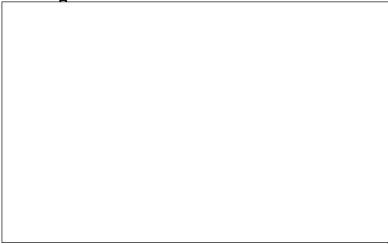




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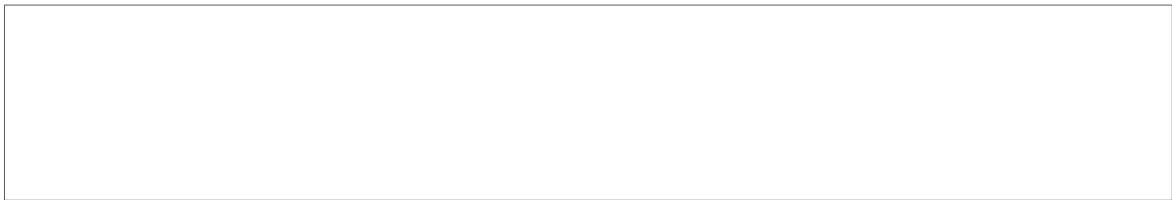
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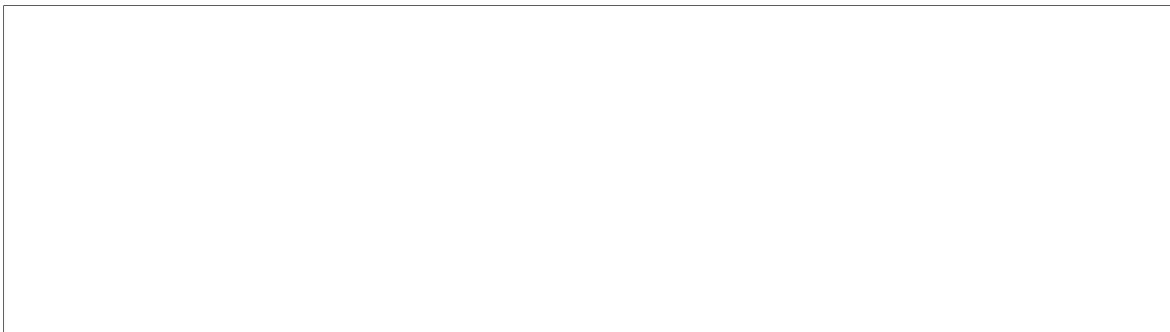
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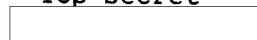
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④ FRANCE-NAMIBIA-ANGOLA: French Views on Cuban Withdrawal

French officials are increasing public and private criticism of proposals to link a negotiated settlement in Namibia to withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. [redacted]

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Foreign Minister Cheysson, in a recent radio interview, called such proposals "scandalous." He agreed it would be an equally intolerable violation of Angolan sovereignty for parties outside Angola to pose conditions on the future of the insurgent National Union for the Total Independence of Angola. According to press accounts, Cooperation Minister Cot echoed Cheysson's comments during a just-completed visit to Angola. [redacted]

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Comment: The French apparently believe efforts to link explicitly a settlement on Namibia to Cuban withdrawal from Angola represent a South African tactic to delay progress in the negotiations. Paris favors a Cuban withdrawal but maintains the Angolan Government will be inclined to request such action only after a Namibian settlement. [redacted]

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The French are unlikely to withdraw from the five-country Western Contact Group. They probably calculate, however, that their recent statements on the linkage issue will strengthen relations with the Frontline States--especially Angola--and with Nujoma. [redacted]

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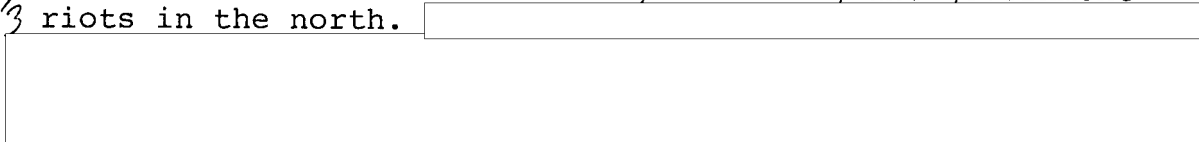
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⑧ SOMALIA: Efforts To Ease Internal Strains

President Siad is trying to allay tribal unrest and improve the Army's morale, which has been damaged by Ethiopia's occupation of Somali border villages. Siad plans to announce on Sunday the release of most of the students arrested earlier this year during antigovernment riots in the north.



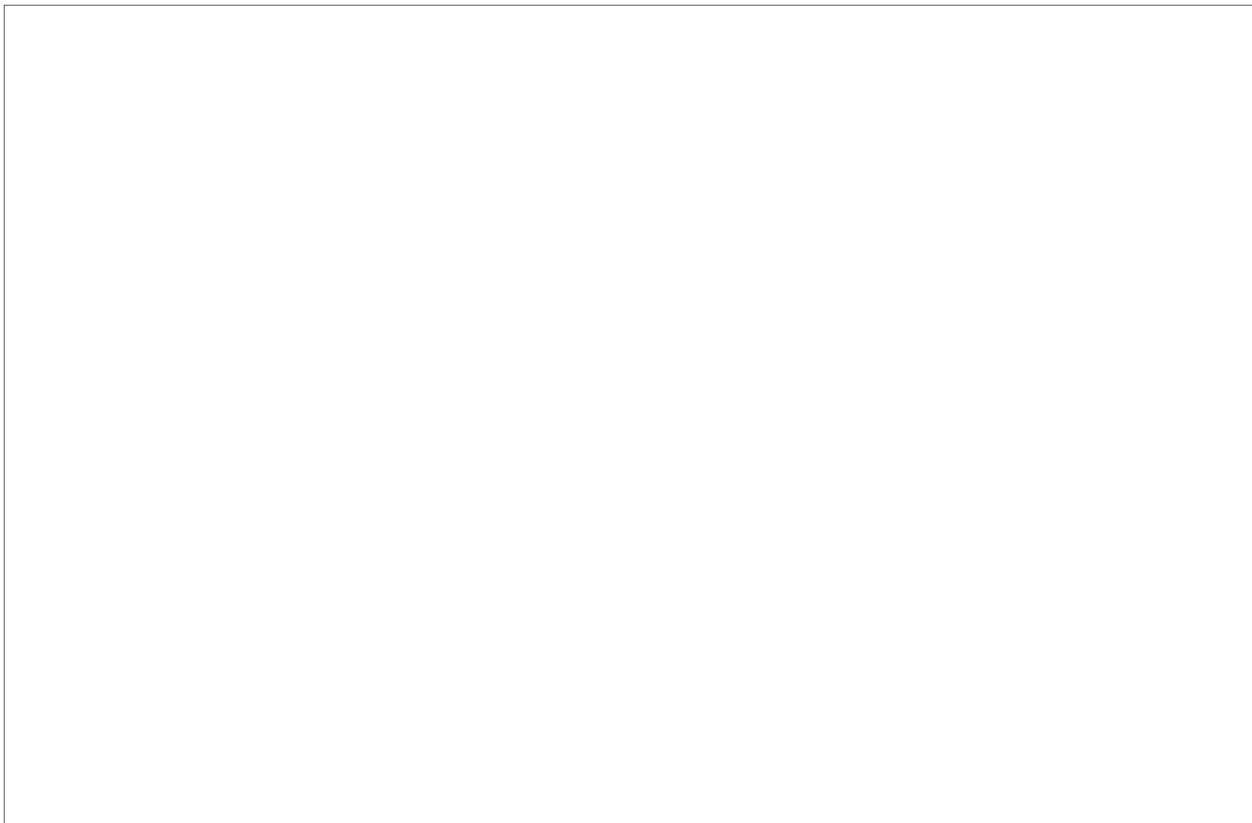
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Comment: Siad's announcement probably will emphasize the arrival of US arms shipments as a sign of his ability to obtain Washington's support. Although he also may announce limited political and economic reforms, they are likely to be superficial. The President's moves will buy the regime a little more time, but fundamental changes are needed.



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