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ARGENTINA: THE OPPONENTS OF LOPEZ REGA, THE CONTROVERSIAL ADVISER TO ARGENTINA'S PRESIDENT PERON, ARE CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSURE THAT HIS REMOVAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT DURING WEEK OF JULY 7, 1975 IS COMPLETE.4

LOPEZ REGA WAS FORMALLY ACCUSED ON JULY 14, 1975 OF MASTERMINDING THE ARGENTINE ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE, A RIGHT-WING GROUP THAT REPORTEDLY HAS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS; THE CHARGE GROWS OUT OF AN ARMY INVESTIGATION. DURING WEEK OF JULY 7, 1975, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS CALLED FOR LOPEZ REGA'S IMPEACHMENT ON SIMILAR GROUNDS.4

WHILE MANY ARGENTINES HAVE LONG THOUGHT LOPEZ REGA WAS BEHIND THE ALLIANCE; FEW HAVE DARED TO ACCUSE HIM, EVEN INDIRECTLY, FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION. THE FORMAL CHARGE SEEMS DESIGNED TO MAKE IT AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO INFLUENCE THOSE REMAINING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED WITH HIM. THE ACCUSATION WILL INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT NOT TO RELY ON HIM ANY LONGER IN ANY CAPACITY.

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MRS. PERON IS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE FROM THOSE MEMBERS
OF HER PERONIST PARTY WHO HAVE LONG BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH
HER FOR EXCLUDING THEM FROM DECISION-MAKING AND FOR ALLOWING
THE PARTY HIERARCHY TO WITHER. SOME DISSIDENTS REPORTEDLY
ARE SEEKING TO OUST MRS. PERON AS PARTY CHIEF. THEY APPARENTLY
HAVE BEEN EMBOLDENED BY THE ACTION AGAINST LOPEZ REGA, THE
MAN INITIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCLUSION OF PARTY LEADERS
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INNER CIRCLE.

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1. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM HAS INTRODUCED, AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN JIDDA, A DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CITING ISRAELI FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLED FOR ISRAEL TO BE BARRED AS WELL FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES UNDER UN AUSPICES.4

THE SAUDI CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY MANAGED TO KEEP THE RESOLUTION OFF THE AGENDA, BUT NO ARAB COUNTRY WILL OPENLY OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION IF IT COMES TO A VOTE.4

THIS LATEST MOVE BY DAMASCUS STEMS FROM SYRIAN FEARS THAT PROGRESS TOWARD A FURTHER SINAI DISENGAGEMENT WILL MAKE ANY AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. AN EDITORIAL IN THE DAMASCUS DAILY AL-THAWRA OF JULY 12 ~~REVEALS~~ SAYS THAT THE ARABS HAVE GONE TOO FAR IN THEIR DESIRE FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND HAVE SACRIFICED TIME NEEDLESSLY. THE EDITORIAL, DESCRIBED BY THE EMBASSY AS HAVING OVERTONES OF OFFICIAL INSPIRATION, CALLS FOR THE RE-EVALUATION OF THE

RESULTS OF THE POLICY PURSUING A SETTLEMENT THROUGH POLITICAL
ACTIVITY AND CITES THE NEED FOR THE ARABS TO RELY MORE ON
THEIR OWN EFFORTS.

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2. SPANISH SAHARA: MADRID'S EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE OVER
THE FUTURE OF SPANISH SAHARA ARE BEING FRUSTRATED BY THE DELAYING
TACTICS OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA OVER A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE AND
RENEWED VIOLENCE IN THE TERRITORY.4

SPAIN'S INABILITY TO PERSUADE MOROCCO, ALGERIA, AND
MAURITANIA TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN MADRID ON JULY 9 HAS LED
THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO INSTRUCT ITS UN REPRESENTATIVE
TO URGE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO CONVOKE FOUR-POWER TALKS
ON SPANISH SAHARA UNDER HIS AUSPICES. SPANISH OFFICIALS HOPE
THAT DIRECT UN INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISPUTE WILL DETER THE
THREE POWERS FROM ENGAGING IN AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST
THE SAHARA WHILE TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS.4

THE THREE AFRICAN STATES MAY BE NO MORE RESPONSIVE TO A
REQUEST BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL THAN THEY WERE TO SPAIN'S
EARLIER INVITATION TO MEET IN MADRID. RABAT IS LIKELY TO BE

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OPPOSED, PROBABLY CITING THE PENDING DECISION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE EXPECTED IN OCTOBER. MAURITANIA WILL PROBABLY STRADDLE THE FENCE AND SIMPLY NOT REPLY. THE ALGERIANS ARE LIKELY TO FAVOR THE CONFERENCE. IF ACTION IS NOT FORTHCOMING AND VIOLENCE CONTINUES, MADRID IS LIKELY AGAIN TO THREATEN UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SPANISH SAHARA.4

MEANWHILE, THERE WAS RENEWED VIOLENCE IN SPANISH SAHARA OVER THE WEEKEND. THREE POLICEMEN IN EL AAIUN, THE SAHARAN CAPITAL, WERE KILLED AND A FOURTH SERIOUSLY INJURED BY A BOMB ALLEGEDLY PLANTED BY FOLLOWERS OF THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE POLISARIO FRONT BACKED BY ALGIERS. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, THE SON OF THE LEADER OF THE SPANISH-BACKED SAHARAN NATIONAL UNION PARTY WAS KILLED WHEN A BOMB DEMOLISHED A CAR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, POLICE ARRESTED MORE THAN 150 PERSONS IN EL AAIUN SUSPECTED OF SUPPORTING THE POLISARIO FRONT.4

THESE BOMBINGS, AND A STATEMENT ISSUED ON JULY 7 BY A POLISARIO FRONT REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS DEMANDING

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SELF-DETERMINATION, CAST FURTHER DOUBT ON THE RECENT STATEMENT BY MOROCCO AND ALGERIA THAT THEY HAD REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE FUTURE OF SPANISH SAHARA. THIS UNDERSTANDING WOULD ENVISAGE PARTITION OF THE DISPUTED TERRITORY BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA WITHOUT RECOURSE TO A REFERENDUM. 25X1

3. ANGOLA: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM ZAIRE, AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, HAS BEEN DEPOSED BY MITO ALVES, A TOP MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE MOVEMENT WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY PUSHED FOR A TOUGH MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA. THIS REPORT COMES AS HEAVY FIGHTING RESUMED IN LUANDA BETWEEN THE TWO LIBERATION GROUPS. MONDAY NIGHT, HOWEVER, LISBON RADIO REPORTED THAT NETO LED A DELEGATION FROM THE POPULAR MOVEMENT TO A MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES. 4

WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT NETO HAS BEEN DEPOSED, BUT THE INTENSITY OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S CURRENT MILITARY CAMPAIGN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TOUGH LINE ADVOCATED BY MAJOR ALVES. ALVES APPEARS TO BE IN FULL COMMAND OF THE CAMPAIGN. 4

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THE MOVEMENT APPEAR TO BE WELL ALONG IN ITS EFFORT TO DRIVE THE NATIONAL FRONT OUT OF THE CITY. A NUMBER OF SENIOR FRONT OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE FLED TO ZAIRE.4

LISBON'S ALARM OVER THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN ANGOLA WAS REFLECTED IN THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF ANTUNES FOR LUANDA ON SUNDAY. ANTUNES, A KEY MODERATE, HAS BEEN PLAYING A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE POWER STRUGGLE TAKING PLACE IN THE PORTUGUESE CAPITAL. THE PRESTIGE OF PORTUGAL'S MILITARY LEADERS RESTS HEAVILY UPON THE SUCCESS OF ITS DECOLONIALIZATION POLICY, NOW THREATENED BY THE RENEWED FIGHTING AND THE GROWING TIDE OF PORTUGUESE REFUGEES.4

ANTUNES SAID THAT LISBON HAD "REACHED ITS LIMIT" IN EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO ANGOLA AND THAT IT MIGHT NOW SEEK INTERVENTION BY SOME INTERNATIONAL BODY. WHILE NOT BLAMING ANY ANGOLAN FACTION, ANTUNES PROMISED THAT PORTUGUESE FORCES WOULD PLAY A MORE ENERGETIC ROLE IN RESTORING ORDER. TWO COMPANIES OF PORTUGUESE COMMANDOS HAVE BEEN ORDERED INTO THE CENTER OF LUANDA TO RESTORE ORDER.4

IF THE PORTUGUESE DO NOT STEP IN, THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S USE

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OFFENSIVE MAY WELL DEFEAT THE NATIONAL FRONT. IT WOULD THEN PROBABLY BE ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE MOVEMENT PROCEEDED AGAINST THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA, THE THIRD OF THE TERRITORY'S LIBERATION GROUPS. REPORTS NOW REACHING LUANDA, IN FACT, INDICATE THAT THE MOVEMENT DID ATTACK TWO SMALL GARRISONS OF THE NATIONAL UNION ON SUNDAY. 25X1

4. INDIA: THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY SET AUGUST 13 AS THE DATE TO BEGIN HEARING ORAL ARGUMENTS ON PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S APPEAL OF HER RECENT CONVICTION FOR CORRUPT ELECTION PRACTICES IN 1971.4

THE FINAL DECISION PROBABLY WILL NOT BE REACHED UNTIL LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL. IN THE INTERIM, MRS. GANDHI CAN CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS PRIME MINISTER BUT NOT VOTE IN PARLIAMENT, WHICH IS TO RECONVENE NEXT MONDAY FOR A WEEK OR TWO.4

EVEN IF THE COURT RULES AGAINST MRS. GANDHI, SHE MAY WELL REMAIN IN OFFICE. SHE COULD, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, WHOM SHE APPOINTED, LIFT THE PENALTY

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ATTACHED TO HER CONVICTION, WHICH CALLS FOR HER EXCLUSION FROM PUBLIC OFFICE FOR SIX YEARS. 4

INFORMATION ON BOTH THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION AND THE COURT CASE WILL BE SCARCE IN COMING WEEKS. MEDIA COVERAGE OF BOTH EVENTS IS NOW PROSCRIBED, AS ARE STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY OF THE 26 EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS BANNED ON JULY 4. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TIGHTENED CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS, AND THERE APPEARS TO BE INCREASING LIKELIHOOD THAT SEVERAL MORE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE EXPELLED.

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1. PORTUGAL: THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~SESSION~~ SESSION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL FRIDAY, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE LIKELY DEPARTURE OF THE CENTER-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATS FROM THE COALITION GOVERNMENT ~~ON~~ WEDNESDAY. 4

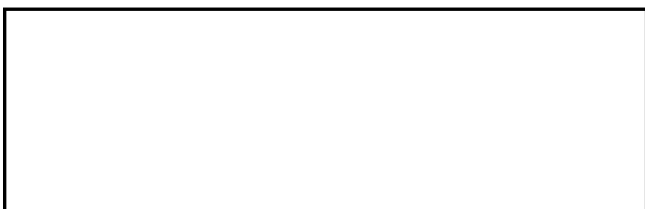
ACCORDING TO POPULAR DEMOCRATIC LEADER BALSEMAO, PARTY HEAD GUERREIRO WAS TOLD ON MONDAY BY PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES LAST FRIDAY BY THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS. THE CONDITIONS, WHICH GUERREIRO SAID WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDED GUARANTEES FOR A FREE PRESS, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AND MOVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE MODERATE-DOMINATED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. BALSEMAO IS CONVINCED THAT COSTA GOMES—AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL—WILL REJECT THE PROPOSALS WHEN PARTY LEADERS MEET WITH HIM TOMORROW, LEAVING THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS NO CHOICE BUT TO PULL OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT. 4

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A WITHDRAWAL BY THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS—LESS THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE SOCIALISTS PULLED OUT—COULD PROMPT MILITARY LEADERS TO DISSOLVE THE REMAINS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN CONTINUE WITH ONLY COMMUNIST SUPPORT. ONE LEFT-WING SPLINTER PARTY USUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE COMMUNISTS HAS CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF A "NONCOALITION REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" WITHOUT NONPARTISAN CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION. THIS CONCEPT MIGHT APPEAL TO THE MOVEMENT AS A COMPLEMENTARY STRUCTURE FOR THEIR PLANNED PYRAMID OF POPULAR ASSEMBLIES. ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE SIMPLY TO APPOINT AN ALL-MILITARY GOVERNMENT.4

THE OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO THESE "DIRECT LINKS" WITH THE PEOPLE THROUGH "POPULAR ASSEMBLIES" APPEARS TO BE AGGRAVATING DIVISIONS WITHIN THE MILITARY AND HAS GENERATED EFFORTS TO REASSURE THE PEOPLE THAT THE MILITARY DOES NOT INTEND TO ASSUME DICTATORIAL POWERS.4

IN A TELEVISED DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY THAT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "DEFENSIVE" BY THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PRESS, FOUR



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REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBERS SAID THAT THE PLAN IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND NEEDS FURTHER DISCUSSION. THEY SAID THE PLAN WAS DESIGNED TO INCREASE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY THE PEOPLE AND WOULD PROCEED AT A PACE DETERMINED BY POPULAR WILL.

2. PORTUGAL - USSR: THE SOVIET MEDIA ARE FIRMLY SUPPORTING THE RECENT ACTIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF POPULAR COUNCILS AND THE DE FACTO SEIZURE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S NEWSPAPER.

THE SOVIETS HAVE FAITHFULLY REITERATED PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST STATEMENTS ENDORSING THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT'S ACTIONS AS PROVIDING A NEW BASIS FOR UNITY BETWEEN THE "POPULAR MASSES" AND THE MFA, FACILITATING THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS AND COUNTERING THE "SUBVERSIVE" SCHEMES OF "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY" FORCES SUPPORTED BY "FOREIGN IMPERIALISTS." THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS HAVE NOW BEEN OPENLY LABELED AS "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY," AND THEIR ACTIONS BRANDED AS

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"SABOTAGE" AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE REVOLUTION. [REDACTED]

3. YUGOSLAVIA: BELGRADE HAS AGAIN STATED ITS OBJECTIONS TO BALKAN COOPERATION SCHEMES THAT WOULD INVOLVE BULGARIA. 4

A RECENT ARTICLE IN AN AUTHORITATIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOURNAL ARGUES THAT THE REGIONAL INITIATIVES OF THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS UNTIL ALL ISSUES DIVIDING INDIVIDUAL BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE RESOLVED. ANY ATTEMPT TO MOVE TOWARD MULTILATERALISM PREMATURELY WOULD RISK HARMING THE INTERESTS OF ANOTHER BALKAN COUNTRY AND THEREFORE COULD ACTUALLY DISCREDIT THE CAUSE OF REGIONALISM. 4

BULGARIA IS STILL THE PROBLEM. THE ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT BULGARIA'S UNCOMPROMISING APPROACH TO THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY PROBLEM BURDENS NOT ONLY RELATIONS WITH BELGRADE, BUT ALSO THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE ENTIRE REGION. THE ARTICLE

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STRONGLY IMPLIES THAT THE BULGARIAN REGIME SERVES THE GREAT POWER INTERESTS OF THE USSR, AND BULGARIA CANNOT BE REGARDED AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PURSUING ITS OWN REGIONAL SELF-INTERESTS.4

THE ASSERTIVE TONE MAY WELL BE BELGRADE'S REACTION TO THE STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CLOSER REGIONAL COOPERATION THAT ACCOMPANIED PREMIER KARAMANLIS' RECENT VISIT TO BULGARIA. THE YUGOSLAV REGIME PRESUMABLY FEELS THE TIME FOR HOLDING ITS TONGUE IN DEFERENCE TO THE NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT IS

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