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Attached is ISA's Weekly Activity Report for the week ending 12 June 1992.

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AFRICA WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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(C) **MOZAMBIQUE PEACE TALKS.** LTC Tony Marley remains in Rome, meeting with the Italian mediators, the parties (the FRELIMO government and the RENAMO rebels), and the other observer delegations (UK, France and Portugal). The Portuguese, who would like to wrest the mediator mantle away from the Italians, have been obstructionist. At today's session, the Italians distributed a draft cease fire agreement -- more polished and detailed than the draft that Tony and State's Charlie Snyder worked on last week. The Italians found the DIA-provided OB very useful. Ever feckless, RENAMO tabled three preconditions to commencement of formal military negotiations; the potential show stopper is resolution of constitutional questions, which we wish to be negotiated in tandem with the military talks. This violates the agreement between RENAMO leader Dhaklana and Assistant Secretary Cohen, announced in a joint press conference. State is putting a full-court press on Dhaklana. Our team and the Brits are preparing to depart if this is not resolved by Tuesday.

(C) **SOUTH AFRICA.** Ambassador Schwarz paid a call on ASD Lilley. They discussed remaining restrictions on military-to-military cooperation, the possibility of future U.S. military training, the recent U.S. exercise in neighboring Botswana that caught the SAG by surprise, and the MTCR issue. The South African Government appears determined to play hard ball on their space launch capability.

(C) **SENEGAL/LIBERIA.** Tensions have increased between ECOMOG and NPFL troops, as a result of a fire-fight 28-29 May. Three Senegalese troops were wounded in the clash; six were taken prisoner and later executed. The Senegalese requested use of the U.S. C-12 twice, once to evacuate the wounded and a second time to facilitate transport of a high-level military delegation to Monrovia to evacuate the dead. While the C-12 was not available to fly the wounded in time to meet the Senegalese needs, it did conduct the later liaison flight. In a personal message to Senegalese Chief of Staff Seck, DASD Woods emphasized that the C-12 would only be made available to the Senegalese in extraordinary circumstances, and they should consult with their ECOMOG counter-parts on medevac contingency plans. On 11 June, NPFL leader Charles Taylor phoned DASD Woods to complain about Senegalese accusations that the NPFL had tortured and executed the Senegalese soldiers. Taylor was indignant, claiming that the NPFL would never engage in such behavior; he threatened confrontations if the Senegalese continued to "hype" the incident.

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EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION

KOREA

~~(S)~~ IAEA Director Hans Blix made a preliminary report on just-concluded inspection which confirms that North Korea does indeed have a reprocessing plant whose construction was stopped. The key question is how much spent fuel North Korea took out of its reactors and how much plutonium has been reprocessed. We await fuller report to IAEA Board of Governors on June 15, but final analysis may not be available for several months.

TAIWAN

~~(S)~~ Taiwan Vice Chief of General Staff VADM Ku arrived in Washington on Tuesday for annual arms sales talks which will take place on June 16.

JAPAN

~~(S, NF)~~ Representatives from Japanese anti-nuclear groups, the Washington-based Nuclear Control Institute, and Greenpeace visited Director, EAPR 11 June. They came to express their opposition to Japan's plutonium program and to seek information about the status of DoD's evaluation of the Japanese plutonium transportation plan. EAPR objective here was to give these groups a hearing. Due to the classification of the security plan, we could not give the group much of the information they sought. We referred them to State (the lead agency for implementing the US-Japan Nuclear Cooperation Agreement) for more details.

THAILAND/INDOCHINA

(U) THAILAND: Mr. Anand Panyarachun was appointed PM on 10 June 1992, after the House Speaker sought the King's intervention to head off the nomination of Sombun Rahong of the Samakhai Thai Party—an appointment that would have guaranteed further anti-government actions by the opposition. Anand was appointed PM by Suchinda following the February 1991 coup, and rapidly demonstrated his ability to get significant legislation through the system, walk a line independent from the military, appoint the best technicians in the system to significant cabinet positions, and retain a good, strong relationship with the US. He is quite capable of restoring stability, repairing Thailand's good name in the region, rebuilding the faith of foreign investors, and paving the way to a clean election.

~~(S)~~ CAMBODIA: The Australians have pressed the USG to use its good offices, and the relationship with the Thai military to convince Bangkok that it needs to use its leverage to bring the KR around. The French have suggested that the

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Dutch contingent attached to the UNTAC, which the Khmer Rouge (KR) would not allow into Cambodia via the land route, be utilized to shut down the Thai-Cambodian border and thereby compromise the KR's money making capability. The UN is urging actions that amount to sanctions against Thailand for allowing the border trade involving the KR to continue. The Thai say that they cannot shut down the border trade, they do not have the kind of influence they are presumed to have over the KR, and they do not believe that sanctions will have as much impact on the KR as actually trying to assuage some of their fears regarding the Vietnam troop presence question. If we side with the forces that suggest the key to the KR is pressuring the Thai, we will give Bangkok more reason to suspect our motives, doubt our friendship, and question what remains of the US-Thai security relationship. We should follow Lambertson's suggestion that we encourage the UN to take some steps that would address some of the KR's concerns, particularly concerning the verification of the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces, and think through some safeguards to the possibility that the SOC would get the lion's share of foreign assistance.

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Foreign Military Rights Affairs

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(U) German Supplementary Agreement. Review of the proposed amendments to the 1959 German Supplementary Agreement continues. Today, State and DoD lawyers will meet to discuss criminal jurisdiction issues. In addition to the death penalty, several other operational and legal concerns have been identified. ISA views concerning the amendments as a whole have been prepared, and are now being coordinated.

(U) Australia-North West Cape. Four days of negotiations with a visiting Australian team have resulted in an agreement signed today regarding the disposition of US-built housing at the North West Cape Naval Communications station, which is being reduced and transitioned to Australian control. The gross proceeds from housing sales and rentals, less the cost of conversion to 240 volts, will be divided equally between the US, Western Australia and the State of Exmouth. Draft technical arrangements on command and control, cost sharing, property and security for the station were reviewed, but will need further refining by both sides.

(U) Northern Marianas. Together with Interior, Justice and State, FMRA participated in the first meeting this week of a bilateral working group with the Northern Marianas on the interpretation of the Covenant which established that Commonwealth in 1976. Convened at its initiative, the working group will address the key questions of sovereignty and self-government, which have become increasingly difficult in recent years.

(S) Defense Agreement With the UAE. CINCCENT reported from his recent trip to the Persian Gulf that the UAE has flexibility in all remaining issues in the proposed defense agreement, except for the matter of criminal jurisdiction. The UAE stated that they could not relinquish jurisdiction in a case involving murder of one of their citizens. FMRA has drafted a compromise proposal for State to use in an attempt to break the logjam.

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UN PEACEKEEPING ISSUES

Yugoslavia. (S) As a result of a Deputies Committee meeting, DoD is considering a unilateral and large scale humanitarian airlift operation in cooperation with the UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia. This would require a more stable ceasefire, pull back of hostile forces, and involvement of UN peacekeeping troops.

Cambodia. (U) We are deploying the additional 44 U.S. military observers that we have agreed to provide to the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia. In the meantime, Khmer Rouge obstinacy threatens to delay implementation of the UN peace plan.

Fiscal. (U) We have received OMB's final version of the funding options paper minus the comments DoD proposed related to reimbursing Defense for support provided to the UN. We understand that OMB is planning a Cheney-Baker-Scowcroft meeting in the next few days to discuss how UN peacekeeping operations should be funded.

HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

OPERATION PROVIDE HOPE II (U)

AIRLIFTS. Since 26 February, 55 airlift sorties have been flown to the CIS. Most of these flights have originated in the US and have carried privately donated materials and high value cargoes of medicines and food. Some of these flights carrying DOD excess medicines have originated in Europe. At this time we know of at least an additional 15 flights in the planning stages through Sept. 1992. Thus far 2 Russian Antonov 124 aircraft have made pickups in the US.

SURFACE MOVEMENT. Of the 22,000 tons of DOD excess food and medical supplies, approximately 15,000 tons have been packed or shipped to destinations in the CIS. Additionally, 58 sea containers of DOD excess medical supplies are being shipped from California to Vladivostok and Khabarovsk in the Far East, and portions of a 1,000 bed hospital are being shipped from Burtonwood England to Tbilisi, Georgia.

OTHER HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFTS (U)

In the past two months Global Affairs has conducted 17 humanitarian airlift missions to 11 countries in the SOUTHCOM, EUROM and CENTCOM areas. Countries served have been: El Salvador, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, Argentina, Turkey, Bosnia, Croatia, and Pakistan (Afghan program). Missions flown to Paraguay, Argentina, and Bosnia were funded by the USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. The other missions were funded by the DOD Excess Property Account.

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INTER-AMERICAN REGION

ARGENTINA ~~407~~ At the direction of the President, the Interagency met with a delegation from the British Royal Air Force to discuss their concerns about the potential sale of A-4 aircraft with AN-APQ-159(V)7 fire control radar to Argentina. The British consider this a significant enhancement to Argentina's capabilities which would require an upgrade to their air defense capabilities on the Falklands -- a politically and financially undesirable action. The Interagency assesses the impact of this radar on British capabilities as negligible.

(U) Deputy MOD Juan Ferreira Pinho visited Washington 9-12 June under a USIA International Visitors Program. Meetings with DepSecDef and several technical DOD officials were very productive. The Deputy MOD carried a strong message that Argentina's democratic transition was irreversible and civil-military relations are excellent.

NICARAGUA ~~407~~ The rumored nomination of LTC Ricardo Wheelock as Nicaragua's Defense Attache to the U.S. appears to be quashed. Wheelock's Sandinista background and history of anti-U.S. activities (including several years in conduct of sabotage operations and support of foreign insurgent movements) would have made his posting here highly objectionable and sent the wrong signal concerning our military-to-military relationship. State transmitted instructions to AmEmb Managua to demarche the GON on this subject and the Embassy reports that the nomination appears dead.

PANAMA ~~407~~ IA is negotiating the language for a new NSD for Panama and agreement has been reached in the Interagency on most of the language. However, we are at an impasse with State on two issues: U.S. Military/Government of Panama Relations, and Acceleration of The Panama Canal Treaty Implementation Plan. Recent violent events in Panama have reinforced the established DoD position that there is a critical need for enhanced liaison between U.S. military and Panamanian Public Forces. We have consistently opposed all proposed State language to date, because it would not permit U.S. Forces the access necessary to adequately protect U.S. interests. Regarding the acceleration of DoD property, State contends that DoD should identify any significant facility which could revert earlier than presently scheduled in the Panama Canal Treaty Implementation Plan, and in time to influence local debate in the 1994 Panamanian presidential elections. We have maintained that the present pace of reversions has already maximized the Government of Panama's capability to absorb U.S. properties, and that the State objective to influence the 1994 debate can be accomplished by simply publicizing near-term reversions at timely points in the election process.

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Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs

~~(S)~~ Tunisia. Mr. Ford and Tunisian Minister of Defense Ben Dhia successfully concluded the eleventh US-Tunisian JMC, held at the Pentagon on June 4-5. We announced an offer of an acoustic research vessel to the Tunisians which could be used for training purposes. All sub-committees had positive news to report, including agreement to annual Combined Exercise Conferences; expansion of exercises and joint/combined training areas; reestablishment of certain military medical programs, and the promise to initiate new ones, as resources allow; continued mapping exchanges between DMA and the Tunisian cartography agency; and information exchanges, and possible training, on drug interdiction and surveillance by DEA and the USCG. Minister Ben Dhia called the results of the JMC "excellent" when he met with A/S Djerejian after the conclusion of the meetings.

~~(S)~~ Morocco. Morocco has told MUSLO it is unable to meet the accelerated payment schedule for delivery of 20 Pratt-Whitney engines this fiscal year (the Moroccans are having difficulty getting the money from the Saudis), though it appears the initial payment schedule's \$15M deposit on June 15 will be made. It is unclear what effect this will have on the overall costs of the F-16s; USAF is researching the question.

~~(S)~~ Libya. On June 10, Libya's official news service released an editorial criticizing the lack of Arab support for Qadhafi in the face of sanctions. During his stay in Washington, Tunisia's Minister of Defense Ben Dhia speculated that Qadhafi was unlikely to hand over the suspects because of domestic opposition and fear that the suspects would implicate other Libyan officials.

~~(S)~~ Israel. DOJ officials briefed PDASD Ford on June 9 on the status of the Dotan investigation. NESA and DSAA are reviewing Policy's courses of action in response to Congressman Dingell's call for hearings on the matter to be conducted later this month.

~~(S)~~ UNSCOM. Ekeus has agreed to a plan by his staff to use German CH-53 helos to conduct recce flights over known/suspected WMD sites in Iraq. The UN has not informed Iraq of the helo plan. Baghdad may balk and, if it does, the UN may ask the US for escort. NESA has given JCS a "heads up." The UK has asked Ekeus to delay the recce operation until Iraq agrees to extend the UN MOU, which expires June 30. The UK is concerned, as are

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we, that if announced prematurely, the recce operation could torpedo ongoing negotiations with Iraq for extending the MOU.


(S) Saudi Arabia. As an outcome of the briefings to the NSC staff and other agencies on the serious depletion of the Kingdom's FMS Trust Fund account, we are preparing a SecDef letter to Prince Sultan endorsing the near-term solution suggested by Ambassador Bandar in his June 9th meeting with the Secretary.

(S) Qatar. Plans for the signing of the US-Qatar Defense Cooperation Agreement are still being discussed. A/S Clarke will not be available to travel to Qatar and sign the agreement later this month. State and DoD are considering alternative possibilities.

(S) Oman. Both the outgoing and incoming US ambassadors to Oman will be visiting PDASD Ford to discuss lessons learned and ways to improve our defense-related policy in Oman and the Gulf region in general.

(S) Kuwait. Various members of the GOK have apologized for the statements of the speaker of the National Council who criticized Skip Gnehm's role in promoting democracy by associating with Kuwaitis at "diwaniyyas" and minimized the importance of the US role in liberating Kuwait. Gnehm will continue to attend "diwaniyyas" to which he has been invited.

(U) India. Tezzie Schaffer will lead the US delegation at the bilateral nuclear talks in New Delhi June 18-19. Rep. Charlie Wilson introduced an amendment to the FY93 Foreign Ops Bill that would link aid to Indian restraint on development of nuclear weapons and cooperation on non-proliferation. AMB Pickering has requested to meet SecDef in July on his final round of consultations. He plans to leave for New Delhi on August 1.

(S) Pakistan. Chief of Pakistan's Air Force will visit the US in July, the guest of General McPeak. 

(S) Afghanistan. The visit of the US delegation to Kabul has been delayed due to the deteriorating security situation.

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PROLIFERATION INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

(S) Iran and President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). PFIAB is assessing US intelligence requirements relative to Iran. PFIAB took NPP recommendations that more analysis is needed on Iranian intentions, how they may be using ostensibly civilian technologies for military ends, and what training bottle necks they may have.

(U) Defense Policy Board (DPB). Deputy NPP briefed DPB on non-proliferation trends, i.e., away from a focus on export controls towards an increasing preoccupation with sanctions and military threat assessment. NPP helped line up three other briefers for the DPB on this issue.

(U) RAND Proliferation Briefs. RAND analyst presented NPP-sponsored research to PDUSD(S&R), ASD/ISA, NSC, EAP, and IA. Topics are Third World space launch vehicle economics/safeguards and the economics of alternative proposals concerning Russian separated plutonium and highly enriched uranium. Follow-on briefings are planned.

MISSILE AND SATELLITE PROLIFERATION ISSUES

(S) U.S. Support for New Foreign Space Launch Programs? State agreed to consider NPP's request for a policy concerning U.S. assistance to MTCR member space launch programs (outside of those the U.S. has already supported, i.e., Japan and ESA's programs). State will develop an options paper for consideration at the next Nonproliferation PCC.

PROLIFERATION CONTROL ISSUES

(U) Japanese Plutonium Shipment. US and Japanese groups opposed to shipment and stockpiling of separated plutonium in Japan met with EAP/ISA. These opposition groups made legal arguments that OSD must block the shipments. They were reassured by EAP and NPP that US will require adequate physical security by GOJ.

(U) Australia Group (AG) and CBW. NPP represented both OSD and JCS at the Paris AG meeting and helped in winning consensus for approval of new Chemical & Biological Warfare agent and equipment control lists. This list's formal approval by AG members is expected NLT Sep. 92.

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VIETNAM: Ten possible remains recovered during the 17th iteration of joint activities were repatriated to Honolulu on 2 June. The live sighting investigator completed a 12-day trip with resulting investigations of five incidents. The next iteration of joint activities is scheduled to begin 19 June; this operation will consist of three investigation teams and two recovery teams.

LAOS: The recovery of the OP-2 with nine missing individuals has been terminated because of heavy rains; the site will be preserved and reopened when the weather permits. The team will depart Laos on 15 June. The Lao have denied permission to excavate the grave site associated with [REDACTED] His brother, [REDACTED] met with DASD POW/MIA and DIA staff members on 12 June. Key decisionmakers from Department of State and OSD will meet with Vice Foreign Minister Soubanh Brittirath on 15-16 June in Washington. Lao cooperation and fulfillment of agreements on joint activities will be a key agenda item.

CAMBODIA: Joint activities in the Cambodian provinces of Kampong Cham, Svay Rieng, and Prey Veng commenced on 10 June with a projected duration of two weeks; U.S.M.C. helicopters are supporting operations and cooperation of Cambodian authorities remains excellent.

RUSSIA: The Joint Commissioners met with Colonel General Volkogonov on Friday 12 June. General Volkogonov is in Washington in conjunction with the Presidents' Bush and Yeltsin Summit scheduled for Tuesday 16 June. Acting in its capacity as Executive Agent for the Joint Commission, the U.S. Army is translating and analyzing documents provided during the working group meeting in late May-early June.

CASUALTY OFFICERS' CONFERENCE: DASD POW-MIA Affairs is hosting a two-day working conference of all service casualty officers on 17-18 June. This will also provide a forum for the casualty officers to coordinate details of their testimony before the Senate Select Committee on 24-25 June; details of this hearing were described in last week's Weekly Activity Report.

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