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@africa -- unless you have comments to this I will send out. Note that Witney has already arranged small meeting on visas for 1:30 pm Monday at his shop. Also, the British have requested to brief next week. I think it's fine to be in listening mode -- we've set that up for Tuesday at 11, also at state. If you have a problem with those times let me know.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rosa,
 Frederick M. (TNT)
 Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2000 9:05 PM
 To: Wolosky,
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Lee: Looks
 good... One suggestion -- I'd change the second "detailed analysis" to "a preliminary analysis" (rationale: it's quite a daunting task, and I think overreaching here will undercut our credibility)...
 Regards, Fred

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 From: Wolosky, Lee S.

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(TNT)
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2000 9:00 PM
To: @AFRICA
- African Affairs; Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)
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Would be grateful for your comments to the attached (which includes conclusions from svts and today's small meeting).

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT Butt SVTS SOC -- 091300.doc

September 15, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS, ARMS TRAFFICKING
SVTS

FROM: LEE WOLOSKY AND NORA DEMPSEY

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for A/T SVTS -- Wednesday,
September 13,
2000

Participants discussed and agreed as follows:

1. Visas: State will convene, by no later than September 20, a small group meeting to ensure that TIPOFF/LOOKOUT hits for Butt and associates are promptly notified to DOJ/Crim (Bellinger), State/AF (Schneidman) and NSC (Wolosky).
[STATE]

2. Diplomatic: Given the sensitivity of the subject matter and the risks of premature disclosure of the developing USG plan of action, the planning and execution of all diplomatic activities will be coordinated through the Arms Trafficking SVTS Group. [All]

State will prepare, by no later than September 20, a detailed written analysis of whether the activities of the Victor Butt organization (VBO) breach current UN sanction regimes applicable to Angola, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ethiopia/Eritrea.

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The analysis will address possible enforcement actions (including without limitation arrest and asset seizure/forfeiture) available to the above countries as well as to other member states obligated to enforce sanctions. 1.4(c)

1.4(c) DOJ will support preparation of the analysis as necessary. 1.4(c)

State will prepare, by no later than September 27, a detailed written analysis of whether the activities of the VBO violate domestic criminal law provisions of VBO source, host, destination, and transshipment countries. The analysis will include consideration of the following non-exhaustive list of possible criminal offenses: violation of civil aviation regulations, (aircraft) document fraud, visa fraud/immigration law violations, manslaughter, tax evasion, bribery, arms trafficking. Due to the sensitivity of the subject matter, preparation of the analysis will not involve consultation with posts. 1.4(c) DOJ will support preparation of the analysis as necessary. 1.4(c)

To inform diplomatic activities and related planning efforts, 1.4(c) 1.4(c)

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