, LI, OVIP (DOE, SAMUEL K)
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR DOD ASSISTANCE DURING VISIT OF HEAD OF
STATE OF LIBERIA TO THE UNITED STATES
REF: A) STATE 201109, B) MONROVIA 7373

1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT)~~

2. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: LIBERIAN HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL KANYON DOE HAS BEEN INVITED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON A WORKING VISIT. DOE -- WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION COUNCIL (PRC) AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA -- IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AT 11:30AM ON AUGUST 25. THE VISIT HAS A PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT AND IS AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INFLUENCE DOE TO CONCENTRATE ON BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE MILITARY IN NATION BUILDING ACTIVITIES. LIBERIA IS THE UNITED STATES' OLDEST AFRICAN FRIEND, AND ONE OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS IN AFRICA. WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN LIBERIA AND A HISTORIC "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITHOUT PARALLEL. WE REQUEST SECRETARY OF

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DEFENSE MEET WITH DOE AND, IF POSSIBLE, HOST A SOCIAL FUNCTION FOR THE LIBERIAN LEADER. WE ALSO REQUEST DOD PROVIDE DOMESTIC FLIGHT SUPPORT FOR THE DOE DELEGATION AND HOST A VISIT TO ONE OR MORE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED.

3. BACKGROUND: AS READERS WILL RECALL, DOE AND 17 OTHER ENLISTED MEN OVERTHREW THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM TOLBERT IN APRIL 1980 IN LIBERIA'S FIRST COUP AFTER 133 YEARS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE COUP FOLLOWED A PERIOD OF SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATION AND RISING UNREST FUELED BY ENDEMIC OFFICIAL CORRUPTION AND A PERCEPTION BY LIBERIA'S 95 PERCENT TRIBAL MAJORITY THAT THE MINORITY ELITE, DESCENDANTS OF AMERICAN FREED SLAVE SETTLERS, BARRED THE TRIBAL PEOPLE FROM EQUAL ACCESS TO THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. FACED BY A

WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION, MASSIVE CAPITAL FLIGHT, EXODUS OF SKILLED AND WEALTHY "AMERICO-LIBERIANS" AND INTERNATIONAL HOSTILITY TO THEIR EXTRA-LEGAL ACCESSION TO POWER, DOE AND HIS ILL-EDUCATED, INEXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES LOOKED TO THE UNITED STATES, LIBERIA'S TRADITIONAL CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY, FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. THE USG RESPONDED DECISIVELY, INCREASING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO \$80 MILLION ANNUALLY - A LEVEL TEN TIMES THAT OF THE PRE-COUP PERIOD. IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE THE COUP, THAT POLICY HAS PAID OFF AS DOE HAS -- RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS -- DECLARED A GENERAL AMNESTY -- WELCOMED LIBERIAN SELF-EXILES HOME -- RETURNED CONFISCATED PROPERTIES OF FORMER GOVERNMENT FIGURES -- BROUGHT SEVERAL ANCIENT REGIME OFFICIALS INTO HIS GOVERNMENT -- AND SUCCESSFULLY MET IMF FISCAL STABILIZATION TARGETS FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS, THE BEST RECORD IN AFRICA. DOE HAS COMMITTED THE PRC GOVERNMENT TO A RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1985 UNDER A NEW CONSTITUTION BEING WRITTEN AT PRESENT. DOE HAS REAFFIRMED PUBLICLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HIS INTENTION TO HAND OVER POWER IN 1985.

5. THE VISIT: DOE REVERES PRESIDENT REAGAN AS A FATHER FIGURE AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN AN INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR OVER A YEAR. THE VISIT WILL BE A HIGHPOINT FOR DOE PERSONALLY AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE PROGRESS OF THE PRC REGIME THUS FAR WHILE STRESSING THE MANY HARD DECISIONS THAT STILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

LEAD LIBERIA INTO A NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY AND UNITY. DOE HAS PLANNED A 15-DAY VISIT WITH TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK CITY AS WELL AS WASHINGTON, TO MEET WITH ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, INVESTORS, MULTILATERAL DONOR AGENCIES, AND LIBERIANS IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION, DOE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO MEET WITH HIS FORMER AMERICAN MILITARY INSTRUCTORS WHILE HE WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL), AND VIEW AMERICAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, NOTABLY FT. BRAGG, FT. BENNING, AND POSSIBLY FORT HOOD. DOE HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD BE HIGHLY PRIZED.

6. RATIONALE FOR THE MEETING: THE US HAS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN LIBERIA INCLUDING ACCESS RIGHTS TO THE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA AND ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOTH US-BUILT FACILITIES, AND A DEFENSE AREAS AGREEMENT. LIBERIA'S COOPERATION IN WORLD WAR II INCLUDED PERMITTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEAPLANE BASE IN NORTHERN LIBERIA. THE U.S. MILITARY MISSION IN LIBERIA HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN TRAINING THE LIBERIAN MILITARY FOR MOST OF THE HISTORY OF THE OLDEST REPUBLIC IN AFRICA. OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY INCLUDES \$15 MILLION ANNUALLY IN FMS, A LARGE PORTION OF WHICH

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GOES TO BUILD MILITARY BARRACKS. WE ALSO CONTRIBUTE
\$100,000 IN IMET TRAINING FUNDS.

7. THE MILITARY IS CURRENTLY IN POWER AS A RESULT OF THE
COUP, BUT THE ARMED FORCES WILL ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT
FORCE TO CONTEND WITH AFTER THE RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE.
THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE MILITARY -- LACK OF
DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONALISM, POOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND
LOGISTICAL MANAGEMENT, INCONSISTENT PROMOTION POLICY,
INSUFFICIENT BASING PLAN, AND AN UNREALISTIC PERCEPTION
OF THE MILITARY'S ARMAMENT AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS BASED ON
AN EXAGGERATED ESTIMATE OF THREAT LEVEL FROM NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY -- AND A CHANCE
TO DISCUSS LIBERIA'S MILITARY SITUATION WITH OTHER
AMERICAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION -- WOULD
PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER OUR MESSAGE OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF SERIOUS MEASURES FIRMLY APPLIED TO
RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WOULD REAF-
FIRM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR BILATERAL MILITARY
AGREEMENTS -- ENCOURAGE DOE TO DEAL DECISIVELY WITH RECAL-
CITRANT ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY AND BOLSTER HIS STANDING
AT HOME -- AND SEND A SIGNAL TO AFRICAN AND OTHER
COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE, OR ARE CONTEMPLATING,
MILITARY AGREEMENTS INDICATING THE STEADFASTNESS OF OUR

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SUPPORT. IT WOULD ALSO PREVENT POSSIBLE QUESTIONING BY
LIBERIANS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP
AND OUR COMMITMENT TO HELP LIBERIA ON ITS PATH TO ECONOMIC
RECOVERY AND POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY.

8. DOD FLIGHT SUPPORT REQUESTED: THIS WILL BE DOE'S FIRST
VISIT TO "THE GREAT UNITED STATES" AS IT IS COMMONLY
REFERRED TO HERE AND THE LIBERIAN LEADER WISHES UNDER-
STANDABLY TO SEE MORE OF IT THAN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK.
THE VISITS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARE ALSO KEY COM-
PONENTS OF THE ITINERARY REQUESTED BY THE LIBERIANS. THE
LIBERIANS WILL TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BY REGULARLY SCHEDULED
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT BUT DOE AND HIS PARTY WILL BE DEPENDENT
ON THE JCS FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL AS LIBERIA -- STRUGGLING
UNDER MASSIVE EXTERNAL DEBTS AND SEVERE BUDGET CUTBACKS --
CANNOT AFFORD TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL FOR THE HEAD OF STATE'S

VISIT. INABILITY ON OUR PART TO TRANSPORT DOE TO THE FEW
SITES TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE FINAL ITINERARY WOULD CAST
A SHADOW OVER THE TRIP PRIOR TO ITS COMMENCEMENT -- AND
RISK DISSIPATING SOME OF THE GOODWILL THAT THE VISIT
SHOULD NATURALLY GENERATE. IT WOULD IN ADDITION BE VIEWED
IN A VERY NEGATIVE LIGHT BY THE LIBERIAN PUBLIC, WHOSE
NEED IS CONSTANT FOR REASSURANCE OF CONTINUING U.S.
COMMITMENTS TO LIBERIA. WE REQUEST DOD MAKE AVAILABLE
TRANSPORTATION INCOUNTRY FOR THE DOE VISIT.

9. OTHER ACTION REQUESTED: WE UNDERSTAND THE FINAL REPORT
OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT TEAM THAT VISITED
HERE EARLIER THIS YEAR IS NOW UNDERGOING VETTING. THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT COULD PROVIDE AN IDEAL
FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DOE. WE SUGGEST THE REPORT
BE PRESENTED TO DOE BY GENERAL LUTZ DURING THE WASHINGTON
VISIT.

10. CONCLUSIONS: THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED ON THIS VISIT FOR
THE PAST YEAR AND BELIEVES A SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF DOE
MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND PRESIDENT
REAGAN WILL GREATLY ENHANCE PROSPECT OF MEETING U.S.
OBJECTIVES IN LIBERIA. WE BELIEVE THE SECRETARY AND OTHERS
WILL FIND DOE MUCH CHANGED FROM THE CONFUSED AND INEX-
PERIENCED MASTER SERGEANT HE WAS WHEN HE TOOK POWER. TWO
YEARS OF WRESTLING WITH GRAVE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
PROBLEMS -- NUMEROUS TRIPS TO AFRICAN, ARAB AND ASIAN
NATIONS IN WHICH HE HAS MET WITH THE HEADS OF STATE OF

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

EGYPT, SOUTH KOREA, CHINA, AMONG OTHERS -- AND A SELF-
DISCIPLINE AND WILLINGNESS TO LEARN THAT HAS SURPRISED
AND ENCOURAGED LIBERIA'S FRIENDS -- HAVE HAD IMPORTANT
AND UNFORESEEN EFFECTS ON THE PERSONALITY AND EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF THIS YOUNG (31) LEADER. OUR STAKE IN LIBERIA --
INCLUDING THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF USG ASSETS IN
AFRICA (VOA RELAY STATION, REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY, OMEGA NAVIGATION STATION) -- OVER \$300 MILLION
IN DIRECT U.S. INVESTMENT -- SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC
INTERESTS -- AND A HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP THAT PLACES
LIBERIA IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR THIRD WORLD FRIENDS AND
PROVIDES AN IRREPLACABLE CONDUIT TO THE REST OF AFRICA --
UNDERLINES THE URGENCY WITH WHICH WE REQUEST SECRETARY
WEINBERGER'S PERSONAL HELP PLUS DOD SUPPORT IN MAKING THE
DOE VISIT A SUCCESS. PERKINS

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SUBJ: HEAD OF STATE DOE ACCEPTS AUGUST 17 DATE

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2. I MET IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 8 WITH HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL K. DOE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF SCHEDULE FOR HIS OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ACCOMPANIED. I PRESENTED THE URGENT REASONS FOR THE ITINERARY CHANGE, EMPHASIZING THE CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS AND INTERNATIONAL PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT. DOE LISTENED CAREFULLY AND RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHORTNESS OF TIME TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS WITH GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL, HE ACCEPTED THE AUGUST 17 DATE.

3. AT OUR SUGGESTION, DOE AGREED TO INFORM HIMSELF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO CALL ON HIM LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. DOE REQUESTED THAT I CONTACT THE LOCAL PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TODAY, AUGUST 8, TO BEGIN RENEGOTIATING THE CHARTER FOR THE NEW DATES. (I WILL BE MEETING WITH LOCAL PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE KLAUS AND PAN AM HOME REPRESENTATIVE GUZZARDO EARLY THIS EVENING.)

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

4. I OFFERED THE HEAD OF STATE FULL ASSURANCES THAT ALTHOUGH THE TIME WAS SHORT IT WAS SUFFICIENT TO INSURE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT. I ALSO ASSURED HIM OF OUR FULLEST COOPERATION WITH HIS ADVANCE TEAM, WHICH LEAVES AUGUST 9, AND WITH ALL PREPARATIONS. (DOE SEEMED PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE TIME MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATE TO PREPARE THE PRIVATE PORTION OF HIS TRIP.)

5. COMMENT: DOE, WHO RECEIVED ME IN HIS PRIVATE APARTMENT AT THE MANSION, WAS IN A RELAXED AND PLEASANT MOOD AND, ONCE HE REALIZED THAT THE NEWS WAS NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD, READILY ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR THE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. FORTUNATELY FOR ALL CONCERNED, THE HEAD OF STATE'S CALENDAR APPEARS TO BE REASONABLY FREE IN THIS PERIOD WHICH MADE ACCOMMODATION TO THE CHANGE SOMEWHAT EASIER. I OF COURSE DID NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO TENDER

6. THE NEWS HAS OF COURSE NOT YET FILTERED DOWN TO THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WHICH WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRYING TO JUGGLE THE LONDON, PARIS AND RABAT DATES. THINK IT LIKELY THAT THE LIBERIANS WILL ISSUE A BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT, PROBABLY ON AUGUST 9, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DATE OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN MOVED UP IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE PRESIDENT'S PRESSING LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE AND TO ALLOW DOE TO MEET WITH SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN CONCERNED WITH AFRICAN MATTERS. END COMMENT. SWING

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FAHNBULLEH

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2. SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKER AND AMBASSADOR SWING, MET BRIEFLY WITH LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHNBULLEH AUGUST 17 AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON. THE SECRETARY WELCOMED FAHNBULLEH TO THE US AND COMMENTED VERY BRIEFLY ON THE TWO MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY NEWS ITEMS OF THE DAY: THE BEIRUT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN. THE REST OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON NAMIBIA, THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR AND THE ABORTED TRIPOLI OAU SUMMIT.

3. FAHNBULLEH STATED THAT HE IS HOPEFUL ON THE NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS. THESE APPEAR TO HAVE MOVED FORWARD NICELY OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF FOOT-DRAGGING BY SOME OF THE FRONT LINE STATES. THE MAJOR

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

PROBLEM, FAHNBULLEH BELIEVES, IS SOUTH AFRICA'S DESIRE

TO LINK THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBANS FROM ANGOLA WITH ITS OWN WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA. THE CONSENSUS AMONG AFRICAN STATES IS THAT THE CUBAN ISSUE WILL FALL AWAY AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA, SINCE ANGOLA WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE CUBAN TROOPS FOR PROTECTION. IF THE-ANGOLAN-GOVERNMENT WERE TO MAINTAIN A CUBAN PRESENCE AFTER A SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL, IT WOULD BECOME CLEAR TO ALL AFRICAN STATES THAT UNITA IS IN FACT A MAJOR THREAT TO THE MPLA GOVERNMENT. FAHNBULLEH BELIEVES THE EFFORT TO LINK CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL-IS PART OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA.

4. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE TWO ISSUES

ARE NOT LINKED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE WILLING TO WITHDRAW IN THE ABSENCE OF A SOLUTION TO THE CUBAN PROBLEM. ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKER NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION WITH WHICH WE ARE DEALING.

5. FAHNBULLEH SUGGESTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD MOVE ITS FORCES BACK FROM THE NAMIBIAN BORDER AND THAT CUBAN TROOPS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY UN FORCES, OR PREFERABLY BY AN AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THE LATTER-MIGHT - INCLUDE 5-10,000 TROOPS FROM NIGERIA, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST AND GUINEA. FAHNBULLEH SAID HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS THIS SUGGESTION WITH THE ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN CONNECTION WITH LIBERIA'S NEGOTIATIONS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA. THE ANGOLANS, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE ISSUE, CALLING IT A MATTER OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

6. FAHNBULLEH RECOGNIZES THAT SOME CONCESSIONS MUST BE MADE TO SOUTH AFRICA IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO SUCCEED. HE CONCLUDED HIS DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE BY NOTING THAT THE LONGER THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA CONTINUES, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO CRITICIZE SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN AFRICA, IN VIEW OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. AFRICAN COUNTRIES

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

WILL BE UNABLE TO FOCUS ADEQUATELY ON THE SOVIET THREAT UNTIL AFTER THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE RESOLVED.

7. FAHNBULLEH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUING WAR BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, INCLUDING ITS EFFECT ON THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. HE ASKED THE SECRETARY FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE CONFLICT. THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THE SITUATION IS NOW A MILITARY STALEMATE WITH NEITHER SIDE PROVING ABLE TO HOLD TERRITORY. AN IRANIAN BUILDUP IS APPARENTLY IN PROGRESS AND WE MIGHT EXPECT ANOTHER ATTEMPTED OFFENSIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, IRAQ SEEMS TO BE HOLDING ITS OWN AND THE SITUATION HAS STABILIZED SOMEWHAT. IRAQ CAN NOW ARGUE THAT A SUCCESSFUL NAM MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN BAGHDAD. FAHNBULLEH SAID LIBERIA HAS INFORMED IRAQ IT WILL BE WILLING TO ATTEND A NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BAGHDAD AND IT WILL-DECLINE TO ATTEND SUCH A MEETING IN OTHER SUGGESTED VENUES SUCH AS HAVANA. THE LIBERIANS BELIEVE THIS IS IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE IRAQIS FROM EMBARRASSMENT. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE SUPPORT THE LIBERIAN POSITION AND APPRECIATE THE GOL COMING DOWN ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

8. IN REGARD TO THE ABORTIVE TRIPOLI OAU SUMMIT, FAHNBULLEH SAID THERE IS A NEED TO 'PICK UP THE PIECES' OF THE OAU OR LIBERIA AND THE MODERATE STATES WOULD SOON FIND THEMSELVES AT A DISADVANTAGE. IN FAHNBULLEH'S VIEW, BOTH THE POLISARIO SEATING QUESTION AND THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES TOWARD LIBYA CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAILURE OF THE SUMMIT. FAHNBULLEH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE OAU AND NOTED THAT IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE TRIPOLI SUMMIT COULD BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR. IT MIGHT STILL OCCUR IF THE RADICAL STATES AGREE NOT TO SEAT THE POLISARIO. FAILURE TO HOLD A SUMMIT COULD PLAY INTO QADAFI'S HANDS BY ALLOWING HIM TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS A HERO FIGHTING FOR AFRICAN UNITY. MOREOVER, IT WOULD DOOM THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT IN CONAKRY NEXT YEAR.

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PLACE LIBERIA IN A STRONGER POSITION ONCE THE WORLD ECONOMY BEGINS TO IMPROVE.

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5. DAS LYMAN SINGLED OUT THE 16-25 PERCENT CUT IN GOVERNMENT SALARIES AS BEING COURAGEOUS. HE NOTED THAT SUCH STEPS WOULD FACILITATE OUR EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON TO SUPPORT LIBERIA. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL DIFFICULT STEPS WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC STABILITY IN LIBERIA; THESE INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, ENERGY CONSERVATION.

6. ENDING ON A POSITIVE NOTE, DAS LYMAN INFORMED THE HEAD OF STATE THAT THE USG HOPED TO PROVIDE LIBERIA WITH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS; THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE SIGNING OF A \$15 MILLION PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOR RICE ON DECEMBER 17, THE RIA UPGRADE PROJECT WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE SIGNED THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, AND A FURTHER TRANCHE OF ESF IN JANUARY TO HELP LIBERIA MEET THE JANUARY 29 IMF PERFORMANCE TARGETS.

7. DOE RESPONDED BY STATING THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT WERE TRYING TO FIND MEANS OF REVIVING THE ECONOMY. AS A RESULT, HE SAID, HE HAD TAKEN A SERIES OF "DANGEROUS" STEPS. ON THE BASIS OF THESE, DOE SAID THAT "ACCORDING TO OUR ESTIMATES, WE HOPE TO MEET THE IMF TARGETS IN JANUARY." AMONG THE STEPS DOE LISTED WERE: THE REQUIREMENT THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PURCHASE THEIR OWN SERVICE VEHICLES; ELIMINATION OF FREE GASOLINE PRIVILEGE

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FOR CIVIL SERVANTS; THE 16-25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT SALARIES (WHICH HE ESTIMATED WOULD REDUCE THE MONTHLY WAGE LEVEL FROM \$13.5 MILLION TO \$6 MILLION); AND MEASURES TO TIGHTEN UP REVENUE COLLECTION.

8. WITH EVIDENT PRIDE, DOE SAID LIBERIA HOPED TO BE THE FIRST COUNTRY IN WEST AFRICA TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC STABILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION DOE AVERRED THAT NO "ELECTED" PRESIDENT COULD DO THIS. HE SAID MANY ADVISED HIM NOT TO CUT THE SALARIES OR TAKE OTHER MEASURES WHICH WOULD RISK A LOSS OF POPULARITY. HOWEVER, HE HAD REPLIED THAT IT WAS "BETTER TO BE LESS POPULAR AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO LIVE." DOE SAID THAT HE WAS PROUD TO BE THE "ONLY ONE" TO TAKE SUCH AUSTERITY STEPS. DOE RECALLED THAT HE HAD TOLD THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE THAT THINGS WOULD GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER, AND, IN THIS REGARD, HE WAS PREPARED TO TAKE ANY STEPS TO "IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE PEOPLE."

9. TURNING TO OTHER SUBJECTS, DAS LYMAN NOTED WITH

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2. SUMMARY: DAS PRINCETON LYMAN HELD A CORDIAL AND SUBSTANTIVE HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH HEAD OF STATE ON DECEMBER 16. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON DOE'S DECEMBER 1 SPEECH AND THE NEED FOR FURTHER AUSTERITY MEASURES IN ORDER TO ARREST LIBERIA'S DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND ENSURE CONTINUED WASHINGTON SUPPORT. A BRIEF EXCHANGE ALSO OCCURRED WITH REGARD TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE STATUS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

3. HEAD OF STATE DOE RECEIVED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PRINCETON LYMAN FOR 30 MINUTES LATE MORNING OF DECEMBER 16. LYMAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AF/W DEPUTY DIRECTOR TED VAN GILDER AND THE AMBASSADOR. THE LIBERIAN SIDE INCLUDED ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHRISTOPHER MINIKON, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE AMERICAS WILLIAM BULL, AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VIVIANNE WREN. DAS LYMAN BEGAN THE MEETING BY CONVEYING GREETINGS FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKER AND RECALLING THE RECENT OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT BY THE HEAD OF STATE TO

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

WASHINGTON.

4. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE HEAD OF STATE'S DECEMBER 1 ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON THE ECONOMY. LYMAN NOTED THAT THERE ARE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT AFRICA AND THAT UNLESS AFRICAN LEADERS CAN COME TO GRIPS WITH THESE DIFFICULTIES, THEIR ECONOMIES WILL DECAY. THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT HE NOTED, MENTIONING THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO IS GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT ADJUSTMENTS. WHAT CONCERNS US ALL HE SAID, INCLUDING THE IBRD AND THE IMF, IS THAT ONLY A FEW LEADERS AND COUNTRIES ARE REALLY TAKING THE HARD DECISIONS NECESSARY TO ARREST DETERIORATING ECONOMIES. LYMAN SAID THAT IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT DOE'S SPEECH WAS SO SIGNIFICANT, NAMELY, THAT IT HAD ACQUAINTED THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE WITH THE REAL SITUATION AND WOULD, IF IMPLEMENTED,

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SATISFACTION THAT THE GOL HAD BEGUN IMPLEMENTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT
TEAM. DOE DID NOT RESPOND. LYMAN, RECALLING THAT HE HAD
RECENTLY MET IN WASHINGTON WITH DR. AMOS SAWYER, CONSTI-
TUTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, ASKED DOE ABOUT THE STATUS
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS. DOE GAVE A VERY VAGUE
ANSWER. RESPONDING THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN SAWYER SINCE HIS
RETURN, BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE, THINGS WERE "FINE" WITH
REGARD TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PROCESS TOWARD
CIVILIAN RULE.

10. COMMENT: DOE'S MOOD SEEMED STILL TO REFLECT HIS
CONCERNS OVER THE FOILED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF
DECEMBER 13 AND 14. HE WAS DECIDEDLY SOMBER AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE MEETING AND ONLY WARMED TO THE OCCASION
WHEN MENTION WAS MADE OF HIS "COURAGEOUS" STEPS OF
DECEMBER 1 TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY. DOE IS QUITE EVIDENT-
LY PROUD OF HOW WELL THE SALARY CUTS AND OTHER MEASURES
HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE AND
SEEMS TO TAKE PARTICULAR PRIDE IN THE GENERAL PERCEPTION
THAT WHAT HE DID INVOLVED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PERSONAL
COURAGE -- A TRAIT HE HAS ALWAYS ASCRIBED TO HIMSELF.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS MADE IT IMPRUDENT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO RAISE
THE QUESTION OF THIS WEEK'S ASSASSINATION PLOT AND OUR
CONCERN THAT SEVERE MEASURES SUCH AS EXECUTIONS NOT BE

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

TAKEN AGAINST THE PERPETUATORS. IN SUM, THE LYMAN/DOE
MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL IN REENFORCING THE BILATERAL
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~SITUATION ROOM~~ ^{WHITE HOUSE} The Honorable
Judge William P. Clark, Jr.
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

THROUGH: Charles Z. Wick *CZW*
Director
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Associate Director

During a recent visit to Liberia to examine Voice of America facilities there and announce a new joint broadcaster training program, I had the occasion to meet with Head of State, General Samuel K. Doe.

During the meeting Doe reiterated his support for Liberia's new draft Constitution and declared he was moving his country toward democracy by 1985.

No one, of course, can say what the future holds for Liberia. But it is extraordinary, in these times, to find a military ruler talking about democracy.

I gather the guiding force behind Doe's apparent commitment to democracy is U.S. Ambassador William Swing. In his work with Doe, the Ambassador has performed a terrific service -- to the U.S. and Liberia.

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