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FOLLOWING STATE 239663 DATED 20 DECEMBER 2000, SENT ACTION  
KAMPALA BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION  
QUOTE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF DAS SCHNEIDMAN

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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 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND 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 DOCUMENTATION AND SEIZED WEAPONRY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OPERATION IN ORDER 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 PAST SIX MONTHS WE HAVE MADE CRACKING DOWN ON BUTT A MATTER OF HIGH USG PRIORITY. (PENDING ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TREAT THIS INFORMATION AS CLOSE HOLD AND NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS STAGE.)

6. ~~(S)~~ WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR READ ON THE SITUATION REGARDING THE SEIZED ARMS AND

REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION, HOPEFULLY WITH A RESPONSE BY  
COB DECEMBER 20.

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-- WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ON THIS  
SITUATION? WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE  
THIS MATTER? DO WE WANT TO CONSIDER WORKING THROUGH  
THE UGANDANS AT THE UN (EITHER BILATERALLY OR  
MULTILATERALLY, PERHAPS IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
BRITISH) OR IS THIS A MATTER WHICH YOU AND YOUR  
EMBASSY BELIEVE YOU CAN BEST HANDLE AT THE START?  
WOULD YOU SUGGEST RAISING THIS WITH PRESIDENT  
MUSEVENI OR APPROACHING OTHER UGANDAN OFFICIALS  
FIRST?

-- 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 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 ALLOW  
INSPECTION BY AN EXPERT TEAM?

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

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