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(ONGOING IN SLANTS. REMAINS INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON.)

1. EGYPT-YEMEN: //NABIE HAS REITERATED HIS RELUCTANCE TO MAKE ANY RAPID LARGE-SCALE REDUCTION OF EGYPTIAN TROOP STRENGTH IN YEMEN BUT HE HAS INDICATED SOME WITHDRAWALS MAY BE ORDERED BEFORE END OF YEAR.//

//NABIE SAID ON 27 OCTOBER THAT THE NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL IN YEMEN COULD BE REDUCED TO ABOUT 21,000 BY 1 JANUARY. HE INDICATED THAT EGYPTIAN STRENGTH BY EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD BE ABOUT 23,000. REPORTS INDICATE THAT STRENGTH MAY NOW BE ABOUT 23,000-30,000. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF CHANGE IN CURRENT ROTATION POLICY.//

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WASER BLAIR STATED THAT A KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA WOULD
PRECIPITATE A REVIVAL OF TRIBAL INFLUENCE. HE SAID THAT IF HIS
SUGGESTED REDUCTION WERE CARRIED OUT & THAT SUCH WOULD BE THE
FACE OF VICTORIAL WOULD BE ACCELERATED. HE CLAIMED SOME STAYERS
IN HIS CAMPAIGN TO WIN TRIBAL SUPPORT FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT
NOT HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION SUGGESTS THAT
HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY QUICK SOLUTION //

//HABIB INDICATED ~~ADVANTAGE~~ THAT DELAY IN WITHDRAWING FROM
YEMEN THREATENS HIS RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE ADMITTED THAT A
CUTBACK IN US AID WOULD DISLOCATE SOME OF HIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BUT MAINTAINED THAT HE WAS READY TO FACE DOWN AN EVENTUALITY AND
SAID HE HAD CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVES TO THE AID.///

2. MOROCCO - ALGERIA: ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING OF KING HASSAN AND PRESIDENT ~~LEE~~ ~~DELLA~~ DE BAKAJO BOTH STILL APPEARED INFLEXIBLE AND INTENT ON BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES

EXPLORATIONS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED NORTH OF TINDOUF SUGGEST THAT MOROCCAN FORCES ARE POISED TO SEIZE THAT POTENTIALLY RICH MINING AREA HOWEVER UNLIKELY THAT HASSAN WOULD ORDER HIS TROOPS TO SEIZE TINDOUF WHILE HE IS MEETING WITH BEN BELLA. SHOULD THE BAMAKO

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TALKS PAUL MOROCCANS MIGHT MOVE TO ASSIST THEIR CONTROL OVER THE AREA.

2. DAHOMY: THREAT OF SERIOUS CIVIL DISORDER HAS LESSENED FOLLOWING THE TRADE UNIONISTS' RELUCTANT ACCEPTANCE OF EX-PRESIDENT MAGA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FOUR-PARTY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SOGLO

LABOR LEADERS HAVE SUSPENDED THE GENERAL STRIKE WHICH FORCED MAGA'S RESIGNATION FROM THE PRESIDENCY. DESPITE THEIR UNHAPPINESS AT MAGA'S RETAINING A ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT, THEY APPEAR TO BE ELLIPIED BY SOGLO'S ASSUMPTION OF THE TOP POSITION.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT DEVIATE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PREDOMINANTLY PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION OF MAGA REGIME. SOGLO, A VETERAN OF MANY YEARS SERVICE IN FRENCH ARMY IS REPUTED TO BE A CONSERVATIVE. JUSTIN ANCHADJORE WHO MAY EMERGE AS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THREE CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST HAS SUPPORTED DAHOMY'S TIES WITH FRANCE.

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THE MORE MILITANT LABOR LEADERS MAY SET DEMAND MAGA'S COMPLETE OUSTER. IF DEJECTED A STRONG REACTION CAN PROBABLY BE EXPECTED FROM NORTHERN TRIBESEN WHO SUPPORT MAGA.

THE UPRHEAVAL IN DARHLEY WILL PROBABLY HASTEN DEMISE OF MODERATE, PARIS-ORIENTED AFD-MALAGASY UNION. IT IS LIKELY TO COMPOUND THE CONFUSION AND HESITANCY AMONG UAM MEMBERS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE REVOLUTION IN CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) LAST AUGUST. IT MAY ALSO STIMULATE LABOR LEADERS IN OTHER UAM STATES TO SEEK GREATER POLITICAL INFLUENCE. (CONT)

3. PAKISTAN-INDIA:// MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA ARE INCREASING TENSIONS ALONG CEASE-FIRE LINE IN KASHMIR. //

// EACH GOVERNMENT NOW CLAIMS TO HAVE FIRM INTELLIGENCE THAT THE OTHER IS STRENGTHENING ITS FORCES ALONG THE LINE. UN OBSERVERS IN AREA CHECKING THESE REPORTS BUT NO ASSESSMENT YET AVAILABLE. //

// REPORTS SUGGEST PAKISTANI MILITARY LEADERS ARE AGAIN GIVING SOME CONSIDERATION TO LIMITED PARAMILITARY ACTION AGAINST INDIAN-HELD PORTION OF KASHMIR. SUCH REPORTS CANNOT BE ENTIRELY DISCOUNTED IN VIEW OF FEAR IN KARACHI THAT THIS IS AGAINST PAKISTAN

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ON THE KASHMIR ISSUE AND IN VIEW OF RECENT ~~INDIAN~~ ^{INDIAN} KASHMIR PROPOSALS FOR FULLER INTEGRATION OF THE INDIAN PORTION OF THE DISPUTED TERRITORY. ~~WILL~~ ^{HOWEVER}

// AYUB REGIME CONTINUING CAUTIOUS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND ITS CONCERN THAT LOCAL CLASHES MIGHT ESCALATE INTO BROADER MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN WHICH INDIA WOULD ENJOY A MILITARY SUPERIORITY. //

4. ISRAEL-SYRIA. START OF FALL PLOWING BY ISRAELIS IN SENSITIVE AREAS OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE HAS INCREASED PROSPECTS OF TROUBLE WITH SYRIA. UN TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION HAS YET TO GET THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE ON THE PRECISE LOCATION OF A LINE SEPARATING AREAS OF PREVIOUS JEWISH AND ARAB CULTIVATION. ~~←~~

5. NOTE: IN DIR 78909 PARA ONE SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR FIRST SIXTEEN WORDS: ~~UAR~~ ^{TOTAL} PRESIDENT NASSIR REPORTEDLY SAID EGYPTIAN TROOPS WHOSE ~~STRENGTH~~ ^{STRENGTH} EQUALED A DIVISION WILL BE SENT TO ALGERIA. //

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