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~~(S//NF)~~ 1. DURING THE PERIOD 9-10 JUNE 1990, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENRY S. ((DUBAR)) TOLD PRESIDENT SAMUEL ((DOE)) HE HAD TO STEP DOWN TO BRING A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE COUNTRY'S INSURGENCY PROBLEM. DUBAR SAID THE AFL COULD NOT DEFEAT NPFL FORCES. HE SAYS HE TOLD THE PRESIDENT EVEN IF THE ARMY RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE, LIBERIANS NO LONGER WANTED HIM AS PRESIDENT. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN TOO MANY ATROCITIES AND "WE HAVE ALREADY LOST OUR FRIENDS, THEY HAVE DESERTED US." THE PRESIDENT TOLD DUBAR HE WOULD AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE PEACE TALKS BETWEEN GOL AND NPFL REPRESENTATIVES IN FREETOWN ON 11 JUNE BEFORE HE MADE A DECISION ON HIS NEXT STEPS.

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~~(S//NF)~~ 2. AT A LATER CONVERSATION WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATES, DUBAR SAID HE WOULD RESIGN AND LEAVE LIBERIA SOON, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS 12 JUNE. HE EXPLAINED HE COULD NO LONGER BE A PART OF A GOVERNMENT THAT ALLOWED ITS SOLDIERS TO MASSACRE INNOCENT CIVILIANS. DUBAR WAS REFERRING TO AN INCIDENT THE OCCURRED BETWEEN 9-10 JUNE AT THE VILLAGE OF CLAY- ASHLAND. DUBAR SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTED REBEL SIGHTING, EXECUTIVE MANSION GUARDS (EMG) WENT INTO THE VILLAGE AND MASSACRED THE PEOPLE. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: LATEST REPORTS INDICATE FROM 8 TO 10 VILLAGERS WERE KILLED.) DUBAR ALSO STATED THAT HE AND EMG COMMANDER CHARLES ((JULUE)) HAVE NO CONTROL OVER EMG SOLDIERS. DUBAR SAID IF HE CAN OBTAIN ENOUGH FOREIGN EXCHANGE HE, ALONG WITH JULUE AND DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL COLONEL ALFRED ((MENYEAH)), WOULD LEAVE LIBERIA. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 3. AS OF 1200 HOURS 11 JUNE 1990, THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND OF 9-10 JUNE. THE LULL IN FIGHTING MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MEETING SCHEDULED TODAY IN FREETOWN BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA AND NPFL REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LIBERIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. SPORADIC FIGHTING WAS REPORTED EVENING 10 JUNE IN HARBEL (06-16N, 10-20W), AT THE FIRESTONE PLANTATION (06-16N, 10-22W) IN DIVISION 45 WHERE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES AND MAIN PLANT ARE LOCATED, AND AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA) (06-14N, 10-22W). IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHO IS ACTUALLY IN CONTROL OF THESE THREE AREAS BUT IT APPEARS THE REBELS ARE CONSOLIDATING THEIR HOLDINGS. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 4. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM FOUR DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AN AIRCRAFT ALLEGEDLY BELONGING TO THE NPFL LANDED AT RIA ON 9 JUNE. THE NPFL IS REPORTED TO BE USING THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH IS PAINTED RED, TO RESUPPLY ITS FORCES WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FOUR OBSERVERS WERE UNABLE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE AIRCRAFT TO IDENTIFY ITS MAKE OR MODEL. LOCAL MILITARY OBSERVERS ASSESS THAT THE REBELS MAY HAVE SUFFICIENT CONTROL OF RIA TO LAND A PLANE. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 5. WHILE THERE IS ADEQUATE FOOD AND WATER AT BONG MINE (06-16N, 10-21W), MORALE AMONG THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY IS LOW AS OF MID-DAY 11 JUNE. ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS HAVE APPROVAL FROM NPFL LEADER CHARLES ((TAYLOR)) TO EVACUATE THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, REBELS AT THE MINE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS DECISION. THE REBELS HAVE NOT RECEIVED TAYLOR'S AUTHORIZATION GRANTING THE GERMANS PERMISSION TO EVACUATE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO COMMUNICATION LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. THE EXPATRIATES ARE ANXIOUS TO LEAVE AND THE DELAY HAS PLACED THEM IN A GLOOMY MOOD. THE MINE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THE REBELS WILL BE CONTACTED BY TAYLOR TODAY AND HOPE TO BRING IN A GERMAN C-160 TO EVACUATE THEIR PEOPLE AFTER RECEIVING THE OK. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 6. FIRESTONE OFFICIALS WERE IN CONTACT WITH REBEL OFFICIALS YESTERDAY. ATTEMPTS TO MOVE MEMBERS OF THE FIRESTONE PLANTATION EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY TO BONG MINE FAILED. IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FIRESTONE EXPATRIATES TO OBTAIN A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY FROM THE REBELS. THE FIRESTONE OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTED THAT REBELS WERE WEARING AFL UNIFORMS. [REDACTED]

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(S//NF) 7. CAREYSBURG WAS REPORTED QUIET EARLY MORNING 10-11 JUNE. THE AFL IS CLAIMING THAT REBELS ARE MOVING INTO THE AREA. THERE WAS SOME SHOOTING AND UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF KILLINGS BY SOLDIERS. GIO AND MANO REFUGEES CONTINUE TO SEEK SAFETY ON THE GROUND OF VOICE OF AMERICA NIGHTLY.

(S//NF) 8. OVER THE WEEKEND THE RESIDENCE OF JOINT SECURITY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDWARD MASSAQUOI WAS ATTACKED BY SEVERAL SOLDIERS. MASSAQUOI WAS NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME BUT FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ROUGHED UP, HIS DRIVER KILLED AND THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE DEMOLISHED. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S KRAHN INNER CIRCLE HAD EARLIER COMMENTED THAT MASSAQUOI HAD BEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE REBELS. MASSAQUOI HIMSELF HAD SUSPECTED A POSSIBLE ACT AGAINST HIM AND HAD TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF SLEEPING AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION EACH NIGHT.

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Description: (U) ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL DUBAR MET WITH PRESIDENT SAMUEL ((DOE)) 9-10 JUNE 1990 AND TOLD HIM THE ONLY WAY TO REACH A POLITICAL SOLUTION AND END THE INSURGENCY PROBLEM WAS FOR HIM TO RESIGN. TO ANOTHER PARTY DUBAR COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD RESIGN HIS POSITION SOON AND DEPART THE COUNTRY. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION GUARD KILLED SEVERAL CIVILIANS AT CLAYASHLAND (06-25N, 10-44W). THE CURRENT LULL IN FIGHTING BETWEEN ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL) SOLDIERS AND FORCES FROM THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) MAY BE CAUSED BY THE 11 JUNE 1990 SPONSORED LIBERIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING IN FREETOWN. MORALE AMONG EXPATRIATES AT BONG MINE IS LOW AS THEY WAITING ANXIOUSLY TO EVACUATE. FIRESTONE OFFICIALS REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH REBELS BUT HAVE NOT MOVED THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY TO BONG MINE SO THEY MIGHT BE EVACUATED.

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