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NEAR EAST - APRICA BRIEF (FOR LIAISON) (REPORT IN STANTEN)

1. LEBANON-SYRIA: THE INCURSION INTO LEBANON BY A SYRIAN PATROL ON 19 OCTOBER AND THE RESULTING CLASH WITH LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES ARE INDICATIVE OF SYRIAN FRUSTRATION WITH LEBANON'S POLICY TOWARD SYRIA. THE LEBANESE FOR SOME TIME HAVE ALLOWED EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE TO USE LEBANON AS A BASE FOR SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST SYRIA. LEBANESE INTERNAL POLITICS HAVE LED THE SHIHAB REGIME TO CLOSE ITS EYES TO THESE ACTIVITIES. (CONF)

2. MOROCCO-ALGERIA: THE MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN BORDER CONFLICT SEEMS ON THE VERGE OF ESCALATING AS BOTH COUNTRIES REINFORCE THEIR TROOPS ALONG THE ENTIRE BORDER AREA.

THE ALGERIAN CAPTURE ON 16 OCT OF A SMALL MOROCCAN FRONTIER POST NORTHEAST OF COLON-BEGHAR AND THE BUILD-UP OF ALGERIAN FORCES NORTHWEST OF THAT CITY INDICATE THAT THE ALGERIANS ARE POISED TO

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BEHIND THE FRONT AREA OF MOROCCO IN REVENGE FOR THE LOSS OF
EAST BORDJ AND TINJOUH.

SHOULD THE ALGERIANS MOVE TO SEIZE BORDJ, MOROCCO COULD BE
EMPLOYED TO PRESS ITS CASE IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL BODIES AS
WELL AS TO INTENSIFY ITS REQUESTS FOR WESTERN SUPPORT. AS LONG
AS THE KING IS CONCERNED OVER THE LEGALITY OF HIS CASE BEFORE IN-
TERNATIONAL BODIES, A MOROCCAN STRIKE ON TINJOUH SEEMS UNLIKELY.

THE REPORTED CAPTURE ON 20 OCT OF SEVERAL EGYPTIANS AMONG ALGERIANS
ABOARD A HELICOPTER FORCED DOWN IN EASTERN MOROCCO WILL REINFORCE
MOROCCAN CHARGES OF EGYPTIAN INVOLVEMENT. MOROCCO CLAIMED *to have*
CAPTURED ONE EGYPTIAN OFFICER AND FOUND AN EGYPTIAN BODY AMONG
ALGERIAN CASUALTIES. NASIR WOULD SEEM TOO ENGROSSSED WITH THEM
AND HIS INTERNAL PROBLEMS TO GIVE ALGERIA MUCH EFFECTIVE SUPPORT,
AND HAS HITHERTO SHOWN A PREFERENCE FOR LIMITED AND NONATTRIBUTABLE
AID.

KING HASSAN HAS SENT EMISSARIES TO MOROCCO AND PARIS TO RE-
QUEST MORAL, DIPLOMATIC AND MATERIAL SUPPORT. THE SPANISH GOVERN-
MENT WOULD PREFER TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH FRANCE AND OTHER WESTERN
COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT NERCE GRADES, HOWEVER, HAS *intimated* TO

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A US OFFICER THAT SPAIN WOULD BE FORCED TO INTERVENE IF THE USSR AND EGYPT ENTERED THE CONFLICT ON THE ALGERIAN SIDE BY SUPPLYING ARMS OR "OTHER MEANS." SPAIN'S POSITION IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY SOON ON MOROCCO'S CLAIMS TO VARIOUS SPANISH-HELD TERRITORIES. THE SPANISH RESPONSE IS NOT YET KNOWN.

SEN BELLA, ~~REXXALE~~ HAVING AGAIN POSTPONED HIS VISIT TO THE UN, HAS SENT MOHAMED YAZID, HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN RECENT FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MOROCCANS, TO LINE UP SUPPORT AMONG AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. BOTH MOROCCO AND ALGERIA HAVE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DO NOT WANT UN INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME.

BOTH ALGERIA AND MOROCCO ARE ENCOURAGING THE CONTINUATION OF MEDIATION EFFORTS (ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH HAVE TOLD THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE OF A SETTLE-MENT SO LONG AS THE OTHER OCCUPIES THE DISPUTED AREA). THE ALGERIANS SEEM TO FAVOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY BECAUSE OF ITS OPPOSITION TO BORDER CHANGES. MOROCCO STILL STRESSSES THAT IT REGARDS DISCUSSIONS OF THE WESTERN SAHARA TERRITORY AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY AGREEMENT.

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