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NEAR EAST - AFRICA SHEET (FOR [REDACTED])

ALGERIA - DRC - CUBAN // 1969 PRESIDENT ALGERIA

AN EGYPTIAN DIVISION OF 12,000 MEN WERE SENT TO ALGERIA AT THE SAME TIME CUBANS INCREASED THEIR AID TO THE ALGERIANS

A ZENRE FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE KNOWN BY NASIR TO BE [REDACTED] WITH US OFFICIALS. CLAUDE HASSE TOLD ME OF AN ORDER BY [REDACTED] A PREVIOUS ORDER BARRING EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL FROM ALGERIA BECAUSE OF AN APPEAL FROM BEN BELLA FOR WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND A MILITARY COMMAND

SOURCE REPORTED ON 17 OCT THAT NASIR WANTED TO AVOID DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN CONFLICT AND WANTED TO WORK FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

PRIOR TO ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO CREATE A SENSE OF IDENTITY BETWEEN THE CUBANS AND ALGERIANS

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TWO CUBAN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORTS ARE KNOWN TO DEPART FOR ALGERIA ON 21 OCT WITH MORE THAN 200 PASSENGERS AND CREW. PASSENGERS INCLUDED TWO PILOTS, MECHANICS, AND RADAR OPERATORS. THE CUBAN COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF CASTRO, GENERAL GARCIA MEROLANO, VESSELS REPORTEDLY ARRIVED ON 20 OCT AT PORTS ALONG THE COAST WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TANKS.

2. LEBANON-SYRIA-EGYPT: // THE 19 OCT BORDER INCIDENT WHICH FOUR LEBANESE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY A SYRIAN ARMY PATROL APPARENTLY HAS CONVINCED THE LEBANESE GOVT TO HURT CERTAIN EGYPTIAN INTEL ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON. LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WILL THEREFORE TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH EGYPTIAN OPERATIONS INTO SYRIAN AND LEBANESE WATERS. REPORTEDLY PLAN TO ARREST AND KIDNAP AS MANY EGYPTIAN AGENTS AS CAN BE LOCATED AND APPREHENDED.

3. GABON-ALGERIA: THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER SKIRMISHES ALONG THE BORDER AND MEDIATION ATTEMPTS APPAR TO HAVE BEEN MADE.

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REPORT WITH BELIEF HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE
MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE
MOST CERTAINLY WILL DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF THE
MESSAGE AND THE BELIEF TO BEYOND THE BELIEF
ALGERIA IS NOW FACED FROM AN UNUSUAL POSITION
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN STATES
SUGGESTED SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD BE A MESSAGE
AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE APPROVING THE MESSAGE
AND ALGERIA HAVE APPRISED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
TIONS, BUT BOTH ARE UNWILING TO BRING THEIR DISPUTE OUT OF THE CHANNELS
ALGERIANS APPARENTLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN HASSI BIDA AND
TINJOUH THE POSTS HELD SINCE 14 OCT BY MOROCCAN FORCES. ALGERIANS
CLAIM TO HAVE RECAPTURED HASSI BIDA BUT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY IN
VIEW OF MOROCCO'S MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THAT AREA. ALONG THE
REST OF THE FRONTIER, FORCES OF EACH SIDE SEEM NEARLY EQUAL
TO REPRISAL POSITIONS.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' ATTITUDE
TOWARD PEACE EFFORTS. MOROCCO IS STILL UNWILLING TO AGREE TO A CEASE
FIRE PROVIDED IT RETAINS THE DISPUTED FRONTIER POSTS AND ALGERIA

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AGREES TO NEGOTIATE THE FRONTIER BORDER...
...RESOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS WITH THE...
...TO HIT DOWN WITH THE MOROCCANS WITHOUT ANY ALIBI

SEN BELLA'S STATEMENT OF 24 OCT THAT THE ARAB...
...HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT...
...CANS IS PROBABLY FALSE. LIMITED ANTI-GOVERNMENT...
...ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE EARLY...
...REPORT DISAFFECTION IS ALSO EVIDENT...
...CAUSE ARE OF ECONOMIC DISORGANIZATION...

4. COBGO: THE ARREST OF THE THREE TOP LABOR LEADERS...
24 OCT MAY PROVOKE DEMONSTRATIONS AND...
AND FILE.

THE ARRESTS WERE ORDERED BY THE THIRDS...
...HEADED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE...
...INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO HALT THE...
...SERVANTS FOR PAY RAISE AND TEACHERS FOR SALARY...

PRESUMABLY THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THE...
...OF THE LABOR LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN CALLING FOR A NEW...

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ACTING PRES. MACA

NOTE FOLLOWED FORMING UNDER PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF LAST
ASSEMBLY DEPUTY INVOLVED IN MURDER CASE. INFORMATION THAT
MATE ASSEMBLY PRES. APPEARS RELATED OFFICER TO BE...
WAS TO EMBARRASS MACA. ON 28 OCT. AND ONLY...
THE MURDER CASE.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF...
AFTER OFFICE AND...
ONE REPORT INDICATES LABOR DEMONSTRATION PLANNED...
RETURN FROM FOREIGN TOUR DURING ON 25 OCT.

ADDRESS OF...
TOP TARGETS OF ARRESTS PROBABLY MATE, ASSEMBLY PRES. APPEARS ASSEMBLY
VICE PRES. DICKSON AND LABOR LEADER FACLETTE.

MAJORIAN GEMMELLE AND ABNEY BELIEVED CAPABLE FUNDING...
ONREST. SERIOUS DISORDER WOULD CONTROL...
IN DANGER WITH...
THOSE THEY RECENTLY FACED IN CONTACT.

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