

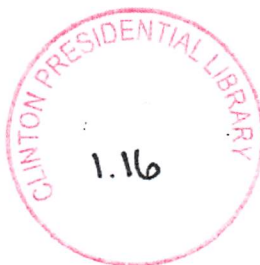
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IMMEDIATE KAMPALA

ROGER CHANNEL
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF DAS SCHNEIDMAN

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SUBJECT: LIBERIA SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS SEIZED ARMS
SHIPMENT IN UGANDA

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY INR/OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR
INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS JOSEPH LEBARON. REASONS 1.5
(B) AND (D).

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3. (U) ON DECEMBER 7, AMBASSADOR DAUDI M. TALIWAKU, DEPUTY PERM REP AND CHARGE FOR THE UGANDA MISSION TO THE UN WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MARTIN ANDJABA:

"I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO INFORM YOU THAT UGANDAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY SEIZED A CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DESTINED FOR MONROVIA IN VIOLATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 788 (1992), WHICH IMPOSED A GENERAL AND COMPLETE ARMS EMBARGO ON ALL DELIVERIES OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LIBERIA. ANALYSIS OF THE FLIGHT CLEARANCES SHOWS THAT UGANDA AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED FOR A FLIGHT FROM ENTEBBE TO CONARKY AND FOR THE EXPORT OF THE ARMS IN QUESTION FOR USE OF THE GUINEAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HOWEVER, THE FLIGHT PLAN FILED WITH UGANDAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SHOWS THE END DESTINATION TO BE MONROVIA.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER, FOR INFORMATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997), THE CHAIRMAN UN EXPERT PANEL ON SIERRA LEONE AND MR. JOHAN PELEMAN, THE ARMS EXPERT ON THE UN PANEL ON SIERRA LEONE."

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BASED IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BUTT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS TRAFFICKING AND UN SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT AFRICA. HE WAS NAMED VERY EXTENSIVELY IN THE RECENT UN EXPERTS PANELS ON ANGOLA AND SIERRA LEONE.

5. ~~(S)~~ THE USG HOPES TO UTILIZE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE THE SEIZED DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORKINGS OF BUTT'S ORGANIZATION. 1.4(c)

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TO PUT BUTT AND COMPANY OUT OF THE SANCTIONS-BUSTING BUSINESS. IN THE

DOCUMENTATION
AND SEIZED
WEAPONRY
ASSOCIATED
WITH
THIS
OPERATION
IN ORDER

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(either bilaterally or multilaterally,
perhaps with the British)
incordination

PAST SIX MONTHS WE HAVE MADE CRACKING DOWN ON BUTT A
MATTER OF HIGH USG PRIORITY.

6. ^{we} (S) I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR
READ ON THE SITUATION REGARDING THE SEIZED ARMS,
HOPEFULLY WITH A RESPONSE BY COB DECEMBER 20.

and requested documentation

-- WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE THIS
MATTER? DO WE WANT TO CONSIDER WORKING THROUGH THE
UGANDANS AT THE UN (I AM PREPARED TO GO UP TO NEW
YORK, SPEAK WITH MR. TALIWAKU AND BRIEF HIM ON OUR
INTEREST IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE) OR IS THIS A MATTER
WHICH YOU AND YOUR EMBASSY BELIEVE YOU CAN BEST
HANDLE AT THE START? WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO RAISING
THIS WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI OR WOULD YOU APPROACHING
OTHER UGANDAN OFFICIALS FIRST?

What info does
embassy have
on this
situation?

suggest

-- GIVEN UGANDA SENSITIVITIES, INTERESTS AND
EQUITIES, WHAT LEVEL OF COOPERATION SHOULD WE EXPECT
FROM THE UGANDANS IN THIS CASE? ARE THERE
INDIVIDUALS OR INTERESTS IN UGANDA ARE LIKELY TO
RESIST FULL COOPERATION WITH US?

-- ARE THERE TIME CONSTRAINTS ON COOPERATION THAT WE
NEED TO BE AWARE OF? TO WHAT DEGREE CAN WE COUNT ON
THE UGANDANS TO HOLD ONTO THESE WEAPONS AND PLACE
THEM AT OUR DISPOSAL WHEN AN EXPERT TEAM ARRIVES?

allow inspection
by an expert
team?

-- ARE THERE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES I NEED TO BE AWARE
OF?

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7. SHOULD YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER I CAN BE
REACHED BY SECURE TELEPHONE AT 1.4(C)

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(PENDING ADDITIONAL
CONSULTATIONS IN
WASHINGTON, WE WOULD
ASK THAT YOU DO
NOT TAKE ANY
ACTION AT THIS
STAGE).

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