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DIST: Ø6 NOVEMBER 1986  COUNTRY: GUINEA/FRANCE  SUBJ: POTENTIAL FOR VISIBLE NTI-FRENCH DEMONSTRATIONS ON  THE OCCASION OF THE MITTERRAND VISIT TO GUINEA.	
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TEXT: 1. MALINKE OFFICERS WITHIN THE GUINEAN MILITARY ARE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING VISIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AN DISTURBANCES DURING THE VISIT OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT FRANÇOIS  MITTERRAND) TO GUINEA. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IS SCHEDULED TO	Traine.

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GUINEA 13-14 NOVEMBER 1985 AND MANY YOUNG MALINKE OFFICERS BELIEVE
THEY SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE TO STRIKE BOTH AGAINST THE
FRENCH PRESENCE IN GUINEA AS WELL AS THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT LANSANA
((CONTE)).

- FRENCH MILITARY, POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN GUINEA THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT DEEP FEELINGS AMONG THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS OF CONAKRY. THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE THEREBY RECOUPING WHAT THE MALINKE LOST, POLITICALLY, AS A RESULT OF THE FAILED COUP D'ETAT OF COLONEL DIARRA ((TRAORE)) IN JULY 1985.
- THE MALINKE OFFICERS ALSO BELIEVE THAT SUCH VISIBLE SIGNS OF POPULAR DISCONTENT COULD ONLY SERVE TO WEAKEN THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT CONTE. THE THEME OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE TO CHARACTERIZE PRESIDENT CONTE AS A TOOL OF FRENCH INTERESTS IN GUINEA. PRESIDENT CONTE WOULD BE ACCUSED OF HAVING SOLD GUINEA TO THE FRENCH; MITTERRAND'S VISIT WAS SOLELY TO SIGN THE BILL OF SALE ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

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4. COMMENT: SECURITY IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY TIGHT	DURING	(b)(3)
THE MITTERRAND VISIT AND THIS MAY SERVE TO RESTRAIN THE MORE	•	
AGGRESSIVE ELEMENTS AMONG THE MALINKE OFFICERS. ON THE OTHER H	IAND,	
THEY MUST REALIZE THAT UNLESS THE CONTE REGIME IS WEAKENED NOW,		
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IT WILL BE DOUBLY HARD TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME LATER.)	and the second of the second o	• •
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5. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE AUTHORITIES ALREADY HAVE	E WORD .	۸ .٠
OF THESE PLANS. ON 22 OCTOBER 1986, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR,		
OUMAR BAROU ((DIALLO)) APPEARED ON TELEVISION TO WARN THE CITIZ		• .
THAT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT MAY PUT UP POSTERS IN THE STREETS OF C		
DURING THE MITTERRAND VISIT.)		

6. (EMBASSY COMMENT: AS NOTED IN PARAAGRAPH 4 ABOVE; SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF CONAKRY, ARE EXPECTED TO BE EXTREMELY TIGHT AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, FOR THE MALINKES TO ORGANIZE ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR DISTURBANCES DURING THE MITTERRAND VISIT. CONAKRY IS A SOUSOU TOWN AND ANY ATTEMPT BY MALINKE OR OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS TO ORGANIZE

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SOMETHING AGAINST CONTE IS LIKELY TO BACKFIRE AND CAUSE A POPULAR	b)(3)
REACION AGAINST THE MALINKE MUCH AS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE AFTERMATH OF	
THE JULY 4, 1985 COUP ATTEMPT WHEN THE HOMES AND BUSINESSES OF	
MALINKES WERE SACKED IN ADDITION THE CONTROL OF	
MALINKES WERE SACKED. IN ADDITION, THE SOUSOU-DOMINATED PRESIDENTIAL	
GUARD MIGHT WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR RECENTLY	
ACQUIRED FRENCH TRAINING. WHILE THE GUINEANS MAY NOT BE OVERLY FOND	
OF THE FRENCH, MOST WOULD BS UPSET IF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN HOSPITALITY	
TO A STRANGER WERE INTERRUPTED BY UNSEEMLY DEMONSTRATIONS.)	•
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