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COUNTRY GUINEA/PORTUGUESE GUINEA/USSR

DOI 27 APRIL - 2 MAY 1973

SUBJECT PREPARATION FOR AFRICAN PARTY FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE GUINEA AND THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS (PAIGC) OPERATION AGAINST PORTUGUESE GUINEA

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1. A PAIGC MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST PORTUGUESE GUINEA IS NOW BEING PREPARED AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF AMMUNITION ARE BEING ASSEMBLED IN CONAKRY FOR SHIPMENT BY SEA TO PAIGC TROOPS IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA. [Redacted] NO ONE INVOLVED IN THESE PREPARATIONS APPEARS TO KNOW THE OBJECTIVE OR TIMING OF THE OPERATION.) BECAUSE THE PAIGC NAVY HAS NOT YET BEEN SUFFICIENTLY REORGANIZED SINCE THE JANUARY 1973 ASSASSINATION OF ANILCAR C A B R A L , THE PAIGC HAS REQUESTED GUINEAN ASSISTANCE IN HAULING THE AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES BY SEA. TWO GUINEAN COASTAL STEAMERS, THE "KANKOURE" AND THE "KAKOSSA", HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PAIGC FOR THIS OPERATION, AND GUINEAN ARMY TRUCKS AND PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LOADING

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AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES ABOARD THESE VESSELS SINCE 27 APRIL.

[REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FULLY LOADED ZIL-130G TRUCKS PER DAY ON 27, 28 AND 30 APRIL. BOXES OF AMMUNITION FROM THE TRUCKS WERE BEING LOADED INTO THE TWO BOATS. ON 27 AND 30 APRIL A SOVIET MILITARY TECHNICIAN WAS INVOLVED IN THE LOADING OPERATION. NO LOADING WAS CARRIED ON ON 29 APRIL OR 1 MAY, BOTH HOLIDAYS. THE MAJORITY OF AMMUNITION IS IN OLIVE DRAB WOODEN CRATES WHOSE MARKINGS ARE SOVIET BUT NOT LEGIBLE. THERE HAVE BEEN ALSO AT LEAST THREE TRUCKLOADS OF NATURAL COLOR WOODEN CRATES WITH SOVIET MARKINGS INCLUDING THE LEGEND "14.5 BZT" [POSSIBLY 14.5 MM AMMUNITION]. ALL THE CRATES ARE OF ROUGHLY SIMILAR SIZE: APPROXIMATELY 12" X 24" X 45" X 50". BOTH GUINEAN BOATS ARE STILL IN CONAKRY PORT AS OF 2 MAY.)

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