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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report 26 - 30 Oct 1992

Attached is ISA's Weekly Activity Report for the week ending 30 October 1992.

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## **Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs**

(C) Egypt. Just received a call from Cairo. The MCC, co-chaired by PDASD Ford, went extremely well. The team is now off to Bahrain for the MCC, which begins on Monday, November 2.

(C) Qatar. There are disturbing reports from our embassy in Doha that Qatar has sent envoys to both Baghdad and Tehran over the past week at the direction of the Crown Prince. The Qatari ambassador to Iraq is reported to have delivered an oral message to Saddam Hussein on October 27, and our ambassador believes that the decision may have already been made by the Qataris to re-open their Baghdad embassy. Strains between Qatar and Saudi Arabia over the border dispute continue, with the Qataris insisting on international mediation of the disagreement rather than direct negotiations with the Saudis, in spite of our encouragement of the latter.

(U) Kuwait. NESA will brief Mike Van Dusen of HFAC and several other staffers on Friday, October 30, on the findings of the US-Kuwait Defense Review. We intend to emphasize that the review covered the entire range of issues in improving the Kuwaiti armed forces, but expect the staffers will want to talk primarily about prospective arms sales.

(C) Iraq. The UNSCOM 45 ballistic missile inspection team completed its inspection without significant incidents, though inspectors were once again plagued by low level harassment. No significant findings have yet been reported. In the north, the combined Turkish-Iraqi Kurd offensive against the PKK has proceeded slower than anticipated, and there are indications that the operation may continue for one or two more weeks. The Iraqi National Congress (INC) convened its general assembly meeting on October 27th in Salahadin with about 200 members in attendance. Numerous opposition members have shown a reluctance to support the Kurds' proposals for a "federal" system; but news reports indicate that the Kurds are nevertheless keeping the proposal on the agenda. Six groups boycotted the meeting ostensibly to protest what they see as underlying INC motives to partition the country. PKK intimidation of Turkish Kurd truck drivers has maintained the virtual stoppage of truck traffic from Turkey into northern Iraq for the past three weeks, seriously adding to the problem of depleting stockpiles of essential humanitarian goods in the north. EUCOM picked up responsibility for DoD's \$43 million appropriation for additional relief efforts in northern Iraq and will be coordinating their efforts with ongoing UN-sponsored relief over the next few months. Money from the seizure of frozen

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Iraqi assets is not expected to be available until at least mid-November, while the UN sets up the requisite escrow account and seeks more donor contributions. State has directed USUN to ensure that Baghdad's cooperation under the new MOU be tested within a week by UN agencies through attempts at fuel purchases, visas, communications equipment, etc.

**India.** NESa attended a State-chaired meeting on October 29th to plan for the upcoming US-Indian bilateral regional security talks (November 12-13). We were chagrined to learn that State has fallen off actively pursuing the Five-Power Conference. The draft agenda for the November meeting is broad, open-ended, and does not seek to push the Indians toward regional talks. Working through State and the NSC staff, we are going to try to put this back on track.

**Diego Garcia.** US-UK pol-mil talks on Diego Garcia took place at State on October 29. There were no seriously contentious issues on either side. The Commissioner of the British Indian Ocean Territory reported that tensions between the UK and Mauritius about sovereignty over the islands has died down. The GOM has decided not to pursue the issue at the UN, will address it bilaterally, and now seems content to accept continued British rule until at least the end of the current US-UK agreement (i.e., 2036).

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**DASD (POW/MIA AFFAIRS)  
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
OCTOBER 26-30, 1992**

**JTF-FA Requests a Political/Cultural Advisor:** The JTF-FA has requested the Departments of State and Defense be queried as to their willingness to provide a political and/or cultural advisor to serve on the staff of the JTF-FA Commander. This person would make frequent observation visits to Hanoi and would advise General Needham on political, diplomatic, and cultural issues which must be considered in conducting field activities and archival research in Vietnam.

**Daily update Memo on Schweitzer:** POW/MIA Affairs will provide daily update reports to USD/P, per his request, concerning developments in the activities of Ted Schweitzer. USCINCPAC/JTF-FA is committed to working out pay and command and control arrangements. MG Needham is meeting with Mr. Schweitzer in theater to discuss operational issues.

**Lao Helicopter Planning Meeting:** On Thursday November 5, DSAA will host an AO level meeting to discuss the plan for providing the Lao with Army helicopters in accordance with the recently passed legislation. We are working with the Joint Staff to inform JTF-FA of this meeting and are planning to invite JTF-FA to send a representative if they desire.

**Human Dental Bridge Found During Excavation in Laos:** While excavating the crashsite associated with refno 1053 during ongoing operations in Laos, the JTF-FA team recovered a dental bridge and a separate tooth and wrist bone which may lead to an identification. The team is optimistic that more remains will be found as the excavation continues.

**Korean War Remains MOU:** The DPRK received US concerns on October 28 about the status of negotiations on the MOU at Panmunjom. Their response, expected soon, will guide our instructions to UNCMAC on proposing a CILHI orientation visit for KPA representatives. The Joint Staff JS(APAC) office is staffing our draft instructions to UNCMAC through the CJCS.

**Joint Commission:** Members of the Joint Commission met with Ambassador Toon yesterday at State Department. We discussed the upcoming testimony before the Senate Select Committee, the goals for the trip to Russia in December and the report by the Commission due to the President.

**CSIS Presentation:** Yesterday morning, DASD Ptak gave a brief presentation on the current status of the issue to an assembled group of Southeast Asia specialists at the Center for Strategic International Studies. Bob Sheetz from DIA's POW/MIA Office accompanied and gave a brief analytical overview of the recent photos. The audience was very receptive and friendly. Issues of concern were what the next steps would be in terms of normalization and Vietnam's cries for reciprocity. Pat Ravalgi from Congressman Solarz' HFAC staff gave a brief tribute to the administration's efforts. In short, she praised our policy of firmness and patience as the key catalyst to achieving the breakthrough we are currently experiencing. The audience was in agreement with her remarks.



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**AFRICA WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT**  
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(U) **CRISIS IN ANGOLA WORSENS.** Yesterday, UNITA forces began a concerted attempt to seize control of Huambo city and provincial areas in Huambo, Benguela, Bie, and Moxico. UNITA forces increased their level of intimidation, including firing on MPLA provincial officials in an attempt to force them to flee. As of today, the MPLA is barely in control of Huambo City, but UNITA is claiming to be "the government" in the four provinces. Fighting in Huambo City ended late last night, but began again this morning. Early this morning, UNITA forces attacked the Luanda Airport in the first open assault on a national level target since the elections. Although the attack, believed to have been aimed at the fuel storage tanks or the ammo dump, was repulsed, 11 casualties, including 3 Portuguese civilians, were reported. The airport is open, but international and local flights are running a slower schedule. UNITA and MPLA are having a bilateral meeting this morning, and the CCM is meeting this afternoon, so it is still possible to diffuse this, but, in USLO's opinion, this is the most serious stage of the crisis since the election.

(U) **VISIT OF MGEN VARRET.** MGen Jean Varret, Chief of the Military Mission of the French Ministry of Cooperation, visited on October 28 and 30 to discuss US/French military activities in various African countries. After a short meeting in Mr. Woods' office, Gen Varret received briefings from DIA and SOLIC. DIA briefings covered DIA organization, the Defense Attache organization, and selected country updates. At SOLIC, Gen Varret met with Mr. Coll, and received briefings on SOLIC operations and organization and the Policy for Environment Short of War. At an ISA/DSAA roundtable hosted by Mr. Kern, MGen Varret described the current French Military Cooperation organization and initiatives (the same briefing he presented at a State roundtable hosted by Jeff Davidow on Tuesday). Gen Varret also received a briefing by the National Guard Bureau, covering the National Guard's background as a citizen-soldier force, its integration into the regular forces during times of crisis, and a brief overview of an NG training mission in Senegal. On October 30, briefers from the US Army Special Forces Command and the 3rd Special Forces Group gave an overview of Special Operations and Special Forces roles in training and security assistance in African countries. MGen Varret and BGen Faupin then visited with DASD Dupart to discuss Haiti and with DASD Wolhuis to discuss Humanitarian Assistance and Peacekeeping Operations. MGen Varret's visit concluded with a luncheon hosted by Mr. Woods, attended by MGen Varret, BGen Faupin, Mr. Woods, Mr. Rudd of DSAA, and ASD Locher.

(S) **LIBERIA.** ECOMOG is beginning to make some progress against the NPFL but is far from Nigeria's goal of crushing Charles Taylor's forces. Nigerian and Guinean reinforcements are arriving, while Senegal is threatening to withdraw its forces if

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its allies don't take on a greater combat load. We are working with the Joint Staff and DSAA to be ready to either withdraw the Senegalese or resupply them if President Diouf decides to leave his forces in place. State is demarching Diouf (in his capacity as head of the OAU) and Benin's Soglo (in his capacity as head of ECOWAS) to ask the UN to send a Special Representative to Liberia to try to negotiate a cease fire. Three mortar rounds fell near the US embassy compound but the Ambassador does not want to draw down further or close the embassy. State is looking at drawing down from twenty two to a dozen or so.

(U) SOMALIA. Vince Kern attended a day-long conference in New York City on "What Needs To Be Done To Stabilize Somalia: Looking Beyond Relief" sponsored by the African American Institute. Attendees were mainly officials from the US, UN and PVOs/NGOs as well as Somali expatriates. The conference's themes were Relief Requirements, Economic Revitalization, Disarmament and Peacekeeping, Political Resolution, Sovereignty and Operational Considerations. A lot of information was exchanged but there were no new ideas. The Somalis stressed the need to get Somalis involved in all of the international community's actions; however, none of them seemed overly eager to trade the comforts of West 46th Street for the hardships of Mogadishu.

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## Foreign Military Rights Affairs

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(C) ~~(S)~~ Singapore Technical Talks. FMRA-lead OSD-State delegation will depart this weekend for talks set for 4-5 November. The scope of application of the SOFA contained in the 1990 Access MOU is the most significant policy agenda item.

(C) ~~(S)~~ Brunei Defense Cooperation Talks. In response to a desire by the Government of Brunei to engage in preliminary concept discussions before 14 November, State has proposed 6-7 November for talks. Brunei has not replied to these dates because a key decision-maker is out of the country until this weekend.. The FMRA-OGC-State team travelling to Singapore is prepared for these discussions, and can alter its travel plans on short notice should Brunei be willing to proceed with the talks.

(C) ~~(S)~~ US-UK Diego Garcia Sub-Group Talks. FMRA participated in these talks held in Washington on 29 October. Among the agenda topics were a review of the political background (especially a Mauritius sovereignty claim initiative and the UK response), consultation on future US plans on island, law and order matters, award of a new base maintenance contract, management of third country nationals, and environmental planning. There were no contentious issues with the U.K.

(U) Marshall Islands Taxation. The Republic of the Marshall Islands has sent a diplomatic note requesting US assistance in enforcing RMI tax laws against US contractors and contractor personnel on Kwajalein Atoll. In concert with State, OGC and the Army Strategic Defense Command, we are examining the options. Readily available information can be provided, but tax collection is clearly a Marshallese responsibility.

(U) Germany: Real Estate Taxes. In the German SA review, a standoff has developed over taxation of real property which the FRG had to obtain from its Laender. Under the SA itself, the US agreed to reimburse the FRG, but ten years ago Congress prohibited payment of the tax. The U.S. desires an exemption from the tax through an exchange of notes; but the FRG is insisting on a reply note that would not agree to an exemption. A complicating issue is that other sending states pay the tax.

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## EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

### NEW ZEALAND

(U) On 27 October the UN General Assembly elected five new members to the Security Council. Among them was New Zealand. New Zealand was elected, along with Spain, to fill the two Western European and Other Group (WEOG) seats, with New Zealand receiving the nod on the third round (117 to 55 over Sweden). This culminated a long campaign by the New Zealanders in which their recent increased involvement in UN peacekeeping and multinational efforts in the Middle East, Yugoslavia, and Cambodia played a pivotal role.

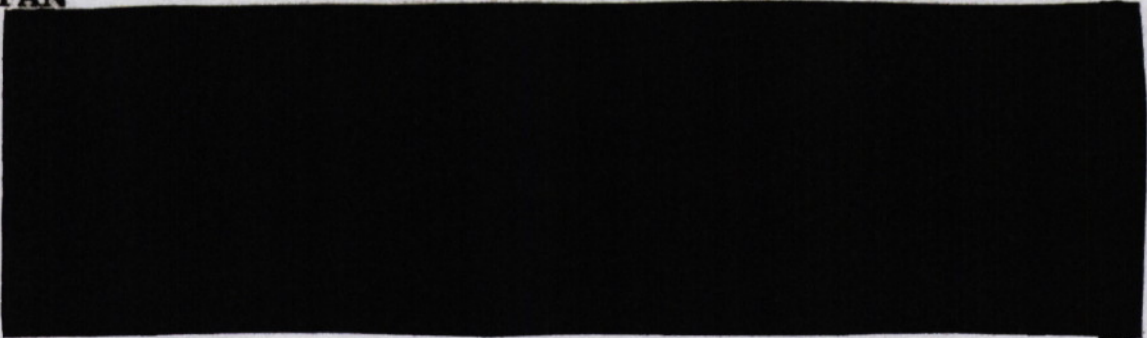
### TAIWAN

(U) An OSD-USAF team completed its site survey in Taiwan in preparation for the signing of an LOA for 150 F-16A/B aircraft. There were no major problems encountered by the team. Information gleaned from the visit will be coordinated with State Department and used to provide final project numbers, enabling the LOA to be forwarded for Taiwan's approval as soon as possible.

### CHINA

(e) Chinese ground technicians denied USAF observers access to the Swedish Freja satellite during preparations for last week's successful launch at the Xichuan Space Center. The obstructions continued for 10 days prior to the launch, when the Chinese were engaged in extensive activities around the satellite. This activity constitutes a flagrant violation of the U.S.-China agreement governing their launches of satellites--like the Freja--that incorporate controlled U.S. technology. State Department is coordinating with DTSA and OSD/ISA to draft strong protests that will be delivered to Beijing and Stockholm next week.

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## EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

~~(S/NF)~~ Letters on AWACS arrived from the Japanese Defense Minister and the Director General of JDA's Defense Policy Bureau. Although the letters are unusually blunt, subsequent informal conversations confirmed that there was no intent to end negotiations, and that JDA hoped for relatively modest price concessions in the AWACS program. We have worked out a viable response, with tentative NSC, State, DSAA, and USAF concurrence. SecDef's reply and a proposed negotiating strategy are being prepared for coordination, pending technical answers from USAF.

### THAILAND

(U) On 29 October U/S Kanter, as Acting Secretary, certified that a democratically elected government took office in Thailand on 1 October 1992, and signed the determination resuming security and economic assistance to Thailand under the authority of Foreign Operations Appropriation Act (Section 513). Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Steven K. Berry, will sign the two required letters to the Chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations, Senate and House, reporting this determination.

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## NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY

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### PROLIFERATION CONTROL INITIATIVES

(S) Proliferation-Related Export Control Assistance. NPP is working with State to plan spending \$4 million of Nunn-Lugar (N-L) funds identified for Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine with initial trip planned for 15 Nov. State/BB, in what may be a violation of N-L intent, is trying to use more N-L funds to implement CoCom-compatible systems in the FSU and Eastern Europe. Deps Committee will meet 6 Nov to decide if additional SSD monies should be added for these initiatives.

(S) Global Cut-off of Nuclear Materials Production. NPP's skepticism toward an Australian proposal presented to Deputy/NPP and ASD/ISP have led to a "clarification" of the Aussie position, i.e., their ideas are only "preliminary", they are not promoting a proposal, and they will take no action on it at the UNGA this year.

### MISSILE AND SATELLITE PROLIFERATION ISSUES

(S) MTCR Announcement. NPP's suggestion of 10 Nov was accepted as the date on which the U.S. and MTCR partners will announce revised MTCR guidelines. The change creates a strong presumption of denial for exports of any missiles -- regardless of range or payload -- if they are intended to deliver mass destruction weapons.

(S) Indonesia's "Space Launch Vehicle" Program. NPP/EAP's concerns about this issue were brought up by USDP with their Minister of Science and Technology. NPP will work with State/PM on setting up more detailed discussions with the head of the Indonesian space agency.

(S) S. Africa Missile Trip. State met with Intelligence, Commerce, Defense, and agreed to tell the Government of S. Africa that the USG would be willing to travel to Cape Town the first week of December to discuss the economics and safeguardability of their "civil" program. NPP was asked to go on the trip given its RAND research on this issue.

### PROLIFERATION INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

State/INR was the only holdout, arguing that such a tasking might "distort" priorities.

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## INTER-AMERICAN REGION

**BRAZIL** (C) The Brazilian Senate began hearing testimony on 27 OCT in the trial of suspended President Collor. There is general agreement in the Senate and the new Franco Government on a target date of the end of January for completion of the trial. Chances remain remote that Collor will be able to gain the necessary one-third of the senators' votes to save him from conviction and dismissal from office.

**EL SALVADOR** (C) As the 31 OCT deadline for full FMLN demobilization approached, it was clear to all players that it could not be met. On 23 OCT the UN proposed a "readjustment" of the deadline to 15 DEC. The FMLN immediately accepted since it sanctioned its continuous violations of the Accords. President Cristiani accepted reluctantly and conditionally. Among other things, Cristiani placed a hold on further ESAF demobilizations. Key UN officials travelled to El Salvador on 28 OCT to sort out the details. Despite the tension, encouraged by extremists, the peace is holding and the participants are communicating with one another. Once again, peace is delayed but not derailed. The FMLN has also reportedly turned in 10 SA-14 missiles to the UN. This is a major positive development.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMINING** (U) The Inter-American Defense Board's (IADB) plan for mine clearance in Nicaragua and other parts of Central America continues to be hampered by funding problems. The program has been scaled down in hopes that the operation can begin, albeit on a smaller scale, in the face of shortfalls in the funds collected by the Organization of American States (OAS) for the project, and limitations on DoD's ability to provide the needed materials at no cost from excess stocks. ISA/IA is continuing to work with State and others to find ways to implement the program, including demining training to be provided to IADB personnel. Due to the length of time needed to gear up for the training, IA is recommending that money already in the OAS demining fund be used for this purpose, enabling DoD to embark on this phase of the plan while efforts to raise funds from other sources continue.

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