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SUBJECT PLANS FOR "COUP D'ETAT" IN CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM CONGO (KINSHASA) PRESIDENT MOBUTU

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1. A "COUP D'ETAT" IS PLANNED IN BRAZZAVILLE

CONGO (KINSHASA) PRESIDENT JOSEPH MOBUTU HAS GRANTED 20 MILLION CFA FRANCS (APPROXIMATELY US\$80,000.00) TO SUPPORT THE "COUP." MOBUTU HAS ALREADY GIVEN 5 MILLION (APPROXIMATELY US\$20,000.00) TO LT. AUGUSTIN POIGNET, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT TO CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) PRESIDENT ALPHONSE MASSAMBA-DEBAT. ANOTHER RECIPIENT WILL BE INTERIOR MINISTER FELIX MOUZABANI, WHO IS A FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY.

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3. MOBUTU [REDACTED]

DESIRES, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THAT MOUZABAKANI BECOME THE "STRONGMAN."

[REDACTED] POIGNET WAS METIS AND FOR THIS REASON MOUZABAKANI WOULD PRESENT A BETTER IMAGE AS THE LEADING FIGURE IN THE "COUP."

[REDACTED], MASSAMBA-DEBAT BELIEVES THAT HE HAS SUFFICIENT ARMY SUPPORT TO BRING OFF A "COUP." [REDACTED] NGOUABI WAS A VASCILLATING INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT REAL SUPPORT IN THE ARMY, AND [REDACTED] MASSAMBA-DEBAT HAS ASSURED THE CONGO (KINSHASA) GOVERNMENT THAT SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT IN THE "COUP" WOULD COME FROM CIVIL DEFENSE. [REDACTED] ASSURANCES FROM MASSAMBA-DEBAT, POIGNET, AND MOUZABAKANI THAT THE CHINESE WOULD BE EXPELLED AS SOON AS THE "COUP" IS SUCCESSFUL.

4. [REDACTED] NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THE LOYALTY OF NEW PRIME MINISTER ALFRED

RACUL. [REDACTED] RACUL WOULD SUPPORT MASSAMBA-DEBAT, HOWEVER. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MASSAMBA-DEBAT STILL HAD A HIGH DEGREE OF LIBERTY OF POLITICAL ACTION

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AND WAS STILL FUNCTIONING AND SEEING WHOM HE WISHES. [REDACTED] THE
CNR IS STILL VERY DIVIDED BUT [REDACTED] NO TIME TO ASCERTAIN SPECIFIC
DIVISIONS.

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5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE DEFENSE [REDACTED] CINCPAC ([REDACTED])

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