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SUBJECT : Minerals and Metals Produced
in African Countries, 1972

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In response to your request of 10 January, we are forwarding the attached table for briefing of your superiors. We hope that this information meets your requirement. If you have any further questions, please contact [Redacted] the responsible analyst.

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Minerals and Metals Produced in African Countries

1972

	Quantities In	1972 Production	Percent of World Production	Percent of U.S. imports
<u>Iron ore</u>				
	Million Metric Tons			
Algeria		2.75	less than 1	--
Angola		6.00	less than 1	--
Egypt		.50	less than 1	--
Liberia		26.50	3.4	5
Mauritania		9.00	1.2	--
Morocco		.60	less than 1	--
Sierra Leone		2.55	less than 1	--
South Africa		11.00	1.4	--
Swaziland		2.50	less than 1	--
Tunisia		.95	less than 1	--
<u>Manganese ore</u>				
	Thousand Short Tons			
Gabon		2,150	10	30
South Africa		3,600	16	10
<u>Natural diamonds</u>				
	Million Metric Carats			
Zaire		17.0	34	less than 1
South Africa		7.7	15	40
Ghana		2.5	5	less than 1
Angola		2.2	4	--
Sierra Leone		1.8	4	7
Southwest Africa		1.6	3	--
Botswana		2.4	5	--
Tanzania		0.6	1	--
Liberia		0.5	1	2
Central African Republic		0.4	less than 1	5
Ivory Coast		0.3	less than 1	--
<u>Chrome ore and Concentrates</u>				
	Thousand Short Tons			
South Africa		1,700	25	16
Rhodesia		400	2	2
<u>Asbestos</u>				
	Thousand Short Tons			
Rhodesia		120	3	less than 1
South Africa		350	8	6
Swaziland		40	1	--
<u>Copper</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Rhodesia		31.8	less than 1	--
South Africa		161.9	2	6
Southwest Africa		21.5	less than 1	--
Uganda		14.5	less than 1	--
Zaire		437.3	6	--
Zambia		717.7	9	2
Mauritania		14.9	--	--
<u>Lead</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Algeria		5.0	less than 1	--
Morocco		80.1	2	--
Southwest Africa		53.0	1	--
Tunisia		20.0	less than 1	--
Zambia		31.4	less than 1	--

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	Quantities In	1972 Production	Percent of World Production	Percent of U.S. Imports
<u>Zinc</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Algeria		17.0	less than 1	--
Morocco		18.3	less than 1	--
Southwest Africa		46.3	less than 1	--
Tunisia		8.0	less than 1	--
Zaire		99.5	2	3
Zambia		70.5	1	--
<u>Aluminum</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Cameroons		46.2	less than 1	--
Ghana		132.8	1	--
South Africa		52.9	less than 1	--
<u>Bauxite</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Guinea		2,650	4	less than 1
Sierra Leone		674	1	--
Ghana		362	less than 1	--
<u>Antimony</u>				
	Metric Tons			
Algeria		60	less than 1	--
Morocco		830	1	--
Rhodesia		200	less than 1	--
South Africa		14,450	21	52
<u>Nickel</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Rhodesia		11.7	2	--
South Africa		12.0	2	5
<u>Platinum Group Metals</u>				
	Thousand Ounces			
South Africa		1,305	32	15
<u>Tin</u>				
	Thousand Metric Tons			
Nigeria		6.7	3	less than 1
South Africa		2.1	1	--
Zaire		6.5	3	--
Ruanda Burundi		1.4	less than 1	--
Southwest Africa		1.0	less than 1	--
<u>Uranium</u>				
	Short Tons U ₃ O ₈			
South Africa		3,630	14	--
Gabon (1971)		601	2	--
Niger (1971)		558	2	--