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AFRICA WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
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(S) **Mozambique Peace Talks:** The current round of Mozambican peace talks in Rome is supposed to deal with details for the implementation of a ceasefire, demobilization of forces and creation of a new national military, and constitutional guarantees; it has become bogged down by the rebels' (RENAMO) refusal to discuss these issues until the operational procedures of the current Joint Verification Commission, agreed to in December 1990, have been revised to RENAMO's satisfaction. RENAMO leaders may be trying to delay the talks in the belief that time is on their side. The U.S. has withdrawn its observers until the parties recommence discussion of the agreed agenda items, and the mediators have begun scripting a scenario for a one-month suspension of negotiations.

(U) **Meeting With SAF/IA:** DASD Woods met with Deputy Under Secretary Robert Bauerlein to discuss the possibility of the Air Force repairing damage that MAC aircraft have caused to the Ivorian military ramp in Abidjan. The Ivorians have been very cooperative in allowing us to use their airport on an informal ad hoc basis since Roberts International in Liberia was closed because of the civil war. Abidjan's airport was used heavily during the Liberia evacuation, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and the recent Zaire evacuation. Attempts by DAO Abidjan over the last 2 years to address the ramp problem through EUCOM and USAFE channels have proven unsuccessful. Mr Bauerlein said he would pursue the issue. The entire project, which would also include an expansion of the ramp to allow safer accommodation of C-141s, is estimated to cost \$200K.

(U) **Meeting With New DCM to Senegal:** Robert Cott, the new DCM assigned to Dakar, made a courtesy call on Mr. Kern. DSAA and J-5 also attended the meeting. Mr. Cott's previous African postings include tours in Cameroon and Malawi. The discussion centered around Senegal's participation in the Liberian peacekeeping force and our security assistance programs in Senegal.

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**CHINA**

(S) PRC Ambassador Zhu made strong demarche to US Kanter on US leasing of three Knox frigates to Taiwan. Zhu hinted that issue of Taiwan arms sales is related to PRC arms sales to the Middle East and asked for consultations prior to sales--something we have never done before. US Kanter defended US actions by quoting the August 1982 Communique.

(S) There are some in Congress who now want to receive satisfaction from Chinese response to possible MIAs in China as condition for MFN. US Kanter gave list of names to Chinese on June 24 and we await Chinese response.

**JAPAN**

(S) Prime Minister Miyazawa visits Washington enroute to G-7 summit and meets with SECDEF on July 2.

(S) The 2+2 ministerial that was scheduled for 31 July has been postponed indefinitely. The Japanese Ambassador informed the US that the Japanese Foreign Minister's health precluded him from participating. We will attempt to re-schedule for the Fall.

(S) On 28 June, Director EAPR and Country Director for Japan visited the ship that will escort Japan's planned plutonium shipments. The ship was impressive in terms of its modern weapons fire control, navigation, and damage control systems. EAPR also received a briefing on the training the crew has undergone and training the crew will receive prior to the first plutonium shipment (scheduled for this Fall). This visit reaffirmed our belief that the Japanese were being prudent in their preparation to safeguard upcoming plutonium shipments.

**KOREA**

(S) Joint Nuclear Control Commission met again on June 30 with no progress reported and next meeting scheduled for July 21. Meeting saw ROKs stating IAEA inspections show there are plenty to worry about up North and DPRK stating IAEA inspections should remove all suspicions. Believe DPRK will continue to drag bilateral negotiations on while hiding behind IAEA inspections--another one will be in mid-July.

(U) This week, the 1991 Report to Congress: Military Situation on the Korean Peninsula (signed by ASD Lilley) was delivered to the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees, and the House and Senate Appropriations and Armed Services Committees. The report covers only 1991 developments and compares force structure and military capabilities of North and South Korean Armed Forces as well as U.S. forces on the Korean Peninsula.

**CAMBODIA**

(S) The United Nations Special Representative for Cambodia continues to lobby for strong support to convince the Khmer Rouge to cease obstructing the

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demobilization/cantonment phase of the peace plan, begun on 13 June. The KR have demanded verification of the withdrawal of foreign forces, an enhanced role for the Supreme National Council (SNC), and the cessation of the channeling of foreign assistance through the State of Cambodia (SOC) instead of the SNC. The USG recognizes the need for strengthening of the SNC, but believes that UNTAC must be able to overrule the process when there is no SNC consensus. Marrack Goulding has acknowledged that the UN could deploy its civilian administrators at a faster pace, and that would address some of the concerns raised by the KR.

**THAILAND**

(S) The Thai government announced that elections will be held in September 1992, and several key parties have already begun casting around for alliances and leadership that could maximize their advantages in the vote contest. Chawalit does not plan to run for reelection as a member of the New Aspiration Party, and has stepped down from his leadership role. Several right wing groups have emerged from the remnants of the ultra right wing Red Gaur organization of the 1970s and will be a factor in the election. The government continues to grapple with the issue of what to do with the Supreme Commander and the CINC of the RTA. It appeared that the Anand Government, through the MND, had struck upon a formula for moving Kaset to the Armed Forces IG position and reassigning Israphong, the Army CINC, to the post of Deputy Permanent Secretary of Defense. However, there is some indication that it might not be that easy to dislodge the Class Five leadership. Kaset, for one, may be less inclined to depart now.

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**PHILIPPINES**

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(U) **Tonga.** FMRA reviewed the final text of the status of forces agreement (SOFA) with Tonga and made several suggested changes. The corrections will allow final signature of the agreement next week by both parties.

(U) **German Supplementary Agreement.** FMRA completed an analysis of the German Supplementary Agreement (SA) as presently negotiated, highlighting a number of items that will need substantial revision before they can be accepted. These include jurisdictional provisions (both criminal and civil), taxes, dispute resolution, labor and the environment. Comparable analyses were completed by the Joint Staff and General Counsel. ISP provided these analyses to Ambassador Ledsky with a cover letter summarizing DoD concerns.

(U) **Northern Marianas.** At Interior's request, FMRA has accepted a technical advisory position on the US-CNMI working group regarding interpretation of the Northern Marianas Covenant. Since the issues involve sovereignty and self-government State, Justice, and Interior will have lead responsibility.

(U) **Australia.** The Western Australian press release concerning the recent Northwest Cape housing agreement neglected to include important aspects. The release correctly emphasized the local economic boost from eventual sale of houses and lots but substantially distorted the terms for division of the proceeds. FMRA alerted the Australian Embassy's Defense Policy Counsellor that, while we saw no need to issue a correction now, US officials would correctly cite the agreement, if the media raised the issue during the next round of transition talks in Canberra in late July. FMRA also met with Navy representatives to delegate responsibilities concerning Australian assumption of command on 1 October.

(U) **NATO Dependent Employment in the US.** FMRA has reviewed and commented on a draft regulation, prepared by INS at FMRA and LANTCOM's initiative with State support, to permit NATO dependents to work in the US under certain conditions if reciprocal treatment exists in practice for US dependents in the NATO country concerned. This effort will also seek to satisfy Germany which has raised this as a reciprocity issue in the context of the Supplementary Agreement review.

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## INTER-AMERICAN REGION

**EL SALVADOR (U)** The 12 June agreement to reschedule key milestones of the peace process is apparently holding. The concentration of forces in designated areas was completed by 25 June, and the demobilization of the first 20 percent of FMLN combatants took place on 30 June. The final deadline for complete demobilization of the FMLN by 31 October is still in effect. All parties are optimistic that the war is truly over, and steps taken this week reaffirm that perspective. USAID is supporting transitioning ex-combatants and national reconstruction. The USG is being asked to provide information to an Ad Hoc Commission reviewing officer fitness to remain on active duty and to the Truth Commission looking for past human rights abuses. An inter-agency working group is overseeing the sanitization and release of pertinent information.

**VENEZUELA ~~(S/NF/NOFORN)~~** The possibility of a coup attempt has abated. The military high command is reportedly satisfied with former MOD Ochoa's move to the Foreign Ministry. The officers regard Ochoa's new position as a clear signal that Perez intends to pay close attention to military concerns. The new MOD, Gen Jimenez, is generally highly regarded. Overall, the political momentum to implement reforms, so acute after the February coup, is dissipating. The public nonetheless remains frustrated over the lack of promised economic and social changes, and this continues a generally tense political situation.

**NICARAGUA ~~(S/NF)~~** DASD Dupart met with National Assembly President Alfredo Cesar on 2 July. He will meet with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Government at Nicaraguan request next week to discuss their concerns over the holdup in aid and their proposed police reforms. Intel shows more former Resistance officers are targets of violence; the Sandinistas are probably involved in some of the killings.

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(S) Morocco. Lacking Saudi financing, the Moroccan government has opted to terminate the F-16 case, after missing its June 15th payment. USAF will close the case out; termination costs are TBD. The GOM has asked that the remaining monies from the \$35.5M initial payment be allocated towards maintenance support cases for the Royal Moroccan Air Force fleet.

(S) Algeria. Many questions remain unanswered after the assassination on June 29th of High State Committee President Boudiaf. Inter alia, the number and identity of assassin(s), successor to the Presidency, the future role of the military and political fallout from this event are on the minds of interested parties. The mood is a somber one as the funeral took place on July 1st amid tight security.

(S) Israel. US Army has selected a candidate for the Scientist Engineering Exchange program DoD has with Israel. Ambassador Harrop has indicated that for reasons pertaining to NSDD-38, he wants to reduce the size of the DoD community in Israel. We are working with State to ensure that Harrop accepts the Army's candidate. Israel has three scientist in the US and we have none. Army has indicated if it can't get its candidate approved, it will cancel the MOU that governs the program and send the Israelis home.

(S) Iraq. The UN refused to address Baghdad's false accusation that the Coalition firebombed Iraqi grain crops. USUN has widely circulated the facts to friendly missions in NY. Meanwhile, humanitarian agencies in Iraq, as well as intelligence reporting, indicate that the economy is stabilizing and that there are few problems with the stockpiling and distribution food supplies. This factor may further reduce prospects for renewing the humanitarian MOU or implementing 706/712.

(U) India. Ambassador Hussain will leave his post on July 7. Bilateral talks on conventional and nuclear CBMs were completed June 20. No new ground was broken; however, a dialogue that could lead to Indian participation in multilateral talks was started. Tezzie Schaffer led the US delegation. The next round is scheduled to take place in Washington in late summer.

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## POW-MIA AFFAIRS - WAR

**ROBERTSON-STEVENS-LUNDY PHOTOGRAPH:** Cambodian researchers assisting the DIA investigative efforts in Phnom Penh have apparently discovered this controversial photograph in a Khmer-language magazine "Soviet Union" at the SOC National Library on 1 July. It apparently is a Stalin-era photograph of Soviets or Eastern Europeans. Service casualty offices have notified the Next-of-Kin (USAF/USN) and DIA is obtaining copies of the photograph.

**CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS/TESTIMONY:** On Tuesday, DASD Alan C. Ptak briefed interested Republican members of the House of Representatives on events in Russia. He testified before the Subcommittee on Asia/Pacific Affairs, House Foreign Affairs Committee on a wide range of POW-MIA topics on Wednesday.

**RUSSIA:** The Office Director, Ed Ross, returned from the former Soviet Union with Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Joint Commission, Ambassador Malcolm Toon. Although no new information was obtained, the Russians renewed their pledge of cooperation and promised a definitive answer to the live American question in two weeks' time.

**VIETNAM:** The 18th iteration of joint activity that began on 19 June continues in the central provinces of Vietnam. The 5 team, 50-person activities include one short-notice live sighting investigation of an American allegedly living freely near Qui Nhon with a second investigation currently underway.

**LAOS:** Efforts for the next joint investigation have taken a positive turn on the part of the Lao; they suggested the next joint investigative effort begin as early as possible to take advantage of forecast breaks in the monsoon. The Lao have also given permission for the excavation of the gravesite associated with refno 0018, the Debruin case.

**CAMBODIA:** The two-week's duration operation in Cambodia concluded 24 June with no recoveries of remains. The principal excavation effort was directed toward the recovery of journalists Sean Flynn and Dana Stone, but without success. The investigation and recovery effort was supported by USMC helicopters.

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