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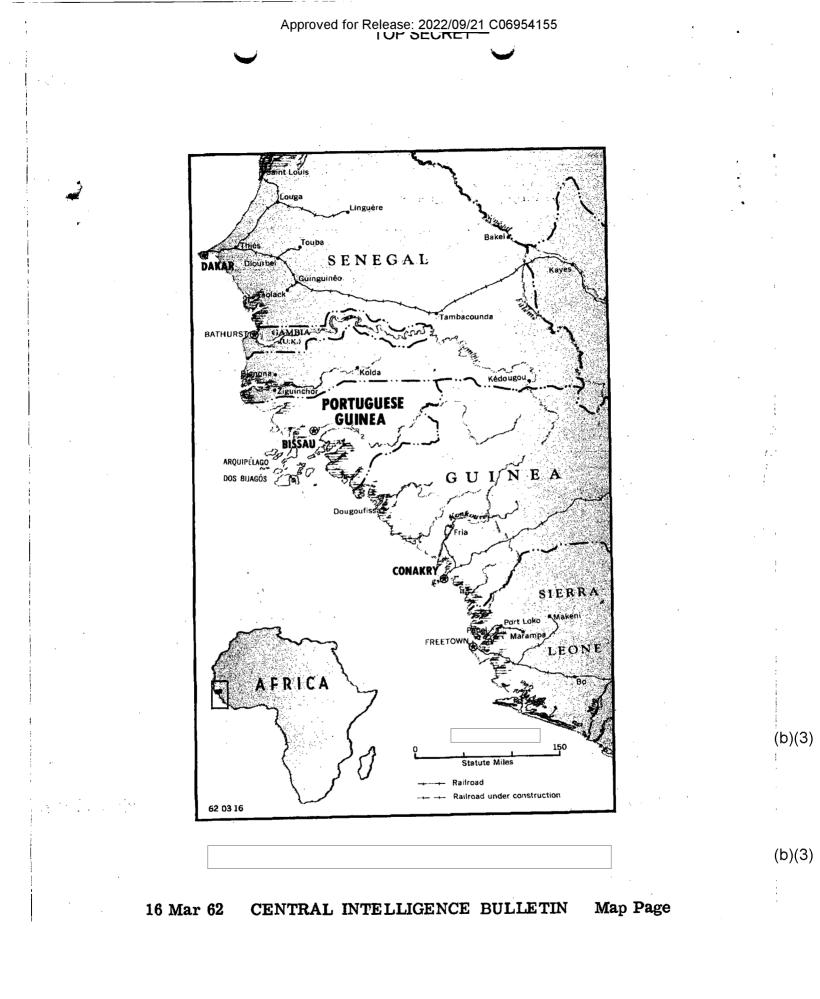
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Approved for Release: 2022/09/21 C06954155 (b)(3) **JOP SECRET** (b)(1) (b)(3)Portuguese Guinea: Portuguese Guinean nationalist ele-ments based in the Republic of Guinea and supported by Sekou (b)(3)(b)(1)Toure's regime as well as by the Communist bloc may be pre-(b)(3)paring to launch early guerrilla operations in Portuguese Guinea. these elements were the intended recipients of at least part of 600-700 tons of arms (b)(1) and ammunition which were included (b)(3) in the shipments of military materiel known to have arrived in Guinea from the USSR last month. (b)(1) emigré Portuguese Guinean ad-(b)(3) herents of the African Independence Party for Portuguese Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC) were receiving training in guerrilla tactics under Toure's auspices. A Radio Conakry broadcast of 10 March protested alleged repeated yiolations of the Republic's frontiers by Portuguese aircraft, (b)(3) (b)(3)16 Mar 62 DAILY BRIEF v (b)(3) TOP SECRET

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African Nationalist Pressure On Portuguese Guinea

Portuguese Guinea has an area of 14,000 square miles-less than half that of Portugal--and a population numbering approximately 550,000. Except for a few thousand whites and mulattos, the inhabitants are African tribesmen who are among the most backward in West Africa. Two of the most important tribal groups are the predominantly Moslem Fulani and Mandingos who inhabit the interior of the territory and have traditionally maintained close contacts with fellow tribesmen dwelling in Senegal and the Republic of Guinea/

In addition to the nationalist pressures emanating from Conakry, which hopes ultimately to annex Portuguese Guinea, Senegal has for some time been providing propaganda and at least some financial assistance to other, more moderate Portuguese Guinean emigré elements. The most important of these are organized in the Dakar-based Liberation Movement of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands (MLGC). A "United Liberation Front" which was proclaimed by MLGC and PAIGC leaders at a conference in Dakar last July apparently never got off the ground and has since been superseded by an alignment between the MLGC and Holden Roberto's non-Communist Angolan People's Union (UPA).

(Although both the MLGC and the PAIGC claim to have the greater support within Portuguese Guinea, a Senegalese official characterized the MLGC last fall as "substantially weaker" than its rival. In January,

the MLGC did not appear to be in a position to engage in any significant action since it lacked arms and other necessary materiel and was not well enough organized either within or outside Portuguese Guinea. This situation in part reflects the much more cautious support being given Portuguese Guinean nationalists by Senegal, which is under French pressure to minimize provocation of the Portuguese. Paris is reportedly concerned that it might become involved, because of

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its defense agreements with Senegal, should a major crisis develop between Lisbon and Dakar as a result of the activities of the Portuguese Guinean nationalists operating from Senegal. Since last July such elements have provoked several well-publicized border incidents

Portuguese authorities have recently been manifesting increasing apprehension over the possibility of early disturbances in Portuguese Guinea. Despite their heavy commitment in Angola, they have been steadily increasing the strength of their forces in the smaller territory. /These now are estimated to number approximately 3,300 men. (b)(3)

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