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TEXT: 1. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING OF 6 AUGUST 1990, MODERATE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS REPORTED ON MAMBA POINT BETWEEN UNITED NATIONS DRIVE AND SEKOU TOURE AVENUE NEAR NEWPORT STREET. APPROXIMATELY 60 TO 70 ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (ALF) TROOPS CLASHED WITH 20 TO 25 INDEPENDENT NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (INPFL) REBELS; NO CAUSALITIES OR DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IN THE EARLY EVENING, SEVERAL MORTAR ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM THE VICINITY OF THE BARCLAY TRAINING CENTER (06-18N, 10-48W) TOWARDS BUSHROD ISLAND (06-21N, 10-47W). IT APPEARS INPFL FORCES PROBABLY CONTROL THE WEST END OF MONROVIA WITH THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES FLOATING BETWEEN NEWPORT AND CENTER STREETS. AT 1815 HOURS TWO EXPLOSIONS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN OCCURRED AT THE BONJAL (06-14N, 10-40W) AFL CHECKPOINT. [Redacted]

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2. AFTER ONE 7.62 CALIBER ROUND PENETRATED THE U.S. EMBASSY LOBBY, PERSONNEL ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING WERE EVACUATED UNTIL THE FIRING STOPPED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, BUT THE EMBASSY WILL NEED TO REPLACE A PLATE GLASS WINDOW AND REPAIR A CHAIR. [Redacted]

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3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS A LIBERIAN NATIONAL U.S. EMBASSY CONTRACT GUARD WAS KILLED BY AFL TROOPS WHILE WALKING ON NEWPORT STREET. HE WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE BACK AND THE HEAD. THE GUARD, WHO HAD FINISHED HIS MORNING SHIFT AT THE SAM AND E APARTMENTS, WAS RETURNING TO HIS RESIDENCE. AFTER THE SHOOTING THE AFL TROOPS PICKED THE VICTIM'S POCKETS. [Redacted]

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4. AFL TROOPS BROKE INTO THE AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BETWEEN 1930 AND 0200 HOURS. THEY OPENED A SAFE (CONTENTS UNKNOWN) AND REMOVED SUPPLIES AND FURNITURE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE CONTRACT GUARDS IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED AND WERE NOT INJURED. AFTER THE TROOPS LEFT, THE GUARDS RETURNED AND SECURED THE FACILITY. [Redacted]

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5. BETWEEN 2135 AND 2400 HOURS AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AFL TROOPS STARTED LOOTING THE HOME OF A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN THE SINKOR AREA (06-18N, 10-46W). THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD RETURN THE FOLLOWING NIGHT TO FINISH THEIR ACTIVITIES. THE SAME GROUP ALSO KILLED A DOG BELONGING TO A FORMER U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL. [Redacted]

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6. AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT HOSTAGES, INCLUDING ONE U.S. CITIZEN WERE CAPTURED BY INPFL LEADER PRINCE ((JOHNSON)), AND PROBABLY ARE BEING HELD IN THE CALDWELL AREA (06-23N, 10-46W) AS OF 6 AUGUST 1990. TWO ADDITIONAL FOREIGNERS (ONE U.S. CITIZEN AND ONE POSSIBLE BRITISH CITIZEN) DEPARTED HOTEL AFRICA ON 6 AUGUST FOR A WALK AND FAILED TO RETURN. IT IS UNCLEAR IF THEY WERE CAPTURED BY INPFL REBELS OR ARE ATTEMPTING TO REACH A SAFEHAVEN. AN INTERNATIONAL POOL OF

JOURNALISTS CROSSED INTO BUSHROD ISLAND AND PLAN TO INTERVIEW THE INPFL LEADER THIS AFTERNOON. [REDACTED]

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7. LIVING CONDITIONS IN MONROVIA REMAIN THE SAME. THERE IS NO WATER OR ELECTRICITY. FOOD SUPPLIES ARE RUNNING LOW FOR ALL SECTORS OF THE SOCIETY WITH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND EXPATRIATES IN THE SINKOR AND CONGOTOWN (06-16N, 10-44W) AREAS ALSO REPORTING FOOD SHORTAGES. THE EXTREMELY YOUNG AND OLD ARE SUFFERING FROM LOW NUTRITION. AS A RESULT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE OF PEDIATRIC MORTALITY. THE 186 BODIES AT THE LUTHERN CHURCH COMPOUND WERE REPORTEDLY MOVED TO THE BEACH BY MEMBERS OF LEBANESE COMMUNITY AND BURIED USING HEAVY EQUIPMENT. APPROXIMATELY 500 REFUGEES REMAIN AT THE U.S. EMBASSY GREYSTONE COMPOUND. MEDICAL PROBLEMS INCLUDE GUNSHOT WOUNDS, MALARIA, AND PNEUMONIA; DIARRHEA IS COMMON AMONG THE CHILDREN. [REDACTED]

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8. RESIDENTS OF BUSHROD ISLAND APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FOODSTUFFS TO MEET THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS. RICE AND OTHER ITEMS WERE LIBERATED FROM THE FREEPORT AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING SOLD/DISTRIBUTED IN THE LOCAL MARKETS. NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) FORCES HAVE SHIPPED AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF RICE FROM BUCHANAN TO ROBERTSPORT FOR ONWARD DISTRIBUTION TO THE WESTERN LIBERIA. IT IS UNCLEAR THE TYPE OF OVERLAND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THE NPFL HAS ORGANIZED IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED]

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