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COUNTRY REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO ANGOLA REPORT NO. TDCS -3/519,835

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PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, ELISABETHVILLE (16 AUGUST 1962) S-INR-90016

APPRAISAL SEE BELOW FIELD REPORT NO. ACE 715

THIS IS **UNEVALUATED** INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN (C) WHO HAS SPENT MANY YEARS IN THE CONGO; FROM A LEADING ELISABETHVILLE IMPORTER WHO IS USUALLY WELL INFORMED AND OFTEN INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL COMMODITY ACQUISITIONS FROM ABROAD.

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1. KATANGA DEFENSE MINISTER JOSEPH YAV, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF MICHEL KIEMBE, PRESIDENTIAL GUARD COMMANDER MAJOR KABAYO AND SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED EUROPEANS, SINCE ABOUT 6 AUGUST, HAVE BEEN IN ANGOLA ON A CONFIDENTIAL MISSION TO ARRANGE WITH PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS FOR MILITARY SUPPORT FOR KATANGA, INCLUDING ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR AND WERE GUESTS IN HIS PALACE AT LUANDA. THEY ALSO MET SENIOR PORTUGUESE MILITARY OFFICIALS AND MERCHANTS. THEY RETURNED VIA VILALUSO TO KATANGA ON 14 AUGUST. BACK IN ELISABETHVILLE THEY REPORTED THEIR MISSION TO ANGOLA A SUCCESS. APPR 3.

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2. THE KATANGAN PARTY RETURNED TO KATANGA FROM VILALUSO ABOARD TWO GERMAN BOLKOW AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED BY THE KATANGA GOVERNMENT WHICH WERE BEING DELIVERED VIA ANGOLA TO KISENGE AIRPORT NEAR KOLWEZI. APPR. 6.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: ACE 673 (TDCS-3/517,080) REPORTED IN MID-JULY KATANGAN LEADERS INTENDED TO BARGAIN WITH PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS IN ANGOLA FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT FOR THE KATANGA AIR FORCE IN RETURN FOR KATANGA'S HELP IN DISCOURAGING TRIBAL ELEMENTS IN NORTHEASTERN ANGOLA FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONALIST REVOLT. ACL 934 (TDCS-3/519,519) FROM LEOPOLDVILLE REPORTED THE PORTUGUESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LEOPOLDVILLE HAD OFFERED TO ASSIST CONGOLESE POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THE ADOULA REGIME. TSHOMBE AND CONAKAT ARE ALLIED WITH THIS APPPOSITION. SEE ACE 581, (TDCS-3/510,312), ACE 629 (TDCS-3/514,002) AND ACE 655 (TDCS-3/515,515) FOR DETAILS ON THE PURCHASE BY KATANGA OF 7 LIGHT GERMAN BOLKOW PLANES THROUGH BELGIAN ARMS TRAFFICKER COLONEL JEAN CASSART.)

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