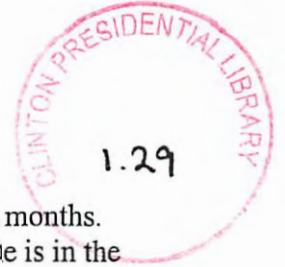


Summary of Recent BUTT activity



This summary includes the major known activities of Victor Butt over the past several months. While most of Butt's activities deal with small arms it has recently come to light that he is in the market for larger armaments and systems.

- ★ Butt delivered 2 Mi-8T military helicopters and associated rockets to Liberian President Taylor. (The shipment of the helicopters included 57mm air to surface rockets). (July 2000)
- Butt associates deal with Bulgarian Peter Mirchev, Managing Director of the Bulgarian consortium KAS Engineering. This included deals to sell Mirchev 2 Mi-8 helicopters, an Mi-8T and a Mi-8MT. (July-August 2000).
- DROC Rebel Group receives shipment of military supplies. Supplies arrived to President Jean-Pierre Bemba (Congolese Liberation Movement). Cargo included unidentified anti aircraft equipment and mine shooting equipment. (August 2000)
- ★ July 2000 Butt and his associates arranged a shipment of air defense equipment, bombs and ammunition to Monrovia. SL rebels are the ultimate recipient of some of these weapons. (July 2000) SAMS
- Butt was considering the purchase of a wide variety of aircraft, weapons systems and munitions. This represents a broadening of his interests to include the acquisition and proliferation of larger weapons such as multiple rocket launcher systems. It is believed significant that Butt apparently has the necessary connections to have weapons systems, namely the MRLS built to his or his customer's specifications. While specific destinations for the equipment is unknown, it is undoubtedly destined for African countries.
 - It is believed that the MRLS would be a BM-21 122mm GRAD MRLS with the option for mounting it on a Czech Tatra chassis (8 wheeled very large chassis). (July 2000).
 - Butt and associated have referred to the MRLS as a small NEPOGODA (bad weather). Weapons systems which have names referring to bad weather include SMERCH, URAGAN and GRAD (tornado, hurricane and hail respectively). There are all multiple rocket launcher equipped systems: the 300mm SMERCH MRLS, the BM-22 220mm URAGAN MRLS and the BM-21 122mm GRAD MRLS. Since it was described as small, it is assumed to be the BM-21 GRAD MRLS.
- Butt is also interested in SAMs, air to ground rockets, anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM) and mines.
- ★ It is probably that Butt delivered up to 160 tons of ammunition to Liberia. Ruprah and Butt arranged to supply to Liberia ammunition based on a list of requirements provided to Ruprah by possibly President Charles Taylor. This includes rounds of AK-47 ammunition, RPG-7V ammunition, 7.62-54 ammunition. Possibly sent cargo lots of 40 tons (max cargo capacity of Il-76). 4 flights at 40 tons = 60 tons (July 2000)

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- Jean-Pierre Bemba, Chairman of the DROC rebel group the Congolese Liberation Movement (MLC) agreed on March 15, 2000 to lease 3 transport aircraft and one helicopter from Butt. A Yakovlev 40, a LET 410, an Antonov-28 and an Mi-8 PS for several months.
- Butt was expected to have approval from the Ukrainian Presidential Policy Committee on Military-Technical Cooperation and Export Control regarding a contract with the Ukrainian State Arms Export Company, Ukrspetsexport. The contract was for unspecified goods to be purchased from Ukrspetsexport which were apparently destined for Rwanda. Able to circumvent UN resolution. (September 2000)
- Butt made first contact with an official Russian state arms export company (Federal State Unitary Enterprise "Promexport.") (July 2000)
- UAE based Transavia Travel Agency – a company owned by Butt is facilitating operations of a Libyan-registered aircraft in Tripoli. Many of the flights are associated with VIP travel. This is also the way the hostages were transported from the Philippines to Libya. (Summer 2000)
- Butt has a company in Moscow.
- Payment info: Ruprah seeking to transfer funds from a NY banking company to the account of San Air Gneral Trading in Sharjah. Request for USD 400,000 to be transferred. A US citizen based in VA was asked to arrange the transfer. (Will get you more info on recent transaction).
- Basic recent diamond info: Butt has received concessions to exploit diamonds in rebel held areas in DROC.

Extra Information also see attached photos etc.

Also – I will summarize the info I just got from the library and send you a finalized version either later today or first thing tomorrow morning.

Mi-8 Helicopters are civilian helicopters

Mi-8T is the military version of the Mi-8 model.

The Mi-8T is identical to the Mi-17

It is not possible to officially export an Mi-17 to Liberia.

The only Mi-8 helicopters still being produced are military versions according to Butt associate.

Butt has 4 more identical helicopter models available.

Original helicopter batch was of 6 Mi-8T helicopters.

One was destroyed. One sent to Liberia. 4 more available.

All had between 45-50% service time left before an engine overhaul would be necessary.

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