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VICTOR BUTT AND HIS ASSOCIATES

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN. FOR REASON 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

3. ~~(S)~~ THE APPLICATION OF VICTOR ANATOLY BUT (BUTT)
(01/13/67, DUSHANBE) FOR A TOURIST VISA IN ABU DHABI ON
JULY 9 HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON HIS PRESENCE IN THE
UAE. BUTT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE PRESS AS A MAJOR
PROVIDER AND SHIPPER OF ARMS TO VARIOUS CONFLICTS IN
AFRICA. OFFICIALS WORKING ON THE UN SANCTIONS
COMMITTEE FOR SIERRA LEONE HAVE INDICATED THAT BUTT IS
A SUBJECT OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS. BUTT IS BELIEVED TO
HAVE SEVERAL ASSOCIATES, INCLUDING A BROTHER SERGEY,
AND TO OPERATE WITH A LARGE AIR FLEET, MUCH OF IT BASED
IN THE UAE AT CHARJAH.

4. ~~(S)~~ DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN IDENTIFYING OTHER
INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH BUTT. TO THAT
END, DEPARTMENT RAN A SEARCH OF ABU DHABI'S AND DUBAI'S
NIV DATA BASES AND EXTRACTED A LIST OF ALL MALE FSU
NATIONALS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND 50 WHO HAVE
APPLIED FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS AT EITHER POST, GOING AS
FAR BACK AS POST'S ELECTRONIC RECORDS WOULD PERMIT.
THIS SEARCH PRODUCED 50 NAMES FOR ABU DHABI AND 137
NAMES FOR DUBAI, ALONG WITH BASIC BIO DATA (DPOB AND
PASSPORT NO.) AND DATES AND RESULTS OF VISA
APPLICATIONS. DEPARTMENT (CA/VO/L/A - K. AISTON) IS E-

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MAILING THIS LIST TO THE CONSULAR OFFICERS AT BOTH POSTS. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEARCH AND RETRIEVE ANY REMAINING OF-156 VISA APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE NAMED INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST. (BECAUSE MANY OF THE APPLICATIONS WERE MADE BEYOND THE NORMAL DOCUMENT RETENTION PERIOD FOR OF-156'S, THERE WILL BE MANY INSTANCES WHERE THE OF-156 WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. AS THE LIST SPECIFIES THE EXACT DATE OF EACH APPLICATION, IT SHOULD BE APPARENT FROM THE LIST WHICH APPLICATIONS ARE STILL RETRIEVABLE AND WHICH WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED.) POSTS SHOULD REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS THAT CAN BE LOCATED AND EXAMINE THEM FOR SIGNS OF LINKS TO BUTT, IN PARTICULAR: (A) EMPLOYMENT WITH TRANSVIA OR CESS AIR (AKA AIR CESS OR CESSAVIA), (B) OCCUPATION OF PILOT, AIRCRAFT MECHANIC, OR IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS, OR (C) DESTINATION LISTED AS PLANO, TEXAS. IF OF-156'S FALLING INTO ANY OF THESE CATEGORIES ARE LOCATED, POST SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND FORWARD COPIES OF THE APPLICATIONS TO CA/VO/L/A - K. AISTON.

5. ~~(S)~~ AS THE USG'S FOCUS ON BUTT MUST BE CLOSELY HELD, THE SEARCH AND REVIEW REQUESTED IN THIS CABLE SHOULD BE DONE AS DISCRETELY AS POSSIBLE AND MUST BE PERFORMED BY U.S. PERSONNEL CLEARED FOR HANDLING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES POSTS' ASSISTANCE IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT.
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STATE FOR AF DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON VICTOR BUTT

REFS: A. STATE 195051

B. SECURE FAX OCTOBER 6, 2000

CLASSIFIED BY AF DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN. REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D) .

1. (S) AF DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN MET IN PRETORIA OCTOBER 8 WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ PAHAD TO BRIEF PAHAD ON ILLICIT ARMS AND AIR TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES OF VICTOR BUTT AND PROVIDE A NON-PAPER SUMMARIZING POSSIBLE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS VIOLATED BY BUTT AND HIS ASSOCIATES. (PROVIDED REFS). EMBASSY PRETORIA'S POLCOUNSELOR ACCOMPANIED DAS SCHNEIDMAN.

2. (S) FOLLOWING HIS DELIVERY, SCHNEIDMAN REQUESTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (SAG) INDICT BUTT AND ISSUE A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. ONCE THE WARRANT IS ISSUED, SCHNEIDMAN SAID THE U.S. WOULD WORK WITH THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) TO HAVE BUTT BROUGHT TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR JUSTICE.

3. (S) SCHNEIDMAN NOTED THAT THE U.S. STRATEGY DIFFERED FROM THAT OF BRITAIN, WHICH IS ALSO

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CONCERNED ABOUT BUTT'S ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. BRITAIN IS PLACING PRESSURE ON BUTT'S OPERATIONS TO FORCE HIM TO STAY ON THE MOVE. THE U.S. WANTS BUTT "OUT OF BUSINESS" AND IS BROACHING AN OPTION IT BELIEVES WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS. SCHNEIDMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE LEGAL BASIS FOR SOUTH AFRICA INSTITUTING PROCEDURES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH AFRICA ACTING CONTRARY TO OBLIGATIONS UNDER UNSC RESOLUTIONS ON ARMS TRAFFICKING COULD BE ITS ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACT NO. 75 OF 1969 WHICH PROHIBITS THE EXPORT OR IMPORT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION, INCLUDING TRANSIT THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA, WITHOUT A PERMIT.

4. ~~(S)~~ PAHAD ASKED IF SCHNEIDMAN HAD ANY INDICATION THAT BUTT HAD "FRIENDS" IN SOUTH AFRICA? SCHNEIDMAN RESPONDED NO, CITING THE SAG'S EFFECTIVENESS IN EXPELLING BUTT. SCHNEIDMAN DID DRAW PAHAD'S ATTENTION TO THE NAME OF RONALD DE SMET, WHICH HE SAID APPEARED TO BE A SOUTH AFRICAN NAME. HE SAID THE U.S. WOULD ALSO LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE EXPULSION.

5. ~~(S)~~ PAHAD AGREED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION. HE NOTED THAT THE BUTT CASE HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHEN AN "ENTHUSIASTIC" LOWER LEVEL OFFICER (NO. 2) AT SOUTH AFRICA'S EMBASSY IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH BOTH U.S. AND BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. HE SAID IT WAS LATER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED FURTHER AT HIGHER LEVELS. CONTINUING, PAHAD TOLD SCHNEIDMAN THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE BUTT CASE AND SCHNEIDMAN'S PRESENTATION WITH BULELANI NGCUKA, SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, RATHER THAN WITH THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. NGCUKA HAS OVERSIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S DEVELOPING INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (SIMILAR TO THE U.S.'S FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION) CALLED THE SCORPIONS. PAHAD EXPLAINED THAT BY SELECTING THE SCORPIONS AS THE VEHICLE FOR THE SAG'S INVESTIGATION, IT WOULD SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA'S EFFORTS TO TRY TO MOVE SOME TRADITIONAL INTELLIGENCE WORK OVER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE SAG TO USE THE EVIDENCE IT GATHERED IN A PROSECUTORIAL ACTION.

6. ~~(S)~~ PAHAD SAID HE WOULD TRY TO TALK TO NGCUKA THE NEXT DAY (OCTOBER 9), POSSIBLY IN CAPE TOWN, WHERE PAHAD WILL BE MOST OF NEXT WEEK. SOUTH AFRICA WOULD "MOVE IN PRINCIPLE", PAHAD SAID, TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST BUT THE QUESTION THAT WILL BE ASKED IS "WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE AFTERWARDS?" "IF SOUTH AFRICA INDICTS BUTT AND ISSUES A WARRANT, WILL THE UAE BE PREPARED TO SEND HIM OUT?" SCHNEIDMAN RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. WANTED TO KNOW IF THE SAG IS ABLE TO PROCEED WITH AN

INDICTMENT AND IS ASKING THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONSULT WITH THE
U.S. B
EFORE TAKING ACTION WHILE THE U.S. PLEDGES TO DO THE
SAME WITH SOUTH AFRICA. LEWIS

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THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST SEE PARA 2.

TEXT: ~~SECRET~~ STATE 210471

FOR DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN

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TAGS: SF, PREL, KCRM

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING ON VICTOR BUTT

CLASSIFIED BY WENDY CHAMBERLIN 1.5 (C) (D)

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST SEE PARA 2.

1. ON OCTOBER 30, BOTH U/S THOMAS PICKERING AND DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR GENERAL DONALD KERRICK DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER THE POSSIBILITY OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WITH THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN COUNTERPARTS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTIGATION OF, AND PROSECUTION OF, VICTOR BUTT.

2. NSC, STATE AND JUSTICE AGREED THAT DOJ PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING IN PRETORIA ON NOVEMBER 2 WOULD BE, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, PREMATURE. RATHER, DAS SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED TO HAVE LEGATT JOIN HIS NOVEMBER 2 MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. DAS SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED TO GAUGE HIGH-LEVEL SOUTH AFRICAN INTEREST IN SECURING OUR COOPERATION ON THIS ISSUE AND, IN DOING SO, MAY DRAW FROM THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHARES YOUR CONCERN REGARDING VICTOR BUTT.

-- THERE IS SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE THAT BUTT, THROUGH THE SUPPLY OF LARGE AND SMALL ARMS TO CONFLICTS IN SIERRA LEONE/LIBERIA, ANGOLA AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, VIOLATES NUMEROUS UN SANCTION REGIMES AND CONTRIBUTES

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SIGNIFICANTLY TO HUMAN MISERY AND THE FRUSTRATION OF OUR COMMON FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

-- THE USG STANDS READY TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IN AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION REGARDING THE PRINCIPALS OF THE VICTOR BUTT ORGANIZATION. (NOTE: ASSUMING THE SAG REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN AN INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH AFRICA, DAS SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC, DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE BEING REQUESTED SO THAT DOJ/FBI WILL BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO CONSIDER HOW TO STAFF AND RESPOND TO SUCH A REQUEST).

-- THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO UAE REGARDING SUCH INDIVIDUALS, AND IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE LEGAL OPTIONS BY WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUALS COULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE SAG COURTS.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SEND A SMALL TEAM TO SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. (NOTE: IF THE SAG REQUESTS TECHNICAL/EXPERT ASSISTANCE IN A SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION, THIS VISIT COULD POSSIBLY INCLUDE PROVIDERS OF SUCH TECHNICAL/EXPERT ASSISTANCE).

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ISSUES

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1. (S) SUMMARY: IN A NINETY-MINUTE LUNCHEON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2 AT THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, HE AND AF DAS SCHNEIDMAN TOUCHED ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS. THESE INCLUDED COOPERATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF RUSSIAN ARMS DEALER VICTOR BUTT, ANGOLAN-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS, ZIMBABWE, SWAZILAND, NIGERIA, AND, BRIEFLY, THE ISSUE OF CONFLICT DIAMONDS. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, PAHAD SAID SCHNEIDMAN SHOULD BE SURE TO CONVEY TO S/E WOLPE THAT HE HAD PASSED ON HIS MESSAGE REGARDING DROC TO PRESIDENT MBEKI AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT ZUMA, AND THAT HE THOUGHT ZUMA SHOULD HAVE CALLED HIM BY NOW. END SUMMARY.

2. (S) IN THE MINISTERIAL DINING ROOM AT THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING, OVERLOOKING THE GARDENS OF PARLIAMENT AND FACING TABLE MOUNTAIN, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STARTED THE CONVERSATION BY ASKING HOW SCHNEIDMAN VIEWED THE MEETING WITH DFA OFFICIALS ON VICTOR BUTT THE DAY BEFORE. SCHNEIDMAN REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE BUT THAT

WE SENSED THAT THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAD MET HAD

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EXPECTED MORE INFORMATION THAN WE HAD SHARED WITH THEM. SCHNEIDMAN THEN PASSED TO PAHAD A NON-PAPER CONTAINING INFORMATION CULLED FROM OPEN SOURCES ABOUT BUTT'S ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA IN THE 1997-98 PERIOD. IN THE USG'S VIEW, THIS WAS THE KEY PERIOD AS IT CONCERNED DEVELOPING A COMMON STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH BUTT. PAHAD ASKED HOW THE AMERICANS HAD LEFT IT WITH THEIR DFA COLLEAGUES IN PRETORIA. SCHNEIDMAN SAID THAT WE WOULD SHARE MORE INFORMATION AS RELEVANT, BUT THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO DO THEIR OWN INTER-MINISTERIAL FILE SEARCH, ESPECIALLY AS IT CONCERNED OPERATION JACUZZI. PAHAD COMMENTED THAT OPERATION JACUZZI WAS ONLY PART OF THE STORY BECAUSE IT WAS A SADC CROSS-BORDER ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVE "THAT WAS DOOMED AS SOON AS THE DECISION WAS MADE TO PLACE ITS HEADQUARTERS IN HARARE." HE ASKED IF AN OFFICIAL FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING, TO WHICH SCHNEIDMAN SAID NO. SCHNEIDMAN SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO RETURN IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR A MEETING THAT WOULD INCLUDE RESPECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ASSESS HOW TO PROCEED WITH OUR COMMON APPROACH IN DEALING WITH BUTT. PAHAD AGREED WITH THAT APPROACH AND UNDERScoreD THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE THE SOUTH AFRICANS' REVIEW OF THEIR FILES ON VICTOR BUTT COMPLETED IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

3. (S) TURNING TO ANGOLA, PAHAD ASKED HOW OUR BCC MEETINGS WITH THE ANGOLANS HAD GONE. SCNEIDMAN SAID THEY HAD BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND THAT THE ANGOLANS HAD FINALLY GIVEN US A GREEN LGHT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH UNITA REPRESENTATIVES IN EUROPE TO URGE THEM TO RETURN TO ANGOLA TO ENGAGE IN THE POLITICAL REFORM PROCESS. WHEN PAHAD REMARKED AT THE LENGTH OF TIME IT HAD TAKEN THE ANGOLANS TO MAKE A DECISION, SCHNEIDMAN SAID THAT WE WOULD MAKE CONTACT THROUGH OUR EMBASSIES IN EUROPE AT NEUTRAL LOCATIONS TO AVOID ANY PERCEPTION THAT WE WERE BEGINNING NEW TALKS WITH UNITA, AND THAT WE WERE UTILIZING THAT ASPECT OF THE UNSC RESOLUTION WHICH ALLOWED CONTACT IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE.

4. (S) PAHAD RESPONDED THAT DOS SANTOS HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN MBEKI TO FOLLOW UP ON A SUGGESTION THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILIATRY CHIEF OF STAFF APPARENTLY HAD MADE ON A RECENT VISIT TO ANGOLA THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS JOIN THE FAA IN THE EFFORT TO DEFEAT SAVIMBI. THE LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY MPLA GENERAL SECRETARY JOAO LOURENCO AND LONG-TIME MPLA OFFICIAL PAULO JORGE AT A MEETING OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THE DAY BEFORE MBEKI AND PAHAD

DEPARTED FOR THE RECENT MAPUTO SUMMIT ON DROC. SCHNEIDMAN RESPONDED "THAT WOULD BE DISASTROUS" AND ADDED THAT, IN A MEETING THE DAY BEFORE IN LUSAKA WITH ZAMBIA'S PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE ANGOLANS HAD BEEN PRESSURING THEM TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST SAVIMBI. HE ADDED THAT THE ZAMBIANS HAD REFUSED.

5. (S) PAHAD THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS WORKING TO GET FOREIGN MINISTER ZUMA TO ANGOLA IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SCHNEIDMAN COMMENTED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE HER AT THE COMESA SUMMIT AND ASKED IF SOUTH AFRICA WAS SIGNALLING

ITS INTENTION TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION. PAHAD SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO STAY ABREAST OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, AND IMPLIED THAT AT SOME POINT, SADC AND COMESA NEEDED TO HAVE SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS. RETURNING TO ZUMA'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO ANGOLA, SCHNEIDMAN SAID WE SHOULD APPROACH IT IN THE "SPIRIT" OF WHAT WE HAD STARTED IN MADRID IN APRIL. PAHAD AGREED, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS NOW THE ANGOLANS WHO WERE BEING DIFFICULT ABOUT A DATE. SCHNEIDMAN SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE HELPFUL AND THAT HE WOULD ASK AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN TO TALK TO SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR MAMPANE AND MANUEL AGUSTO IN LUANDA TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED. PAHAD SAID THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

6. (S) ON ZIMBABWE, PAHAD SAID THAT THEY WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DECLINE OF THE ECONOMY. THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE CONTEMPLATING HOLDING AN INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH THE ZIMBABWEANS, INCLUDING THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AND TRADE, AMONG OTHERS. SCHNEIDMAN REPLIED THAT COULD BE HELPFUL AND MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE NEW TRADE MINISTER, NKOSANA MOYO, WHOM HE HAD MET IN LUSAKA. PAHAD SAID THAT ALEC ERWIN ALSO HAD POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT MOYO. SCHNEIDMAN SHARED WITH PAHAD THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE UNDP REPORT ON THEIR VISIT TO ZIMBABWE, AND MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE SOME INTERESTING IDEAS IN THE REPORT WORTH CONSIDERING. PAHAD AGREED THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD ON THE LAND ISSUE IF POSSIBLE AND RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE IDEA THAT A/S RICE MIGHT VISIT THE COUNTRY IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

7. (S) THE DEPUTY MINISTER THEN RAISED NIGERIA AND SAID THAT WE HAD TO DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE GET OUR PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY. SCHNEIDMAN MENTIONED THAT WE HAD ESTABLISHED A

JOINT ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE AND WOULD BE HAVING A MEETING DECEMBER 6-7 IN WASHINGTON. REMARKING THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALSO ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION AT THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT LEVEL, PAHAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PRESIDENT OBASANJO'S HABIT OF KEEPING A VERY CLOSE HOLD ON NUMEROUS ISSUES.

8. (S) SCHNEIDMAN THEN ALERTED PAHAD TO THE DIFFICULTIES WE WERE HAVING WITH SWAZILAND. PAHAD SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE GSP ISSUE AND THAT THEY DID NOT QUALIFY FOR AGOA. SCHNEIDMAN SHARED WITH HIM HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SWAZI PRIME MINISTER AND THAT WE HAD MADE NO PROGRESS WHATSOEVER IN OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THERE WAS CONCERN THAT OUR BILATERAL PROBLEMS COULD BE EXPLOITED BY DIFFERENT GROUPS IN SWAZILAND TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE PICTURE WAS FURTHER DARKENED BY RECENT EVENTS, REPORTED IN THE PRESS, IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BANNED THE SWAZILAND FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS FROM HOLDING A MEETING BY INVOKING THE COLONIAL-ERA PUBLIC ORDER ACT AND HAD ALSO PREVENTED THE TEACHERS' UNION FROM MEETING UNDER THE SAME LAW. PAHAD SAID HE WAS AWARE OF

THE ACTIONS BECAUSE THE TWO UNIONS WOULD BE HOLDING A COMBINED RALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA ON SUNDAY (11/5) BECAUSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACTION. EXPRESSING CONSTERNATION, PAHAD SAID THEY WERE WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

9. (S) AS THEIR LUNCH FINISHED, SCHNEIDMAN ASKED THE DEPUTY MINISTER WHY SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT PARTICIPATED AT A SENIOR LEVEL IN THE CONFLICT DIAMONDS CONFERENCE IN LONDON. PAHAD SAID THAT THIS WAS MINISTER ZUMA'S ISSUE, AND SHE FELT STRONGLY THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEBATED IN THE UN FIRST. PAHAD ALSO ADDED THAT NEXT WEEK, IN SOUTH AFRICA, THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. HE SAID THAT SOME COUNTRIES WOULD WANT IT TO BE A POLICY-MAKING BODY, BUT IT WAS THE SOUTH AFRICANS' STRONG OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE A CONSULTATIVE BODY. COMMENTING THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD SEND EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEETING, HE MENTIONED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THOSE COUNTRIES WITHOUT A PARLIAMENT.

10. (S) COMMENT: THE MEETING HELPED TO SOLIDIFY RSA'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ON SHARING INFORMATION AND DEVELOPING A COMMON STRATEGY ON HOW TO DEAL WITH VICTOR BOUTT. WHERE WE WILL COME OUT IS NOT CLEAR, BUT WE WILL WAIT WITH INTEREST FOR WHAT PAHAD CAN GET HIS GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ON ANGOLA, HE

STILL SEES THE VALUE OF OUR ROLE IN FACILITATING ANGOLAN-RSA RELATIONS AND SHARES OUR INTEREST IN SEEING MINISTER ZUMA MAKE A VISIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PAHAD CLEARLY HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE INTERLOCUTOR ON A BROAD RANGE OF AFRICAN ISSUES.
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SUBJECT: SAG WANTS BUTT -- SEEKS FURTHER INFORMATION

REF: STATE 210471 (NOTAL)

CLASSIFIED BY AF DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN. REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (S) DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN MET LATE NOVEMBER 1 WITH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE VICTOR BUTT (SPELLED BOUT BY SAG OFFICIALS AND PRONOUNCED BOAT") ISSUE SCHNEIDMAN WAS JOINED BY ACTING LEGAL ATTACHE GREG GROVES, POLOFF CHRISTOPHER KRAFFT (NOTETAKER), AND WASHINGTON ANALYST. DFA'S TEAM TASKED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ PAHAD TO LOOK INTO BUTT'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PETER GOOSEN, CHIEF DIRECTOR IN DFA'S MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU FOR DISARMAMENT AND NONPROLIFERATION AFFAIRS; ROBIN (ROB) WENSLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR REGIONAL ARMS MATTERS; KAREN LOCKE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN DFA'S OFFICE OF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND JOANNA SCHNEEBERGER, AN ATTORNEY IN DFA'S OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR. ALL WERE PRESENT FOR THE MEETING.

2. (S) DAS SCHNEIDMAN BEGAN THE MEETING BY NOTING THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR THE BODY OF EVIDENCE INDICATING BUTT'S INVOLVEMENT IN SANCTIONS-BUSTING AND ARMS-RUNNING ACROSS AFRICA HAD BECOME SO OVERWHELMING THAT THE USG HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS TIME TO TAKE STEPS TO SHUT DOWN HIS OPERATION. SCHNEIDMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS GOOD THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS ALREADY AWARE TO SOME DEGREE OF BUTT'S ACTIVITIES, REFERRING TO HIS NAME APPEARING IN THE

UNSC'S FOWLER REPORT AND NOTING THAT THE SAG ITSELF HAD ALREADY FORCED HIS OPERATION TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA, BUT HARASSMENT HINDERING BUTT'S ACTIVITIES WAS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT IN THE VIEW OF THE U.S. WE NOW HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ARREST HIM AND HIS BROTHER SO THAT THEIR OPERATION CAN BE EFFECTIVELY SHUT DOWN.

3. (S) SCHNEIDMAN SAID THAT THE USG'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD HAVE THREE FOCAL POINTS, NAMELY SOUTH AFRICA, RUSSIA, AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. HE NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF OUR STRONG BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THE ABILITY WE HAVE TO SPEAK FREELY WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION AGAINST BUTT'S OPERATION ONCE BEFORE, WE HAD DECIDED TO APPROACH THE SAG EARLY ON TO SEEK COOPERATION IN SHUTTING DOWN BUTT. SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THAT "IN A PERFECT WORLD" WE WOULD HOPE THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD ISSUE A WARRANT FOR BUTT'S ARREST BASED ON HIS PAST ACTIVITIES HERE, WHICH WE COULD THEN UTILIZE TO GET THE UAE TO EXPEL HIM, AND WE (THE USG) WOULD HELP TO GET HIM DOWN TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR PROSECUTION. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAGE, SCHNEIDMAN STRESSED, WE ARE MERELY AT A STAGE OF "HAVING TALKS ABOUT TALKS."

4. (S) GOOSEN RESPONDED THAT THE SAG IS QUITE INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT BUTT'S OPERATIONS ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED -- HOPEFULLY SHUT DOWN ENTIRELY BUT, IF NOT, AT LEAST HARASSED. HE INDICATED THAT IN THE SHORT TIME HE AND THE DFA TEAM WORKING ON THE ISSUE HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING BUTT'S BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES, THEY HAD UNCOVERED SOME INFORMATION BUT NOT ENOUGH TO PROSECUTE HIM. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SAG HAD HAD INORDINATE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING BACKGROUND EVIDENCE FROM THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT ONE OF THEIR OWN, BENNIE LOMBARD, HAD PARTICIPATED IN PORTIONS OF THE FOWLER COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATIONS. GOOSEN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MEMBER STATES WERE NOT PRIVY TO ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE STATES THAT WERE ACCUSED OF NOT MOVING AGAINST ALLEGED SANCTIONS BUSTERS BUT COULD NOT DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE.

5. (S) GOOSEN SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS SEVERAL LAWS THAT THEY HOPE MIGHT BE USED TO PROSECUTE BUTT, HOWEVER WHETHER THEY ACTUALLY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THE END WOULD DEPEND ON THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE AND THE TIMING OF ANY OFFENSES. GIVEN THAT BUTT'S OPERATIONS IN PIETERSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA WERE SHUT DOWN IN 1998, THE ONLY LAW LIKELY TO BE APPLICABLE WOULD BE THE FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH WAS PASSED IN MAY 1998, PRINCIPALLY AS A WAY TO SHUT DOWN THE OPERATIONS OF EXECUTIVE OUTCOMES, THE MERCENARY CONCERN. ACCORDING TO LOCKE, WHILE SOUTH AFRICA DOES HAVE LEGISLATION DEALING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED OFFENSES RELATED TO SANCTIONS-BUSTING, AGAIN THE KEY QUESTION WILL BE ONE INVOLVING JURISDICTION SINCE THE LAWS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE AND HAVE VERY LIMITED EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY.

6. (S) FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING BY THE WASHINGTON ANALYST ON BUTT'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, GOOSEN COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A GOOD AND FAIRLY USEFUL COMPENDIUM OF MOSTLY PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION. HE WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER THE USG IS IN

POSSESSION OF ANY FURTHER, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY BUTT'S OPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE NOTED THAT THE SAG WANTS AND NEEDS AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING BUTT, INCLUDING ABOUT ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA SO THAT THEY CAN BUILD AS COMPLETE A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT HIM. GOOSEN SAID THAT THE SAG WANTS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE USG ON THIS ISSUE, NOTING THAT IT FIT INTO THEIR LONG TERM POLICY OF WORKING MORE CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. HE REITERATED THAT THE SAG'S STRATEGY (USING THAT TERM LOOSELY, HE SAID) ON BUTT RIGHT NOW IS BASED UPON INFORMATION GATHERING AND HE NOTED, FRANKLY, THAT THEY HAD SEEN THIS PARTICULAR MEETING AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT EXERCISE. HE ADDED THAT T . HE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD PROVIDED WAS, HE HAD TO ADMIT, INFORMATION WITH WHICH THEY WERE ALREADY FAIRLY FAMILIAR. NONETHELESS, HE REQUESTED A WRITTEN COPY OF THE BRIEFING PROVIDED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WERE NO DETAILS THAT MIGHT FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS.

7. (S) DAS SCHNEIDMAN SAID THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE BRIEFING REPRESENTS FOR THE MOST PART ALL THAT WE HAVE ON BUTT'S OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES AT THIS TIME. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE MIGHT EVENTUALLY GET TO A POINT WHEN WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR LEGAL AND PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITIES MEET WITH ONE ANOTHER TO EXCHANGE IDEAS OF HOW THE U.S. AND SA MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO AFTER BUTT. GOOSEN AGREED BUT SAID THAT IS CLEARLY PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE GIVEN THE LEVEL OF INFORMATION WE ALL HAVE AT THE MOMENT.

8. (S) GOOSEN CLOSED BY INDICATING THAT HE AND HIS TEAM WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE COMING WEEKS, TO INCLUDE A THOROUGH SCREENING OF RECORDS THROUGHOUT THE SAG SUCH AS FILES KEPT BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ON "OPERATION JACUZZI" AFTER WHICH BUTT'S OPERATIONS HERE WERE SHUT DOWN. THEREAFTER, THEY WILL PUT THAT INFORMATION TOGETHER WITH WHAT WE HAVE PROVIDED AND ANY ADDITIONAL UPDATES THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND SEE WHETHER ANYTHING IS ACTIONABLE.

9. (S) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SAG OFFICIALS' HOPES MAY HAVE BEEN UNREALISTICALLY HIGH REGARDING THE DEPTH AND NATURE OF USG KNOWLEDGE ON VICTOR BUTT, EFFORTS TO BRING HIS ACTIVITIES BACK ONTO THE SAG'S RADAR SCREEN HAVE BEEN UNDENIABLY SUCCESSFUL. GIVEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PAHAD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO FORM A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE BUTT, OUR EFFORTS HAVE CLEARLY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE SAG. WHETHER THAT LEADS TO AN EVENTUAL PROSECUTION REMAINS TO BE SEEN BUT THE SAG IS DEFINITELY READY TO JOIN THE FIGHT TO SHUT DOWN BUTT. LEWIS

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STATE DEPT. FOR AF A/S SUSAN RICE AND AF DAS WITNEY
SCHNEIDMAN FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

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TAGS: KCRM, PREL, PINR, SF
SUBJECT: SAG PERSPECTIVE ON A U.S. TEAM VISIT ON VICTOR BUTT

REF: A. SCHNEIDMAN/PAHAD LETTER OF DECEMBER 15
B. 2000
C. PRETORIA 8662

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR DELANO E. LEWIS. REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D).

1. (S) POST HAS TRIED, SO FAR IN VAIN, TO OBTAIN DFA
ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AN INTERLOCUTOR IN THE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS TO DISCUSS A PROSECUTORIAL STRATEGY
AGAINST ARMS MERCHANT VICTOR BUTT. IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY
THAT AN INTERLOCUTOR WILL BE FOUND UNTIL AFTER THE SOUTH
AFRICAN HOLIDAY SEASON, O/A JANUARY 8.

2. (S) PRIOR TO, AND THEN FOLLOWING UP ON DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S
LETTER TO DEPUTY FM AZIZ PAHAD OF DEC. 15 (REF A), POST
DISCUSSED WITH DFA CHIEF DIRECTOR OF ARMS CONTROL PETER
GOOSEN DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S DESIRE TO LEAD A USG TEAM TO SOUTH
AFRICA TO TALK ABOUT A PROSECUTORIAL STRATEGY AGAINST BUTT
WITH KEY PLAYERS IN DFA AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC
PROSECUTIONS. GOOSEN SAID HE WELCOMED A VISIT, BUT DID NOT
KNOW WHO FROM THE KEY OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (NDPP) COULD BE INVITED TO INTERFACE WITH
THE U.S. TEAM. GOOSEN HAD EXPLAINED THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS
WITH THE NDPP HAD BEEN HANDLED PERSONALLY BY DEPUTY FM PAHAD,
WHO WAS THEN UNREACHABLE ON A TRIP WITH PRESIDENT MBEKI TO
BRAZIL. PAHAD RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS ON

DECEMBER 18 BEFORE LEAVING ON HOLIDAY. DURING THAT BRIEF WINDOW, HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT CECILIA COLAROSSO REPORTED TO US, PAHAD READ DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S LETTER BUT HIS ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT THE SAG WAS NOT READY FOR ANOTHER MEETING BECAUSE IT HAD NOT COMPLETED ITS FILE SEARCH ON BUTT.

3. ~~(S)~~ EMBASSY PRETORIA'S POLMILOFF EXPLAINED TO PAHAD'S STAFF AND TO GOOSEN, THAT THE U.S. SIDE WAS NOT WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THAT RESEARCH, BUT SIMPLY WANTED TO DISCUSS A LEGAL STRATEGY. COLAROSSO GAVE POLMILOFF THE NAME OF KAREN LOCKE, ANOTHER DFA OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL STAFF. MS LOCKE CONFIRMED THAT THE ORIGINAL U.S. INFORMATION (REF B) WAS SHARED WITH AN INTERAGENCY GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED A MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS. LOCKE UNDERTOOK TO IDENTIFY THE MEMBER OF THE OFFICE, BUT WARNED THAT, IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAY SEASON, IT WAS VERY UNLIKELY ANYONE WOULD BE AVAILABLE BEFORE JANUARY 8.

4. ~~(S)~~ I STRONGLY URGE THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 8, WHEN PAHAD RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE, BEFORE PRESSING THE SAG FURTHER FOR A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH A WASHINGTON TEAM ON VICTOR BUTT. OUR AIM IS TO ACHIEVE SOUTH AFRICAN COOPERATION ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. TO PUSH HARD AT THIS POINT, IN THE FACE OF A CLEAR SAG INDICATION THAT IT IS NOT READY TO MEET, MAY PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PUTTING VICTOR BUTT OUT OF BUSINESS..
LEWIS

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FOLLOWING STATE 239663 DATED 20 DECEMBER 2000, SENT ACTION
KAMPALA BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION
QUOTE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF DAS SCHNEIDMAN

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SUBJECT: LIBERIA SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS - SEIZED ARMS
SHIPMENT IN UGANDA

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY INR OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR
INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS JOSEPH LEBARON. REASONS 1.5

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3. (U) ON DECEMBER 7, AMBASSADOR DAUDI M. TALIWAKU, DEPUTY PERM REP AND CHARGE FOR THE UGANDA MISSION TO THE UN WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO MARTIN ANDJABA:

"I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO INFORM YOU THAT UGANDAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY SEIZED A CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DESTINED FOR MONROVIA IN VIOLATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 788 (1992), WHICH IMPOSED A GENERAL AND COMPLETE ARMS EMBARGO ON ALL DELIVERIES OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LIBERIA. ANALYSIS OF THE FLIGHT CLEARANCES SHOWS THAT UGANDA AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED FOR A FLIGHT FROM ENTEBBE TO CONARKY AND FOR THE EXPORT OF THE ARMS IN QUESTION FOR USE OF THE GUINEAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HOWEVER, THE FLIGHT PLAN FILED WITH UGANDAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SHOWS THE END DESTINATION TO BE MONROVIA.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER, FOR INFORMATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997), THE CHAIRMAN UN EXPERT PANEL ON SIERRA LEONE AND MR. JOHAN PELEMAN, THE ARMS EXPERT ON THE UN PANEL ON SIERRA LEONE."

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BASED IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BUTT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS TRAFFICKING AND UN SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT AFRICA. HE WAS NAMED VERY EXTENSIVELY IN THE RECENT UN EXPERTS PANELS ON ANGOLA AND SIERRA LEONE.

5. (S) THE USG HOPES TO UTILIZE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE THE DOCUMENTATION AND SEIZED WEAPONRY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OPERATION IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORKINGS OF BUTT'S ORGANIZATION.

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TO PUT BUTT AND COMPANY OUT OF THE SANCTIONS-BUSTING BUSINESS. IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS WE HAVE MADE CRACKING DOWN ON BUTT A MATTER OF HIGH USG PRIORITY. (PENDING ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TREAT THIS INFORMATION AS CLOSE HOLD AND NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS STAGE.)

6. (S) WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR READ ON THE SITUATION REGARDING THE SEIZED ARMS AND

REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION, HOPEFULLY WITH A RESPONSE BY
COB DECEMBER 20.

~~S E C R E T~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 STATE 239663

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SHIPMENT IN UGANDA

-- WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ON THIS
SITUATION? WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE
THIS MATTER? DO WE WANT TO CONSIDER WORKING THROUGH
THE UGANDANS AT THE UN (EITHER BILATERALLY OR
MULTILATERALLY, PERHAPS IN COORDINATION WITH THE
BRITISH) OR IS THIS A MATTER WHICH YOU AND YOUR
EMBASSY BELIEVE YOU CAN BEST HANDLE AT THE START?
WOULD YOU SUGGEST RAISING THIS WITH PRESIDENT
MUSEVENI OR APPROACHING OTHER UGANDAN OFFICIALS
FIRST?

-- GIVEN UGANDA SENSITIVITIES, INTERESTS AND
EQUITIES, WHAT LEVEL OF COOPERATION SHOULD WE EXPECT
FROM THE UGANDANS IN THIS CASE? ARE THERE
INDIVIDUALS OR INTERESTS IN UGANDA LIKELY TO RESIST
FULL COOPERATION WITH US?

-- ARE THERE TIME CONSTRAINTS ON COOPERATION THAT WE
NEED TO BE AWARE OF? TO WHAT DEGREE CAN WE COUNT ON
THE UGANDANS TO HOLD ONTO THESE WEAPONS AND ALLOW
INSPECTION BY AN EXPERT TEAM?

-- ARE THERE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WE NEED TO BE AWARE
OF?

7. SHOULD YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER I CAN BE
REACHED BY SECURE TELEPHONE AT EO 13526 1.4c
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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY S/NIS DEBRA CAGAN FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).
2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
3. ~~(S)~~ DEPARTMENT NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST THE
EO 13526 1.4c
CONCERNING A NOVEMBER INCIDENT INVOLVING EFFORTS TO EXPORT
MILITARY GOODS FROM KAZAKHSTAN TO SIERRA LEONE. THE 1.4(c)
TV REPORT ALSO MENTIONS THE OPENING OF A CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION CASE BY KAZAKHSTANI CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.
4. ~~(S)~~ ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME DOUBTS AS TO WHO BEARS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PARTICULAR SHIPMENT, ILLICIT
SHIPMENTS OF ARMS FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION TO STATES
IN CONFLICT AND UNDER UNSC SANCTIONS IN AFRICA IS A
HALLMARK OF VICTOR BUTT (AKA BOUT, BUT) AND HIS ARMS
TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. BASED IN THE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES, BUTT AND ASSOCIATES FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN THE
UN EXPERTS PANELS' REPORTS ON ARMS FLOWS AND SANCTIONS
VIOLATIONS IN ANGOLA AND SIERRA LEONE, ISSUED IN DECEMBER.
THE ANGOLA EXPERTS REPORT IN THIS CONJUNCTION MENTIONED A
CONNECTION BETWEEN BUTT, ONE OF HIS AIR TRANSPORT
COMPANIES, AIR CESS, AND IRBIS (AIR CARGO CARRIER) IN
ALMATY. OTHER CONNECTIONS TO KAZAKHSTAN MAY ALSO EXIST.

5. (S) MOREOVER, IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE USG HAS INCREASED ITS SCRUTINY AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON BUTT AND ASSOCIATES. WE BELIEVE THAT PUTTING BUTT AND HIS ASSOCIATES OUT OF THE AFRICAN ARMS BUSINESS IS AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY.

6. (S) ACTION REQUESTED - AS APPROPRIATE, AND WITHOUT REVEALING AT THIS TIME SIGNIFICANT [USG EFFORTS TARGETTING THE BUTT ORGANIZATION, ALMATY SHOULD SEEK TO RAISE THE ATTACHED TALKING POINTS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND REPORT SOONEST ON THE STATUS OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION. THE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POST MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP REGARDING THE ARMS SUPPLY CHAIN ORIGINATING IN COUNTRY. ALMATY MIGHT ALSO WISH TO RAISE INFORMALLY AND REPORT ON ANY CONVERSATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

7. (S). CABLES SHOULD BE SLUGGED FOR THE NSC'S OFFICE FOR TRANSNATIONAL THREATS, RICHARD A. CLARKE AND LEE WOLOSKY, NSC OFFICE FOR AFRICA, GAYLE SMITH AND GRANT HARRIS, FOR AF BUREAU DAS SCHNEIDMAN, AF/RA JWALSER AND INR/AA SWEIGERT AND S/NIS.

8. (U) BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH YOU ON EXPORT CONTROL ISSUES FOR SOME TIME NOW. PLEASED TO SEE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE.

HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE NOVEMBER, 2000 KHABAR TELEVISION REPORT CONCERNING THE RUSSIAN CUSTOMS

SEIZURE OF TWO KAZAKHSTANI HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY BEING TO SIERRA LEONE.

WE HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE WORK OF THE UN EXPERTS PANELS ON ANGOLA AND SIERRA LEONE, WHOSE LATEST REPORTS WERE ISSUED IN DECEMBER, AND THEIR EFFORTS TO UNCOVER THE MEANS BY WHICH ARMS AND LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARE INTRODUCED INTO AFRICAN CONFLICTS.

THESE UN PANELS WERE ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO UNSC RESOLUTION 1295 CALLING FOR A MONITORING MECHANISM ON ANGOLA AND UNSC RESOLUTION 1306 ESTABLISHING A BODY OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE DIAMONDS AND ARMS SITUATION IN SIERRA LEONE.

THE US, LIKE MOST MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SHARES A PROFOUND AND CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF UNSC SANCTIONS AND ABOUT THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY RESULTING FROM PROTRACTED CONFLICT IN ANGOLA SIERRA LEONE AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA.

PRESS REPORTS MENTION THE OPENING OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE BY GOK CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. CAN YOU SHARE WITH US ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THE INCIDENT AND ON WHO YOU BELIEVE MIGHT HAVE ASSISTED IN TRANSPORTING

THESE MILITARY GOODS TO WEST AFRICA?

WHAT STEPS ARE YOU TAKING TO STOP TRANSACTIONS LIKE THIS
IN THE FUTURE? HOW DOES THIS FIT INTO THE RECENT
REORGANIZATION OF YOUR EXPORT CONTROL REGIME?
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AMEMBASSY MAPUTO, REASON 1.5(B) AND (D).

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. ACTING DAS WHITNEY SCHNEIDMAN
VISITED MAPUTO MARCH 24-25, 1998, IN ORDER TO MEET
HIGH LEVEL MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS AND TO BRIEF THEM ON
THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
OPPORTUNITY IN AFRICA AS WELL AS ON THE AFRICA GROWTH
AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM, MAHOMED
RAFIQUE, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
COOPERATION, HIPOLITO PATRICIO, MINISTER FOR
COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, BERNARDO
FERRAZ, FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL MANUEL TOME, RENAMO
PARLIAMENTARY HEAD RAUL DOMINGOS, AS WELL AS WITH
LEADING MOZAMBICAN BUSINESSMEN, PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND
HEADS OF EXTRAPARLIAMENTARY PARTIES.

2. ~~(S)~~ IN ALL HIS MEETINGS, SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED

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THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TRIP TO AFRICA WAS TRULY HISTORICAL, WITH NO U.S. PRESIDENT HAVING EVER TAKEN SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE TRIP TO THE CONTINENT. SCHNEIDMAN STATED THAT THIS VISIT WAS THE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN AFRICA, A CONTINENT WHICH WAS UNDERGOING A TRUE RENAISSANCE. SCHNEIDMAN THEN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ALSO UNDERScoreD U.S. COMMITMENT TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION, DEMOCRACY, THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND EDUCATION IN AFRICA.

3. (S) SCHNEIDMAN BRIEFED HIS INTERLOCUTORS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY, EXPLAINING THAT OPIC AND OTHERS WOULD BE MAKING EQUITY AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. SCHNEIDMAN RELATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, WHICH WOULD MAKE TRADE THE ENGINE OF GROWTH IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, SCHNEIDMAN ALSO ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT BY NO MEANS DID THIS MEAN THAT THE U.S. WAS BACKING OFF FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND ANNOUNCED THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO ENCOURAGE AN INCREASE IN SUCH ASSISTANCE. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITING THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND TO GIVE DEFINITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES.

4. (S) SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT WAS WELL-RECEIVED, AS WAS HIS MESSAGE OF THE U.S.'S RE-INVIGORATED POLICY VIS A VIS AFRICA. GIVEN THE FACT THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAS LOST OUT ON A NUMBER OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE TIMING OF SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT SERVED TO HELP REASSURE MOZAMBIQUE OF CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN MOZAMBIKAN REFORM AND HIGHLIGHTED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED U.S. COMMERCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY. . END SUMMARY.

VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

5. (S) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE MINISTER HIPOLITO PATRICIO ON MARCH 25. AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. AFTER A WARM WELCOME BY PATRICIO (HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SCHNEIDMAN FROM HIS YEARS IN WASHINGTON AS MOZAMBIKAN AMBASSADOR), SCHNEIDMAN BRIEFED PATRICIO ON THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA, AND THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITING THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND TO GIVE DEFINITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES.

6. (S) REGARDING REGIONAL COOPERATION, SCHNEIDMAN UNDERScoreD THE FACT THAT THE U.S. VIEWS SADC AS A VERY IMPORTANT DIMENSION OF THE U.S.'S BILATERAL AND REGIONAL RELATIONSHIP, AND THAT THE U.S. WAS

ENCOURAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SADC REGIONAL MARKET. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD DISCUSS THE IDEA OF A FREE TRADE AREA BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SADC, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE MUST FIRST RATIFY THE SADC TRADE PROTOCOL IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS IDEA. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT MOZAMBIQUE MUST CONTINUE WITH ITS ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM, CUT
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BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, STREAMLINE DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES, SUPPORT GREATER TRANSPARENCY, AND ENCOURAGE ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO HELP ATTRACT U.S. INVESTMENT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

7. ☒ TOUCHING ON SECURITY ISSUES, SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ACRI, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMANITARIAN DEMINING TO THE U.S. WITH REGARD TO LOCAL ELECTIONS, SCHNEIDMAN URGED THE GRM TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS ISSUE.

8. ☒ PATRICIO WELCOMED SCHNEIDMAN'S WORDS ON THE U.S.'S NEW INITIATIVES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THESE PROGRAMS. PATRICIO STRESSED THAT FOOD SECURITY WAS ONE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S (AND THE REGION'S) PRINCIPAL CHALLENGES AND EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE U.S.'S PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA. PATRICIO REPORTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE CONTINUED TO WORK WITHIN SADC, AND SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF THE TRADE PROTOCOL, BUT THAT ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTRIES IN EARLY GROWTH PHASES (I.E., MOZAMBIQUE) MUST BE MADE. PATRICIO NOTED THAT THE GRM CONTINUED TO WORK ON THE ISSUE OF CORRUPTION AND REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING SO.

9. ☒ WITH REGARD TO INVESTMENT, PATRICIO EXPLAINED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO STREAMLINE INVESTMENT PROCEDURES, BUT THAT THE COUNTRY NEEDED LEGISLATION AS AN UMBRELLA FOR INVESTMENT REGULATIONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AN UPCOMING JUNE 1998 INVESTMENT CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE CENTER FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION (CPI) WOULD MAKE PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES. PATRICIO THEN NOTED THAT THE GRM WAS RATHER "DISENCHANTED" WITH ENRON, AND THAT THERE WAS "NO LIGHT" AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL ON THE DEAL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GRM WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON ENRON AS IT WAS PART OF THE GRM'S 5-YEAR PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE EVALUATED IN SEPTEMBER 1998. ON THE OTHER HAND, PATRICIO REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARCO WERE MOVING AHEAD SMOOTHLY.

PATRICIO WARMLY WELCOMED THE IDEA OF MEETINGS WITH HIGH-LEVEL U.S. COUNTERPARTS.

10. (S) ON ELECTIONS, PATRICIO STRESSED THAT THE 1998 LOCAL ELECTIONS WERE ONLY THE FIRST PHASE OF THE GRM'S OVERALL DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CURRENT ELECTIONS PROCESS WAS NOT PERFECT, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD LEARN FROM THIS EXERCISE AND IMPROVE FUTURE ONES. PATRICIO THEN THANKED SCHNEIDMAN FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE IN THE ELECTIONS, PARLIAMENT, AND THE JUDICIARY. HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, IT COULD NOT BE FORCED FORWARD.

11. (S) PATRICIO INFORMED SCHNEIDMAN THAT THE GRM HAD JUST FINALIZED ITS ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR 1997, AND THAT WATER POLICY FEATURED PROMINENTLY. HE NOTED THAT THE GRM WAS CURRENTLY WORKING ON AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING COMMON WATER SOURCES, IN ORDER TO HARMONIZE THE REGIONAL WATERS SYSTEM, SO AS TO AVOID FUTURE CONFLICT. PATRICIO ALSO INFORMED SCHNEIDMAN THAT THE GRM WILL JOIN THE NY ARBITRAGE CENTER CONVENTION AND URGE PARLIAMENT TO RATIFY IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

12. (S) TURNING TO SECURITY MATTERS, PATRICIO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG AND ARMS TRAFFICKING WAS A SERIOUS ONE, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS WORKING SUB-REGIONALLY TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. AS FOR DEMINING INITIATIVES, PATRICIO REPORTED THAT THE GRM INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL DEMINING CENTER'S CAPACITY, AND TO INVOLVE MORE MOZAMBICANS IN THE OVERALL DEMINING PROCESS. WITH REGARD TO ACRI, PATRICIO STATED THAT IT CONTINUED TO BE DISCUSSED BOTH IN THE OAU AND SADC.

13. (S) PATRICIO EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENT SADC PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT IN MAPUTO WAS AN ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE ORGANIZATION FORWARD AND THE MOZAMBIQUE WAS PART OF A SMALLER GROUP FORMULATING A RECOMMENDATION ON SADC'S RESTRUCTURING. HE THEN ADMITTED THAT THE DEFENSE, SECURITY, AND POLITICAL ORGAN NEEDED TO BE "SORTED OUT."

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VICE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM

14. (S) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE MINISTER MAHOMED RAFIQUE ON MARCH 25. THE AMBASSADOR AND ECONOFF WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. SCHNEIDMAN'S MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE SUBSTANCE OF DAS CARSON'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OLDEMIRO BALOI IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER 1997, AS WELL TO RAFIQUE'S SUBSEQUENT PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN GABORONE FOR THE RANGEL PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION. SCHNEIDMAN RELATED THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA INITIATIVE TO RAFIQUE.

15. (S) AS WITH PATRICIO, RAFIQUE QUESTIONED SCHNEIDMAN AS TO WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON DID NOT INCLUDE MOZAMBIQUE ON HIS VISIT TO AFRICA. RAFIQUE THEN WELCOMED THE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, BUT NOTED THAT "MANY" CONSTRAINTS EXISTED IN MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING THE POPULATION'S LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, A LACK OF INTERNAL CAPACITY, A LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO "DELIVER AS IT WOULD LIKE."

16. (S) TURNING TO REGIONAL ISSUES, RAFIQUE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR THE U.S. INITIATIVE TO WORK IN AFRICA WOULD BE TO START FIRST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO COMPETE WITH THE REST OF THE REGION. RAFIQUE THEN STRESSED THAT MOZAMBIQUE NEEDED A "MORE BALANCED" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE REGION, AND THAT INVESTMENT WAS NECESSARY BEFORE MOZAMBIQUE COULD BENEFIT FROM THE GROWTH ACT.

17. (S) REGARDING THE SADC TRADE PROTOCOL, RAFIQUE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROTOCOL WOULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE A BETTER TRADING BALANCE IN THE REGION. (COMMNT. MOZAMBIQUE CLEARLY DESIRES GREATER ACCESS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S MARKET WHILE PROTECTING CERTAIN EMERGING DOMESTIC MARKETS. END COMMENT.) HE DID REPORT THAT THE GRM PLANNED TO RATIFY THE PROTOCOL BY THE JUNE 1998 DEADLINE.

18. (S) RAFIQUE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY (BIT) WITH THE U.S. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TRADE AND INVESTMENT WERE THE REST KIND OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND REPORTED THAT HIS MINISTRY SAW NO CONSTRAINTS TO MOVING AHEAD WITH A BIT. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEAD MINISTRY, THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE, ALONG WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION, WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE USTR'S MODEL TREATY.

19. (S) TURNING TO ENRON, RAFIQUE INDICATED THAT, LIKE PATRICIO, HE AND OTHER GRM OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT ENRON HAD NOT LIVED UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE HEADS OF AGREEMENT. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN DETAIL, EXPLAINING THAT THE LEAD MINISTRY WAS THE MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND

ENERGY. (COMMENT. IN A LATER CONVERSATION, FERNANDO SUMBANA, DIRECTOR OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTER, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT GRM OFFICIALS REALIZED THAT THE ERON PROJECT WAS JUST TOO IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTRY NOT TO APPROVE IN THE LONG RUN. END COMMENT.)

MINISTER FOR COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

19. (✓) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH THE MINISTER FOR COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, BERNARDO FERRAZ, ON MARCH 25. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE IN BOTSWANA WOULD SPOTLIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES SUCH AS BIODIVERSITY, DESERTIFICATION, AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES WHICH BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT. DURING THE MEETING, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTEGRATED SEACOAST MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PATROL BOATS, AND HE SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF EMPOWERING THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. SCHNEIDMAN AND FERRAZ AGREED THAT THE U.S. AND MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD INCREASE

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COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

20. (✓) FERRAZ EXPLAINED THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE WAS THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SEA RESOURCES, AND THAT A PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON COASTAL AND SEA MANAGEMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO JULY 18-25, WITH SEVERAL FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR. FERRAZ THEN OUTLINED PLANS FOR A NEW CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE CENTER WOULD SEEK TO ADAPT TECHNOLOGY TO LOCAL NEEDS IN SUCH AREAS AS "GREEN" MEDICINE AND ENERGY ALTERNATIVES. FERRAZ ALSO DESCRIBED PRIVATE INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL COLLEGE IN MOZAMBIQUE, WITH SUPPORT FROM CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES. LASTLY, THE MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD BE CREATING A NEW POLICY ANALYSIS GROUP, WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING AND HARMONIZING THE MANY POLICIES NOW IMPACTING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

21. (✓) WITH REGARD TO THE ENRON/IDC AND BLANCHARD PROJECTS, FERRAZ SAID THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAFTS EXIST, BUT THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS. INDEED, FERRAZ NOTED THAT, FIRST, THE GRM

WOULD HAVE TO ENSURE THAT IT HAD THE CAPABILITY TO ANALYZE THE STATEMENTS. ON DEFORESTATION, FERRAZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CABO DELGADO PROVINCE AND ELSEWHERE, WITH ADEQUATE LEGISLATION IN PLACE BUT WITH THE MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT LACKING. FERRAZ REPORTED THAT IN CABO DELGADO, DEFORESTATION WAS A PRIORITY CONCERN FOR THE NEWLY NAMED GOVERNOR PACHECO (WHO WAS FORMERLY THE VICE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.)

HEAD OF RENAMO PARLIAMENTARY BENCH

22. (X) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH RENAMO PARLIAMENTARY HEAD RAUL DOMINGOS ON MARCH 24. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT. DOMINGOS' FIRST COMMENT WAS THAT RENAMO WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOZAMBIQUE RETAIN ITS REPUTATION AS AN EXAMPLE OF A TRANSITION DEMOCRACY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT LOCAL ELECTIONS, DOMINGOS RESPONDED THAT, FOR RENAMO, THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS (AND ELECTIONS PROCESS) DID NOT END IN 1994, AND THAT RENAMO VIEWED 1994 AS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS, NOT THE END OF ONE. DOMINGOS THEN EMGHASIZED THAT ISSUES SUCH AS REGIONALISM AND TRIBALISM NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE MOZAMBIQUE WOULD TRULY BE A NATION FOR ALL MOZAMBICANS.

23. (X) SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THAT DEMOCRACY WAS ABOUT CHANGING GOAL POSTS, AND THAT THE PROCESS WAS NEVER FINISHED AND NEVER PERFECT. DOMINGOS ACKNOWLEDGED THE VERACITY OF SCHNEIDMAN'S COMMENT, BUT INSISTED THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WAS ESSENTIAL BEFORE DEMOCRACY COULD GROW. DOMINGOS THEN RECOUNTED HOW PRESIDENT CHISSANO WAS ALREADY UNFAIRLY USING HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF STATE TO CAMPAIGN FOR FRELIMO IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PROVINCES. DOMINGOS THEN COMPLAINED THAT LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, AND BANKERS WOULD ALL SUPPORT FRELIMO IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS BECAUSE OF FRELIM'S PERVASIVE PRESENCE NATION-WIDE. DOMINGOS THEN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH RADIO WAS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, FRELIMO'S DOMINATION OF NEWSPAPERS PUT RENAMO AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE.

24. (X) DOMINGOS EXPLAINED TO SCHNEIDMAN THAT MUCH OF RENAMO'S FUNDS COME FROM THE STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION TO PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES, AND FROM TITHES ON ITS DEPUTIES' SALARIES. HE THEN REPORTED THAT RENAMO WAS STILL TRYING TO PAY ITS DEBTS FROM THE 1994 CAMPAIGN. ON A POSITIVE NOTE, DOMINGOS STATED THAT RENAMO WAS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPUTERIZING ITS FILES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

25. (X) DOMINGOS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO SCHNEIDMAN'S EXPLANATION OF THE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, BUT NOTED THAT GROWTH OF A MIDDLE CLASS IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS VITAL TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. DOMINGOS E>RLAINED THAT STATISTICS

ASIDE, THE BULK OF THE POPULATION WAS STILL NOT BENEFITING FROM MOZAMBIQUE'S INCREASED ECONOMIC STABILITY.

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FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL

26. (C) ACTING CS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL MANUEL TOME ON MARCH 24. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT. TOME STATED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE NEW WAYS THE U.S. WAS DEALING WITH AFRICAN ISSUES, AND THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A MORE ACCURATE CONCEPTION OF AFRICA IN THE U.S. TOME BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. COULD HELP MOZAMBIQUE IN TWO KEY AREAS: DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

27. (C) TOME ALSO EXPLAINED THAT DEMOCRACY MUST BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF A COUNTRY'S CULTURE. HE NOTED THAT IN MOZAMBIQUE, PEOPLE FOLLOW LEADERS, NOT INSTITUTIONS, AND THAT THE CONCEPT OF ELECTED GOVERNMENT WAS AN ABSTRACT ONE, AS THE POPULATION WAS USED TO POWER RESTING WITH A LEADER WHO HAD INHERITED IT. TOME ALSO EXPLAINED THAT MANY DIFFERENT CUSTOMS EXIST IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND THAT THIS MADE IT HARD TO FORGE NATIONAL UNITY. TOME STATED THAT FRELIMO'S TOP GOAL WAS TO UNITE THE COUNTRY IN ITS DIVERSITY, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DEMOCRACY WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT.

28. (C) TOME NOTED THAT PEOPLE HAD THE CHOICE WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE OR NOT IN LOCAL ELECTIONS, AND THAT DEMOCRACY WAS NOT AN END IT ITSELF, BUT A WAY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN GOVERNMENT. TOME THEN STRESSED THAT FRELIMO CONTINUED TO BE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS, WITH OR WITHOUT RENAMO, BUT THAT IT REALIZED THAT IT WAS EASIER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND OTHERS TO "BLAME" THOSE IN POWER. TOME ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVEN WITHIN FRELIMO, THERE WAS MANY DIFFERING THOUGHTS AND IDEAS, BUT THAT HE WAS PART OF FRELIMO'S POST-LIBERATION STRUGGLE'S "SECOND GENERATION" (AND THE FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARMED STRUGGLE), AND THAT RENOVATION HAS NOW BECOME EASIER. TOME REPORTED THAT FRELIMO'S SINGLE BIGGEST STRUGGLE WAS TO ATTRACT MORE YOUTH TO THE PARTY.

COMMENT

29. (Z) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S WELL-RECEIVED VISIT WENT A LONG WAY IN ASSUAGING MOZAMBICAN FEELINGS ABOUT BEING LEFT OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN TRIP. HIS COUNTERPARTS LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO THE DAS' EXPLANATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN INITIATIVES, AND ALMOST ALL REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION OR FOLLOW-UP DETAIL. THE MESSAGE THAT CLEARLY EMERGED FROM SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT WAS THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS SERIOUS ABOUT DOING SERIOUS BUSINESS WITH THE U.S.

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AF DAS WHITNEY SCHNEIDMAN. FOR
REASON 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. (U) ON JANUARY 18, JIM MCCOOL, A SENIOR STATE
DEPARTMENT ANALYST, WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING
UN SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THE
ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN ARMS IN ANGOLA AND SIERRA LEONE,
WILL BE VISITING BRUSSELS.

3. (U) DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY MAY WISH TO
AVAIL ITSELF OF MR MCCOOL'S PRESENCE AND ARRANGE
MEETING/S WITH APPROPRIATE BELGIAN MFA OFFICIALS
KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC
IN ARMS IN AFRICA. MR MCCOOL IS PREPARED TO UPDATE
THEM ON USG VIEWS ON THE SITUATION AND EXCHANGE
IMPRESSIONS ON WAYS TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AIMED AT REDUCING THIS ILLEGAL TRAFFIC.

4. (U) IF APPOINTMENT/S IS MADE ON JANUARY 18 WITH
BELGIAN MFA, PLEASE NOTIFY AF/RA REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICER JOHN R WALSER BY CABLE, E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE
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TO Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

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To: Babbitt, James F. (VP)
Cc: Clarke,
Richard A. (TNT); Saunders, Richard M. (VP); Smith, Gayle E. (AF);
Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: Victor Butt points [SECRET]

Jim--

As discussed, in order to effectuate a near-term enforcement action targeting the Victor Butt Organization (VBO), here are some points transnational would suggest Leon raise with the South African Ambassador this afternoon.

* expect MKA to raise tomorrow

* although VB
expelled from SA in 1998, intel shared with your gov't last week indicates VBO aircraft still transitting SA

* understand your
prosecutors are looking at possible criminal liability under your anti-mercenary statute (Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Act)

* believe it is important for law enforcement officials to
use this statute and to press hard [REDACTED] EO 13526 1.4c
[REDACTED]

* once we have a warrant, we are prepared to urge
UAE to transfer custody to SA; have already raised with UAE at high
levels

* USG ready to provide any requested assistance; prepared
to send team in next couple of weeks

Note: Witney Schneidman
and I spoke with Deputy PM Pahad this morning and raised the first
and last points. As to the 4th point, we indicated that you all
would share specific ideas concerning a way forward this afternoon.

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good. i searched the web and found a very good article -- suggest
we pass the article to Amb

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Subject: FW: Victor Butt points [~~SECRET~~]

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are mentioned in an unclass para of the
The para is based on open

source info, including

1.4(c)

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Message-----

From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Sent: Thursday, December
07, 2000 2:25 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Subject: RE: Victor
Butt points [~~SECRET~~]
Importance: High

I spoke with

1.4(c)

with the person doing back-up [REDACTED] 1.4(c)
information

[REDACTED] 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] Can you please find out for sure if these
are names that we can mention or not?

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From: Wolosky,
Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2000 2:19 PM
To: Harris,
Grant T. (AF)
Subject: RE: Victor Butt points [SECRET]

Were

you able to reach [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

Norse/jv with Air PASS was open source [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

Don't know if [REDACTED] 1.4(c) was named specifically, although I would think
that she would have to have been. In addition, my notes indicate
that I asked [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] 1.4(c) If all else fails, we can
seek confirmation from Whitney that it was in fact passed along during
the visit.

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From: Harris, Grant T.
(AF)
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2000 1:31 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee
S. (TNT)
Subject: RE: Victor Butt points [SECRET]

Do we have
sufficient clearance [REDACTED] 1.4(c) to raise point
number 4?

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2000 12:53 PM
To: Babbitt, James
F. (VP)
Cc: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT); Saunders, Richard M. (VP);
Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: Victor Butt
points [SECRET]

Jim-- As discussed, in order to effectuate a near-term enforcement action targeting the Victor Butt Organization (VBO), here are some points transnational would suggest Leon raise with the South African Ambassador this afternoon.

- * expect MKA to raise tomorrow

- * although VB expelled from SA in 1998, intel shared with your gov't last week indicates VBO aircraft still transitting SA

- * understand your prosecutors are looking at possible criminal liability under your anti-mercenary statute (Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Act)

- * believe it is important for law enforcement officials to use this statute and to press hard

1.4(c)

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- * once we have a warrant, we are prepared to urge UAE to transfer custody to SA; have already raised with UAE at high levels

- * USG ready to provide any requested assistance; prepared to send team in next couple of weeks

Note: Witney

Schneidman and I spoke with Deputy PM Pahad this morning and raised the first and last points. As to the 4th point, we indicated that you all would share specific ideas concerning a way forward this afternoon.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 1/13/01 12:27:31 PM
FROM Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
CLASSIFICATION ~~TOP SECRET~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(b)(c)(d)(x5)(x6)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 01/12/2001
DECLASSIFYON 01/12/2026
SUBJECT FW: FW: south africa travel [~~TOP SECRET~~]
TO Cressey, Roger W. (TNT)

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Sent: Saturday,
January 13, 2001 12:12 PM
To: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)
Subject: FW:
FW: south africa travel [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Does this sound operational
to you?

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Friday, January 12, 2001 8:49 PM
To: Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Cc: Bradtke,
Robert A. (EXSEC)
Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Dean

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The proposed trip is further to e-mails that follow below,
and the attached memo to General Kerrick. In sum, General Kerrick
asked last year that steps be taken to put the Victor Butt Organization
(VBO) out of business. As the memorandum describes, VBO is the
largest

supplier of large and small arms to Liberia, Sierra Leone, Congo and Angola.

@africa and @trans, in coordination with @nonpro and @multi, have since sought to implement General Kerrick's request. NSC, OVP and State have worked closely with the South Africans, which expelled Butt and his associates in 1998 and appears to have a legal basis for exercising criminal jurisdiction over VBO principals. Among other contacts, Secretary Albright and President Mbeki discussed the possibility of USG-SAG cooperation on this matter last month in Pretoria. Mr. Fuerth also recently raised with the South African Ambassador the possibility of US-SAG cooperation on this issue. As a result of these and other discussions, the South Africans have invited USG officials to visit Pretoria next week to discuss an international enforcement action targetting VBO principals.

Any such action would require the cooperation of the UAE, where VBO is based. We have worked closely with high-level UAE security officials on this matter, and we are confident on the basis of those discussions that UAE will expel VBO principals at the request of the US and South African governments. Custody of those individuals would then be transferred to South Africa for criminal prosecution.

The foregoing briefly describes steps we have taken to respond to the General's request. We are highly encouraged by this week's invitation from the SAG to engage in immediate discussions on this topic with the United States.

Regards,

Lee

P.S. -- Since our conversation, I have been in touch with State concerning travel orders, which should be issued tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Haas,

Dean J. (ADMIN)

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2000 3:30 PM

To: Wolosky,

Lee S. (TNT)

Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel [SECRET]

thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Wednesday,
December 06, 2000 3:00 PM
To: Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Subject: RE:
FW: south africa travel [SECRET]

Dean -- trip is off for now.

-----Original

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From: Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Sent: Wednesday, December
06, 2000 9:05 AM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
Subject: RE: FW: south
africa travel [SECRET]

Thanks, Lee. Need you to carefully weigh
it and let us know why it is a priority for NSC right now. It's
appreciated, we have a lot of competing requests and the funds aren't
there for all of them.

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From: Wolosky,
Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 8:04 PM
To: Haas,
Dean J. (ADMIN)
Cc: Joshlyn, Gay L. (ADMIN)
Subject: RE: FW:
south africa travel [SECRET]

Dean -- will get back to you tomorrow
with updated info. Lee

-----Original Message-----

From: Haas,
Dean J. (ADMIN)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 2:45 PM
To: Wolosky,
Lee S. (TNT)
Cc: Joshlyn, Gay L. (ADMIN)
Subject: RE: FW: south

africa travel [SECRET]

Lee,

Can you update me on the status on the issues which are requiring your trip to South Africa? Who are the confirmed travelers on the US side? Will DOJ be represented? What is your specific role as NSC rep on the trip?

I am faced with a heavy demand for NSC travel funds during a period in which we are operating under a Continuing Resolution. We have travel to accompany the President to budget for, which is always a non-discretionary priority, as well as other missions which involve high-level current negotiations.

Your South Africa trip will cost approximately \$8000. We need a very convincing and updated argument in order to use our NSC direct account money for this trip. Thanks for understanding our need to manage these scarce resources.

Please feel free to copy your email back to me to Bob Bradtke for his review along with the travel request.

I appreciate your assistance.

Dean

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Sent: Thursday, November

30, 2000 12:51 PM

To: Harris, Grant T. (AF); Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)

Cc: @AFRICA

- African Affairs

Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel [SECRET]

systems

cleaning up my classification error -- they will ask you to delete from your system, etc.

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Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs; Wolosky, Lee S.

(TNT)
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Cc: @ASSIST; @NSCADMIN - Administration
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Many
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Dean

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J. (ADMIN)
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 9:44 AM
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- Senior Directors
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Thanks very much.

Dean

(Seniors/Admin Assistants: please pass this notice on to other members of your staffs as appropriate.)

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT Butt -- Kerrick memo 102300.doc

October 26, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DON KERRICK

THROUGH: GAYLE SMITH AND RICHARD CLARKE

FROM: GRANT HARRIS AND LEE WOLOSKY

SUBJECT: Strategy Update on Arms Trafficker Victor Butt

Following the DC on Sierra Leone on August 7, you asked what could be done to curtail the activities of international arms trafficker Victor Butt. This memo updates you on our efforts and requests your assistance in engaging the Justice Department in a coordinated international effort to shut down Butt and his organization.

BACKGROUND

The Victor Butt Organization (VBO) has been the largest supplier of illicit arms and air transport services in sub-Saharan Africa since the mid-1990's. VBO operates at least 60 aircraft (including IL-76s), has 200+ personnel, and maintains facilities in several countries. VBO's main base of operations is in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, although the organization maintains regional hubs in Luanda and Kigali.

Butt, through the supply of large and small arms to conflicts in Sierra Leone/Liberia, Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, violates numerous UN sanction regimes and contributes significantly to human misery and the frustration of U.S. foreign policy objectives in Africa. Butt has delivered arms (including MI-8T helicopters and associated rockets) to Liberian President Charles Taylor; many of these arms quickly find their way to the RUF in Sierra Leone and threaten the security of UNAMSIL forces. In addition, Butt has violated UN sanctions against UNITA since early 1997 and transports arms and troops for rebels in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He also appears to traffic in multiple rocket launcher systems, SAMs and anti-tank guided missiles, among other weapon systems. Finally, Butt trades in conflict diamonds across Africa and recently transported released ASG hostages to Libya from the Philippines.

STRATEGY

An NSC-led interagency working group is pursuing a three-pronged

strategy with the objective of shutting down Butt's organization through the incarceration of its principals: Victor Butt and his brother, Sergey. [REDACTED] 1.4(c) [REDACTED] absent Victor and Sergey, the organization will cease to operate in any significant manner). We are working closely with the British, who have recently pursued aggressive methods intended to protect their deployment in Sierra Leone. We are pursuing the three tracks described below simultaneously; the first option is the most developed, while the last one - the only option fully within our control - may not be being fully explored.

1. South Africa

We have approached the South Africans to explore their willingness to pursue criminal charges against Victor and Sergey. South Africa expelled Butt in 1998. It remains concerned about Butt's destabilizing activities in the region, particularly with regard to UNITA, and it recently approached the UAE to express these concerns. Upon issuance of a South African warrant, Butt can be extradited or expelled from UAE, and tried and incarcerated in South Africa. Earlier this month, State discussed this issue with the SAG, which has begun to explore a legal basis for an investigation, indictment and warrant.

2. UAE

We are working with senior UAE security officials to explore whether Victor and Sergey might have violated UAE law or whether UAE might be willing to extradite or expel the Butts to a third-party state such as South Africa. Although we are in the early stages of working with the UAE on this issue, we expect our close working relationship on similar matters to result in cooperation.

3. United States

We believe that the VBO's activities in the United States warrant close scrutiny by U.S. law enforcement agencies, and we have asked the Justice Department to consider whether those activities may have violated U.S. criminal law. On at least one occasion, Butt has received payment for arms shipments to Liberia out of a U.S. bank, he appears to have an operative based in Vienna, Virginia, and one of his lieutenants visited the United States in August. Butt operates a U.S.-registered aircraft that is owned by a U.S. carrier and is trying to purchase "stealth" telecommunications equipment -- possibly subject to export controls -- from a U.S. firm.

NEXT STEPS

* We are sending a small team to South Africa next week to discuss the political and legal plausibility of South African arrest warrants that

can then be executed in the UAE.

- * We will follow-up initial conversations with senior UAE officials (one of whom is now in the United States).

- * We would like your assistance in engaging DOJ, both to prioritize a possible U.S. criminal investigation and to participate in discussions in South Africa next week

RECOMMENDATION

That you convey, as soon as possible, the attached points to Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

Concurrence: Mary DeRosa

Attachment

Tab I Kerrick-Holder talking points

KERRICK-HOLDER TALKING POINTS

- * Want to raise with you several issues regarding USG response to the Victor Butt Organization, the largest supplier of illicit arms to Africa.

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- * VBO is also contributing significantly to human misery; violating several UN sanction regimes; and jeopardizing the security of UNAMSIL forces by delivering small and large arms, including armed helicopters, to Liberia/Sierra Leone.

- * VBO appears to be operating in the United States; confident that DOJ is pursuing/will pursue all leads as appropriate.

- * An NSC-led interagency group has made good progress in coordinating an international enforcement action against VBO principals. Specifically, the NSC-led group is working with the South Africans, who are now considering issuing warrants for their arrest.

- * A small group is heading out to South Africa next week. We hope DOJ can join this group, and might consider possible TDY assistance to a South African criminal investigation in the longer term. Might be good follow-up to your own trip to South Africa this past summer.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 11/30/2000 2:42:05 PM

FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(b)(c)(d)

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Gayle-
I put the "Please Let
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package
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November 30, 2000 1:44 PM
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Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE: FW: south
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That's to both of you for this background
info. It will be helpful when we review the package. i have already
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dean

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/06/2000 3:29:56 PM
FROM Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(b)(c)(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 11/30/2000
DECLASSIFYON 12/01/2010
SUBJECT RE: FW: south africa travel [~~SECRET~~]
TO Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

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TEXT_BODY

thanks

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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2000 3:00 PM

To: Haas, Dean J.

(ADMIN)

Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel [~~SECRET~~]

Dean --

trip is off for now.

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From: Haas, Dean

J. (ADMIN)

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2000 9:05 AM

To: Wolosky,

Lee S. (TNT)

Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel [~~SECRET~~]

Thanks,

Lee. Need you to carefully weigh it and let us know why it is a priority for NSC right now. It's appreciated, we have a lot of competing requests and the funds aren't there for all of them.

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From: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Tuesday,

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December 05, 2000 8:04 PM
To: Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Cc: Joshlyn,
Gay L. (ADMIN)
Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel ~~[SECRET]~~

Dean
-- will get back to you tomorrow with updated info. Lee

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05, 2000 2:45 PM
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Subject: RE: FW: south africa travel ~~[SECRET]~~

Lee,

Can
you update me on the status on the issues which are requiring your
trip to South Africa? Who are the confirmed travelers on the US
side? Will DOJ be represented? What is your specific role as NSC
rep on the trip?

I am faced with a heavy demand for NSC travel
funds during a period in which we are operating under a Continuing
Resolution. We have travel to accompany the President to budget
for, which is always a non-discretionary priority, as well as other
missions which involve high-level current negotiations.

Your South
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and updated argument in order to use our NSC direct account money
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me to Bob Bradtke for his review along with the travel request.

I
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Dean
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DATECLASSIFIEDON 08/30/2000

DECLASSIFYON 08/31/2010

SUBJECT arms trafficking svts follow-up [~~TOP SECRET~~]

TO Lieberman, Donna P. (TNT)

CARBON_COPY Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)
Grandrimo, Nicole M. (TNT/INTERN)
Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

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Donna:

I'd be grateful if you would:

1. Print the attached
document in final form.2. Prepare washfax cover sheet to distribute
document to same folks invited to today's svts. Please include on
washfax cover sheet additional State participants I am attaching
to hardcopy of this email and leaving on your desk.3. Please
pass to me the whole package for initialling before it goes out.4.
Please secure svts time o/a 9/12 for another svts on arms trafficking
-- 1 hour.

Thanks,

Lee

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August 31, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS, ARMS TRAFFICKING
SVTS

FROM: LEE WOLOSKY AND NORA DEMPSEY

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for A/T SVTS -- Wednesday,
August 30, 2000

Participants discussed and agreed as follows:

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Agencies will provide a roster of participants to Niki Grandrimo by 9/1/00. The roster should include full contact information for all individuals to be included in follow-on sessions. Ms. Grandrimo's contact information is as follows: 202-456-9147 (phone) and 202-456-9360 (fax). NSC will distribute an interagency contact list upon receipt of all information. [ALL/NSC]

2. Law Enforcement:

[REDACTED] EO 13526 1.4c DOJ/crim and other law enforcement agencies in respect of 3/00/20559-00. [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

DOJ/FBI will follow-up published reports indicating Interpol activity involving the Butt organization. [DOJ/FBI]

3. Visas:

State will procure visa applications and supporting materials filed with post in respect of Butt and associates. [STATE]

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4. Diplomatic:

To enhance policy coordination, [REDACTED] 1.4(c) British counterparts NSC and State point-of-contact information (Wolosky and Schneidman, respectively). [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

State will prepare by 9/11/00 a memorandum analyzing whether activities of the Butt organization breach UN sanction regimes applicable to Angola, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Liberia and Libya. The memorandum will address possible enforcement actions available to member states obligated to enforce sanctions [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] 1.4(c) State's analysis, and Justice will provide legal input if requested. [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] 1.4(c)

To inform diplomatic activities involving UAE, [REDACTED] 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] 1.4(c)

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FROM Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)
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CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(c)(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 09/14/2000
DECLASSIFYON 09/15/2010
SUBJECT FW: arms trafficking soc [~~TOP SECRET~~]
TO Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

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DOJ will
support preparation of the analysis as necessary. 1.4(c)

To inform diplomatic activities and related planning efforts, 1.4(c)

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CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(c)(d)
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DECLASSIFYON 09/15/2010
SUBJECT RE: arms trafficking soc [~~TOP SECRET~~]
TO Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

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TO Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
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CARBON_COPY Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

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@africa -- unless you have comments to this I will send out. Note that Witney has already arranged small meeting on visas for 1:30 pm Monday at his shop. Also, the British have requested to brief next week. I think it's fine to be in listening mode -- we've set that up for Tuesday at 11, also at state. If you have a problem with those times let me know.

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Subject: FW: Butt SOC [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Lee: Looks good... One suggestion -- I'd change the second "detailed analysis" to "a preliminary analysis" (rationale: it's quite a daunting task, and I think overreaching here will undercut our credibility)...
Regards, Fred

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To inform diplomatic activities and related planning efforts, 1.4(c)

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TO Briggs, Christiana (TNT/INTERN)

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FOR DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN

E.O. 12958:

DECL: 11/01/2005

TAGS: SF, PREL, KCRM

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT
MEETING ON VICTOR BUTTCLASSIFIED BY WENDY CHAMBERLIN 1.5 (C)
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THE POSSIBILITY OF
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TO Harris, Grant T. (AF)

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not yet -- let's discuss how we want to handle this issue generally

Are
you taking action on this?

No special channel. As you see State
classified as ~~SECRET~~ and indicated a DECLASS date of 11/01/2005.
The declass date should be changed. Also, as you know, half of
the world was in today's P meeting. I am mostly concerned about
information finding its way around UAE, rather than SA, although
I certainly agree with your general sentiment. We can take steps
to narrow the circle of individuals with access to this information,
but that will make the issue harder to work. Fred: do you have
any views on this? Lee

what channel was this sent through (i.e.
how broadly was it distributed)?

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DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN

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 WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN; REASON 1.5 (B) [~~SECRET~~]
 TO Harris, Grant T. (AF)
 CARBON_COPY Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

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Grant: No -- I had not seen it. Agree with you on information
 dissemination/decla
 ssification
 and will discuss with RAC/Fred the best way to handle.

Did you
 see this? I am not sure that frontchannel cables are the best way
 to address this issue. Regardless, we need to set some uniform standard
 for when information on this issue should be declassified.

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~~SECRET~~ STATE 213743

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 12958: DECL: 11/06/08
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 SUBJECT:
 SOUTH AFRICA'S AZIZ PAHAD DISCUSSES REGIONAL
 ISSUES

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 BY AF DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN; REASON 1.5 (B)

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY:

IN A NINETY-MINUTE LUNCHEON MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 2 AT THE PARLIAMENT
BUILDING WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, HE AND AF
DAS SCHNEIDMAN TOUCHED
ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS. THESE INCLUDED COOPERATION
ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF RUSSIAN ARMS DEALER VICTOR BUTT,
ANGOLAN-
SOUTH
AFRICAN RELATIONS, ZIMBABWE, SWAZILAND, NIGERIA,
AND, BRIEFLY, THE
ISSUE OF CONFLICT DIAMONDS. AT THE END
OF THE CONVERSATION, PAHAD
SAID SCHNEIDMAN SHOULD BE SURE
TO CONVEY TO S/E WOLPE THAT HE HAD
PASSED ON HIS MESSAGE
REGARDING DROC TO PRESIDENT MBEKI AND DEPUTY
PRESIDENT
ZUMA, AND THAT HE THOUGHT ZUMA SHOULD HAVE
CALLED HIM
BY
NOW. END SUMMARY.

2. ~~(S)~~ IN THE MINISTERIAL DINING ROOM AT
THE PARLIAMENT

BUILDING, OVERLOOKING THE GARDENS OF PARLIAMENT
AND
FACING
TABLE MOUNTAIN, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STARTED
THE
CONVERSATION
BY ASKING HOW SCHNEIDMAN VIEWED THE MEETING
WITH DFA OFFICIALS ON
VICTOR BUTT THE DAY BEFORE.
SCHNEIDMAN REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN
CONSTRUCTIVE BUT THAT

WE SENSED THAT THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE
HAD MET HAD
EXPECTED MORE INFORMATION THAN WE HAD SHARED WITH
THEM.

SCHNEIDMAN
THEN PASSED TO PAHAD A NON-PAPER CONTAINING
INFORMATION CULLED FROM
OPEN SOURCES ABOUT BUTT'S
ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA IN THE 1997-98
PERIOD. IN THE
USG'S VIEW, THIS WAS THE KEY PERIOD AS IT CONCERNED

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DEVELOPING
A COMMON STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH BUTT. PAHAD
ASKED HOW THE AMERICANS
HAD LEFT IT WITH THEIR DFA
COLLEAGUES IN PRETORIA. SCHNEIDMAN SAID
THAT WE WOULD
SHARE MORE INFORMATION AS RELEVANT, BUT THAT THEY
HAD
AGREED TO DO THEIR OWN INTER-MINISTERIAL FILE SEARCH,
ESPECIALLY
AS IT CONCERNED OPERATION JACUZZI. PAHAD
COMMENTED THAT OPERATION
JACUZZI WAS ONLY PART OF THE
STORY BECAUSE IT WAS A SADC CROSS-BORDER
ANTI-CRIME
INITIATIVE "THAT WAS DOOMED AS SOON AS THE DECISION
WAS
MADE
TO PLACE ITS HEADQUARTERS IN HARARE." HE ASKED IF AN
OFFICIAL FROM
THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION HAD
PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING,
TO WHICH SCHNEIDMAN SAID NO.
SCHNEIDMAN SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE
TO RETURN IN THE NEXT
TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR A MEETING THAT WOULD
INCLUDE
RESPECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ASSESS HOW
TO
PROCEED
WITH OUR COMMON APPROACH IN DEALING WITH BUTT.
PAHAD AGREED WITH
THAT APPROACH AND UNDERScoreD THAT HE
WOULD TRY TO HAVE THE SOUTH
AFRICANS' REVIEW OF THEIR
FILES ON VICTOR BUTT COMPLETED IN TWO
TO THREE WEEKS.

3.(8) TURNING TO ANGOLA, PAHAD ASKED HOW OUR BCC
MEETINGS
WITH THE ANGOLANS HAD GONE. SCNEIDMAN SAID THEY
HAD BEEN
PRODUCTIVE
AND THAT THE ANGOLANS HAD FINALLY GIVEN US A
GREEN LGHT TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH UNITA REPRESENTATIVES IN
EUROPE TO URGE THEM TO RETURN
TO ANGOLA TO ENGAGE IN THE
POLITICAL REFORM PROCESS. WHEN PAHAD
REMARKED AT THE

LENGTH OF TIME IT HAD TAKEN THE ANGOLANS TO MAKE
A
DECISION, SCHNEIDMAN SAID THAT WE WOULD MAKE
CONTACT
THROUGH
OUR EMBASSIES IN EUROPE AT NEUTRAL LOCATIONS TO
AVOID ANY PERCEPTION
THAT WE WERE BEGINNING NEW TALKS WITH
UNITA, AND THAT WE WERE UTILIZING
THAT ASPECT OF THE UNSC
RESOLUTION WHICH ALLOWED CONTACT IN THE
PURSUIT OF PEACE.

4.(8) PAHAD RESPONDED THAT DOS SANTOS HAD RECENTLY
WRITTEN
MBEKI TO FOLLOW UP ON A SUGGESTION THE SOUTH
AFRICAN
MILIATRY
CHIEF OF STAFF APPARENTLY HAD MADE ON A RECENT
VISIT TO ANGOLA THAT
SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS JOIN THE FAA IN
THE EFFORT TO DEFEAT SAVIMBI.
THE LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO
SOUTH AFRICA BY MPLA GENERAL SECRETARY
JOAO LOURENCO AND
LONG-TIME MPLA OFFICIAL PAULO JORGE AT A MEETING
OF
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THE DAY BEFORE MBEKI AND
PAHAD

DEPARTED
FOR THE RECENT MAPUTO SUMMIT ON DROC. SCHNEIDMAN
RESPONDED "THAT
WOULD BE DISASTROUS" AND ADDED THAT, IN A
MEETING THE DAY BEFORE
IN LUSAKA WITH ZAMBIA'S PERMANENT
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE
ANGOLANS HAD BEEN PRESSURING THEM TO JOIN
THE FIGHT
AGAINST SAVIMBI. HE ADDED THAT THE ZAMBIANS HAD
REFUSED.

5.(8)
PAHAD THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS WORKING TO GET
FOREIGN MINISTER
ZUMA TO ANGOLA IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
SCHNEIDMAN COMMENTED THAT
HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE HER AT
THE COMESA SUMMIT AND ASKED IF SOUTH

AFRICA WAS SIGNALLING
ITS INTENTION TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION. PAHAD
SAID THAT
IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO STAY ABREAST
OF
SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, AND IMPLIED THAT
AT SOME POINT, SADC
AND COMESA NEEDED TO HAVE SERIOUS
DISCUSSIONS. RETURNING TO ZUMA'S
PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO
ANGOLA, SCHNEIDMAN SAID WE SHOULD APPROACH
IT IN THE
"SPIRIT" OF WHAT WE HAD STARTED IN MADRID IN APRIL.
PAHAD
AGREED,
BUT SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS NOW THE ANGOLANS WHO
WERE BEING DIFFICULT
ABOUT A DATE. SCHNEIDMAN SUGGESTED
THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE HELPFUL
AND THAT HE WOULD ASK
AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN TO TALK TO SOUTH AFRICAN
AMBASSADOR
MAMPANE AND MANUEL AGUSTO IN LUANDA TO SEE HOW
WE MIGHT
PROCEED.
PAHAD SAID THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

6. (S) ON ZIMBABWE, PAHAD
SAID THAT THEY WERE VERY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE DECLINE OF THE ECONOMY.
THE SOUTH
AFRICANS WERE CONTEMPLATING HOLDING AN INTER-
MINISTERIAL
MEETING
WITH THE ZIMBABWEANS, INCLUDING THE MINISTERS OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
FINANCE, AND TRADE, AMONG OTHERS.
SCHNEIDMAN REPLIED THAT COULD
BE HELPFUL AND MENTIONED
THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE NEW
TRADE MINISTER,
NKOSANA MOYO, WHOM HE HAD MET IN LUSAKA. PAHAD
SAID
THAT
ALEC ERWIN ALSO HAD POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT
MOYO.
SCHNEIDMAN
SHARED WITH PAHAD THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE
UNDP REPORT ON THEIR

VISIT TO ZIMBABWE, AND MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE SOME INTERESTING IDEAS IN THE REPORT WORTH CONSIDERING. PAHAD AGREED THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD ON THE LAND ISSUE IF POSSIBLE AND RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE IDEA THAT A/S RICE MIGHT VISIT THE COUNTRY IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

7. ~~(S)~~ THE DEPUTY MINISTER THEN RAISED NIGERIA AND SAID THAT WE HAD TO DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE GET OUR PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY. SCHNEIDMAN MENTIONED THAT WE HAD ESTABLISHED A

JOINT ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE AND WOULD BE HAVING A MEETING DECEMBER 6-7 IN WASHINGTON. REMARKING THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALSO ESTABLISHED A COMMISSION AT THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT LEVEL, PAHAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PRESIDENT OBASANJO'S HABIT OF KEEPING A VERY CLOSE HOLD ON NUMEROUS ISSUES.

8. ~~(S)~~ SCHNEIDMAN THEN ALERTED PAHAD TO THE DIFFICULTIES WE WERE HAVING WITH SWAZILAND. PAHAD SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE GSP ISSUE AND THAT THEY DID NOT QUALIFY FOR AGOA. SCHNEIDMAN SHARED WITH HIM HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SWAZI PRIME MINISTER AND THAT WE HAD MADE NO PROGRESS WHATSOEVER IN OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THERE WAS CONCERN THAT OUR BILATERAL PROBLEMS COULD BE EXPLOITED BY DIFFERENT GROUPS IN SWAZILAND TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE

GOVERNMENT. THE PICTURE WAS FURTHER DARKENED BY RECENT EVENTS, REPORTED IN THE PRESS, IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BANNED THE SWAZILAND FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS FROM HOLDING A MEETING BY INVOKING THE COLONIAL-ERA PUBLIC ORDER ACT AND HAD ALSO PREVENTED THE TEACHERS' UNION FROM MEETING UNDER THE SAME LAW. PAHAD SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE ACTIONS BECAUSE THE TWO UNIONS WOULD BE HOLDING A COMBINED RALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA ON SUNDAY (11/5) BECAUSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACTION. EXPRESSING CONSTERNATION, PAHAD SAID THEY WERE WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

9. ~~(S)~~ AS THEIR LUNCH FINISHED, SCHNEIDMAN ASKED THE DEPUTY MINISTER WHY SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT PARTICIPATED AT A SENIOR LEVEL IN THE CONFLICT DIAMONDS CONFERENCE IN LONDON. PAHAD SAID THAT THIS WAS MINISTER ZUMA'S ISSUE, AND SHE FELT STRONGLY THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEBATED IN THE UN FIRST. PAHAD ALSO ADDED THAT NEXT WEEK, IN SOUTH AFRICA, THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. HE SAID THAT SOME COUNTRIES WOULD WANT IT TO BE A POLICY-MAKING BODY, BUT IT WAS THE SOUTH AFRICANS' STRONG OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE A CONSULTATIVE BODY. COMMENTING THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD SEND EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MEETING, HE MENTIONED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THOSE COUNTRIES WITHOUT A PARLIAMENT.

10.

~~(S)~~ COMMENT: THE MEETING HELPED TO SOLIDIFY RSA'S

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- (1) I plan on cutting down the distribution to State (on washfax cover sheet) once I figure out who all these people are...
- (2) Further to appropriate State participation, did you ever get an attendance list from Robin Meyer in respect of recent P meeting.
- (3) Let's address info dissemination/need to know, but I suggest we do not make it a separate agenda item.
- (4) Same with collection requirements.

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Arms Trafficking SVTS
11/17/00

1. EO 13526 1.4c

2. Interpol Update 1.4(c)

3. Update on Visa Issues State

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MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS, ARMS TRAFFICKING
SVTS

FROM: LEE WOLOSKY AND GRANT HARRIS

SUBJECT: Arms Trafficking SVTS

We will hold our next arms trafficking SVTS on November 17, from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. The agenda is attached.

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From: Wolosky,
Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2000 4:03 PM

To: @AFRICA

- African Affairs; McLean, Matthew K. (MULTI); Tucker, Maureen E.

(NONPRO)

Cc: Briggs, Christiana (TNT/INTERN); Rosa, Frederick M.
(TNT)

Subject: butt svts 17 NOV 11am-12pm [~~SECRET~~]

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come all

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November 14, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS, ARMS TRAFFICKING
SVTS

FROM: LEE WOLOSKY AND GRANT HARRIS

SUBJECT: Arms Trafficking SVTS

We will hold our next arms trafficking SVTS on November 17, from
11:00 am-12:00
pm. The agenda is attached.

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Attachment: Agenda

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AGENDA
Arms Trafficking SVTS
11/17/2000

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2. Interpol Update 1.4(c)

3. Update on Visa Issues State

4. Diplomatic Initiatives - South Africa State

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August 31, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS, ARMS TRAFFICKING
SVTS

FROM: LEE WOLOSKY AND NORA DEMPSEY

SUBJECT: Arms Trafficking SVTS

We will hold our next arms trafficking SVTS on September 13, 2000,
from 4:30-5:30
pm. Agenda to follow. A summary of conclusions from our first
session is
attached.

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Attachment: Summary of Conclusions

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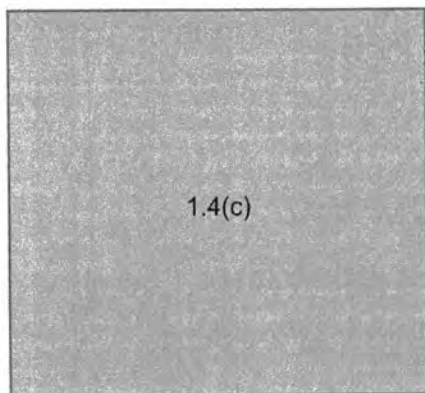


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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/01/2000 5:42:02 PM
FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(d)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 11/29/2000
DECLASSIFYON 11/30/2010
SUBJECT FW: Do you have ten minutes this afternoon to talk? [~~SECRET~~]
TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Sent: Wednesday,
November 29, 2000 4:45 PM

To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Subject: Do

you have ten minutes this afternoon to talk? [~~SECRET~~]

Gayle,

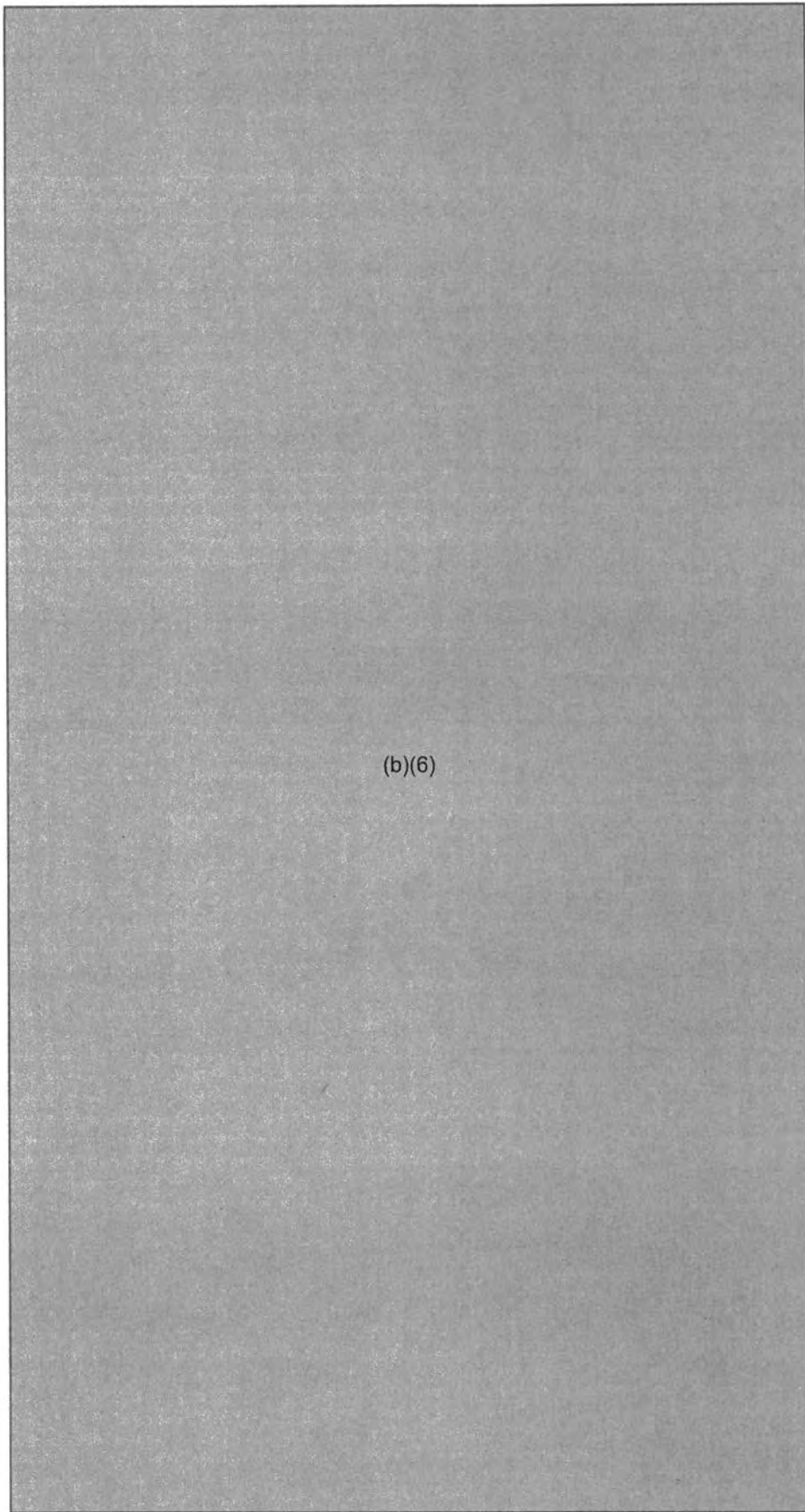
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(this e-mail is ~~secret~~ because
of one sentence I included about Butt)

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Gayle,

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* (~~S~~) Co-directing with Lee Wolosky of TNT a sensitive, close hold initiative to shut down the arms trafficking organization of Victor Butt (which operates mainly

in Africa). In this capacity, I have worked with TNT and State to develop a three-pronged action plan, have called and chaired interagency meetings and written an action memo to General Kerrick.



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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/05/2000 6:26:44 PM
FROM Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
CLASSIFICATION ~~TOP SECRET~~
CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(c)
DATECLASSIFIEDON 12/04/2000
DECLASSIFYON 12/05/2010
SUBJECT RE: Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~
TO Harris, Grant T. (AF)

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will do

-----Original Message-----
From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:26 PM
To: Smith, Gayle E.
(AF)
Subject: RE: Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~

FYI: I told Witney
we revised the tps and when I commented on the paper and mentioned
that we were not included, Prince Schneidman gave me a sarcastic
"sorry." In response to your earlier idea, I think a heart-to-heart
as a friend would be helpful.

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:17 PM
To: Harris,
Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~

Colby
can you please inform Leon that I would like Grant to attend with
me as he is our expert

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-----Original Message-----

From: Harris,
Grant T. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:08 PM
To: Harris,
Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF);
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE:
Butt update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Colby--

Please mark GES calendar with
following event on Thursday:
3:30-3:45 brief Leon Fuerth
3:45-4:45
(end time depends on meeting length) Amb. Sisulu with Leon Fuerth

thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Harris, Grant T.
(AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:43 PM
To: Byrne, Catherine
E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF); Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

spoke

with Jim, trying to get 3:30 on Thursday.

-----Original Message-----

From: Byrne,
Catherine E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:32 PM
To: Cooper,
Colby J. (AF); Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

yep,

Wed is bad.

-----Original Message-----

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From: Cooper, Colby J.
(AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:29 PM
To: Smith, Gayle
E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~

CB -
as you suggested 2:45-5:00 window on Thursday right? Wednesday looks booked solid.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E.
(AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 12:51 PM
To: Harris, Grant
T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE:
Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~

Colby? Cathy any possible overlaps on the Wed side?

-----Original Message-----

From: Harris, Grant
T. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 12:12 PM
To: Smith,
Gayle E. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African
Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update ~~[TOP SECRET]~~

The 10:45-12:30
on Thursday slot that Cahty suggested does not work for Leon.

Leon's
schedule is as follows:
Wed: Anytime other than 11-12 or 1:30-2:00
or 3:30-4:00
Thursday: If no DC, then free from 2:00-5:00pm.
If DC, free from 3:30-5:00pm.
Friday: open 10-12, 1-4:00 (But Friday
is too late for the meeting, as Mbeki/MKA meeting would already have
taken place given the time difference.

I feel it is very important
to meet with Sisulu in time for her to lay the groundwork for the
Mbeki/MKA meeting. Can we please find any time that meshes with
Leon's calendar that would work for GES to free up for an hour?

-----Original
Message-----
From: Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December
05, 2000 10:12 AM
To: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Subject: RE: Butt
update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

1045-1230 she's free

AF/S reports that
MKA will meet
Friday 5:30pm with Mbeki
Saturday 9:00am with Zuma
(also,
FYI: Tutu courtesy call in Cape Town on Thursday)

I suggest Cathy
the JEP Catrix nominates any possible times on Thursday. Cathy, can
you please let us know the possibilities?

GES-- would you want
anyone from CIA or Wolosky in the Sisulu meeting?

-----Original
Message-----
From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December
05, 2000 8:24 AM
To: Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African
Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Yes, you can help
by calling Jim and asking him to schedule a meeting for Leon, me,
Babbitt and you with Sisulu, probably Friday, she can then get to
Mbeki perhaps before MKA does but on second thought, can you find
out when MKA is seeing Mbeki so we can time this right, I have some
openings on Thursday when I can leave JEPC (doublecheck with Cathy,

who is my JEPC master, on when I can exit) on Thursday. Tomorrow I must be in JEPC all day. Thanks, your offer is much appreciated.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December

05, 2000 8:21 AM

To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA - African

Affairs

Subject: Butt update [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Lee, Witney and I

will have a conference call with the South Africans tomorrow, including with Peter Guessen, who is point person at senior working level.

Although I pushed back, there was no logistical way to make this call secure. Thus, we will need to talk around certain issues and not mention any names.

Regarding Sisulu... Is there anything that I can be doing to help as far as working with Babbitt on details or preparing anything? The butt-kicking team thinks it is important to have this meeting as soon as possible. Sisulu meeting will also help lay the groundwork for MKA-Mbeki meeting.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Sent: Monday, December

04, 2000 11:56 AM

To: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA - African

Affairs

Subject: Just raised VB with Susan for Sec's trip [~~TOP SECRET~~]

Susan

said she thought it good idea for MKA to raise, pointed out that it is not locked in yet, told her the reason to do it would be to get MKA to lock it in with Mbeki, she agreed, said they only have one VB point in her papers. She (Susan) asked if Grant could send her (Susan) anything he has on this. Grant, can you put something together including on state of play so that we can get MKA to lock it in? Should probably touch base with Lee. Do not want to override Witney so do not do a whole new memo, but a package of whatever exists, or something. You decide.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 12/19/2000 2:05:05 PM

FROM Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)

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DATECLASSIFIEDON 12/19/2000

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SUBJECT butt ~~[SECRET]~~

TO Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)
Cooper, Colby J. (AF)
Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

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Grandrimo, Nicole M. (TNT/INTERN)
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STATE DEPT. FOR AF A/S SUSAN RICE
AND AF DAS WITNEY
SCHNEIDMAN FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 12958:
DECL: 12/19/2010
TAGS: KCRM, PREL, PINR, SF
SUBJECT: SAG PERSPECTIVE
ON A U.S. TEAM VISIT ON VICTOR BUTT

REF: A. SCHNEIDMAN/PAHAD LETTER:
OF DECEMBER 15
B. 2000
C. PRETORIA 8662

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BY AMBASSADOR DELANO E. LEWIS. REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1.

~~(S)~~ POST HAS TRIED, SO FAR IN VAIN, TO OBTAIN DFA ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AN INTERLOCUTOR IN THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS TO DISCUSS A PROSECUTORIAL STRATEGY AGAINST ARMS MERCHANT VICTOR BUTT. IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT AN INTERLOCUTOR WILL BE FOUND UNTIL AFTER THE SOUTH AFRICAN HOLIDAY SEASON, O/A JANUARY 8.

2. ~~(S)~~

PRIOR TO, AND THEN FOLLOWING UP ON DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S LETTER TO DEPUTY FM AZIZ PAHAD OF DEC. 15 (REF A), POST DISCUSSED WITH DFA CHIEF DIRECTOR OF ARMS CONTROL PETER GOOSEN DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S DESIRE TO LEAD A USG TEAM TO SOUTH AFRICA TO TALK ABOUT A PROSECUTORIAL STRATEGY AGAINST BUTT WITH KEY PLAYERS IN DFA AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS. GOOSEN SAID HE WELCOMED A VISIT, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHO FROM THE KEY OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (NDPP) COULD BE INVITED TO INTERFACE WITH THE U.S. TEAM. GOOSEN HAD EXPLAINED THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE NDPP HAD BEEN HANDLED PERSONALLY BY DEPUTY FM PAHAD, WHO WAS THEN UNREACHABLE ON A TRIP WITH PRESIDENT MBEKI TO BRAZIL. PAHAD RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS ON DECEMBER 18 BEFORE LEAVING ON HOLIDAY. DURING THAT BRIEF WINDOW, HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT CECILIA COLAROSSO REPORTED TO US, PAHAD READ DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S LETTER BUT HIS ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT THE SAG WAS NOT READY FOR ANOTHER MEETING BECAUSE IT

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HAD NOT COMPLETED ITS FILE
SEARCH ON BUTT.

3. (S) EMBASSY PRETORIA'S POLMILOFF EXPLAINED
TO PAHAD'S
STAFF AND TO GOOSEN, THAT THE U.S. SIDE WAS NOT
WAITING
FOR
THE RESULTS OF THAT RESEARCH, BUT SIMPLY WANTED TO
DISCUSS A
LEGAL
STRATEGY. COLAROSSO GAVE POLMILOFF THE NAME OF
KAREN
LOCKE, ANOTHER
DFA OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION WHO
IS A MEMBER OF THE
LEGAL STAFF. MS LOCKE CONFIRMED THAT THE
ORIGINAL U.S. INFORMATION
(REF B) WAS SHARED WITH AN
INTERAGENCY GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED A MEMBER
OF THE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS. LOCKE UNDERTOOK TO IDENTIFY
THE MEMBER
OF THE OFFICE, BUT WARNED THAT, IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN
HOLIDAY
SEASON, IT WAS VERY UNLIKELY ANYONE WOULD BE
AVAILABLE BEFORE
JANUARY
8.

4. (S) I STRONGLY URGE THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER
JANUARY 8,
WHEN
PAHAD RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE, BEFORE PRESSING THE SAG
FURTHER FOR
A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH A WASHINGTON TEAM ON
VICTOR BUTT. OUR
AIM IS TO ACHIEVE SOUTH AFRICAN COOPERATION
ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.
TO PUSH HARD AT THIS POINT, IN THE
FACE OF A CLEAR SAG INDICATION
THAT IT IS NOT READY TO MEET,
MAY PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE
ULTIMATE GOAL OF PUTTING VICTOR BUTT OUT
OF BUSINESS.
LEWIS