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~~(S//NF)~~ 1. LIBERIAN PRESIDENT SAMUEL K. ((DOE)) REMAINS IN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (INPFL) REBEL LEADER PRINCE ((JOHNSON))'S CUSTODY IN THE CALDWELL AREA (06-23N, 10-46W) SINCE HIS 9 SEPTEMBER CAPTURE AT THE MONROVIA FREEPORT (06-21N, 10-48W). DURING THE EVENING OF 9 SEPTEMBER, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION GUARD GENERAL DAVID Q. ((NIMELY)) ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD ASSUMED "CONTROL" UNTIL THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ARRIVES IN LIBERIA. LIBERIA NOW HAS FIVE PRESIDENTS: DOE, JOHNSON, NIMELY, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) LEADER CHARLES ((TAYLOR)) AND INTERIM PRESIDENT AMOS ((SAWYER)).

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~~(S//NF)~~ 2. DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION OF WEST AFRICAN STATES CEASE FIRE MONITORING GROUP (ECOMOG) TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO MEDEVAC WOUNDED ECOMOG SOLDIERS, THE COMMAND WAS NOT MONITORING THEIR RADIOS. EARLY THIS MORNING ECOMOG CONTACTED THE EMBASSY TO INQUIRE ABOUT A U.S. WARSHIP OFF THE LIBERIAN COAST. AFTER THE WORD OF THE MEDEVAC DECISION WAS PASSED, ECOMOG RESPONDED BY ADMITTING WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT THAT THEY HAD SENT THEIR MOST SERIOUSLY WOUNDED TO FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, VIA ONE OF THEIR GUNBOATS. GENERAL QUIANOO STATED THAT THERE WERE AN ADDITIONAL 35 ECOMOG CASUALTIES RECEIVING TREATMENT AT THE FREEPORT. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT MANY OF ECOMOG COMMANDING GENERAL ARNOLD ((QUIANOO'S)) IMMEDIATE STAFF WERE AMONG THE WOUNDED DURING THE INPFL-AFL SHOOTOUT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE GENERAL'S HEADQUARTERS. IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT WHAT EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON ECOMOG'S ABILITY TO EXECUTE ITS MILITARY AND HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS IN LIBERIA. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 3. AFTER SOME REJOICING ON THE PART OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, IT WAS A RELATIVELY QUIET NIGHT IN MONROVIA WITH NO APPARENT FIGHTING BETWEEN THE WARRING FACTIONS. SPORADIC SHOOTING RESUMED IN THE MORNING. NIMELY AND HIS AFL ADHERENTS HAVE WITHDRAWN TO THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN HOPE OF MAINTAINING A LAST DITCH DEFENSE UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OR AN EXPANDED DEPLOYMENT OF ECOMOG FORCES IN DOWNTOWN MONROVIA. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: THE WILD CARD IN THIS FRAGILE EQUATION IS NPFL LEADER TAYLOR. SINCE THE 9 SEPTEMBER SHOOTOUT AT THE FREEPORT, HE HAS BEEN SILENT. WHILE LOGIC RARELY PREVAILS IN LIBERIA, MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE TAYLOR'S BEST MOVE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE TO LAUNCH AN IMMEDIATE DRIVE VIA SINKOR TO THE MANSION IN ORDER TO CAPITALIZE ON THE AFL'S WITHDRAWAL.) [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 4. THIS MORNING INPFL REPRESENTATIVES VISITED THE EMBASSY TO CORRECT WHAT WAS IN THEIR OPINION INACCURATE REPORTING BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS REGARDING INPFL LEADER JOHNSON'S INTENTIONS. THEY STATED THAT JOHNSON WOULD RETAIN THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THEY ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT DOE WAS WOUNDED IN EACH LEG. HIS MILITARY TRIAL WOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY. AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEPARTURE FROM INPFL HEADQUARTERS, DOE WAS STILL ALIVE. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 5. GIVEN THE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY OF A RAPIDLY DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION, THE U.S. EMBASSY IS PREPARING CONTINGENCY PLANS TO MOVE ALL U.S. PERSONNEL ONTO THE EMBASSY COMPOUND IF NECESSARY UNTIL THE SITUATION STABILIZES. FUEL, FOOD, AND WATER REMAIN TIGHT AND A RESUPPLY WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ALL PERSONNEL ARE SAFE. THE AMERICAN STAFF OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IS RESTRICTED TO THE COMPOUND. [REDACTED]

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