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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF DROC PRESIDENT LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA

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SOURCE: [redacted]

SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT: 1. [redacted]

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[redacted] THE COMMISSION WOULD NOT FINISH ITS WORK UNTIL MID- TO LATE MARCH, I.E. SOMETIME AFTER PRESIDENT JOSEPH ((KABILA))'S TRIP TO EUROPE. IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD STARTED ITS WORK 10 DAYS LATE, THERE WERE STILL MANY CONGOLESE OFFICIALS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE QUESTIONED.

2. [redacted] IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF WHAT OCCURRED, AND IT MIGHT NEVER BE CLEAR IF THERE WAS ACTUALLY A PLOT OR NOT. THE COMMISSION CURRENTLY BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT'S CLOSE PROTECTION UNIT WERE AWARE OF THE PLAN TO KILL THE PRESIDENT; MOST WERE FROM SOUTH KIVU PROVINCE, AND THEY HAD SENT THEIR WIVES TO CONGO/BRAZZAVILLE IN ADVANCE OF THE ASSASSINATION.

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[redacted] COMMENT: THE COMMISSION LEARNED OF THIS BECAUSE SOME OF THE WIVES WERE ARRESTED IN THE DROC BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO GO TO BRAZZAVILLE.)

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3. [redacted] MANY OF THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED WITH THE ABORTIVE COUP PLOT DIRECTED BY COMMANDANT ANSELME NINDAGA ((MASASU)) IN OCTOBER 2000 WERE ALSO ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTH KIVU, AND THOSE WHO WERE NOT ARRESTED HAD FLED TO CONGO/BRAZZAVILLE AFTER MASASU'S ARREST; THERE APPEARED TO BE A LINK BETWEEN THE TWO EVENTS. IN ADDITION, AFTER LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA'S ASSASSINATION, TWO OF THE KEY WITNESSES, ONE OF WHOM WAS PRESIDENTIAL BODYGUARD GEORGES ((MIRINDI)), HAD BEEN HELPED TO ESCAPE FROM THE DROC MILITARY INTELLIGENCE "GLM" PRISON, BEING LED OUT HANDCUFFED BY A CONGOLESE ARMED FORCES (FAC) OFFICER, ALSO FROM SOUTH KIVU. ALL THREE HAD THEN FLED TO BRAZZAVILLE.

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[redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] HOW THIS ESCAPE WAS POSSIBLE IF THERE WAS NOT A PLOT INVOLVED. [redacted]

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[redacted] WHY CONGO/B PRESIDENT DENIS ((SASSOU-NGUESSO)) WAS PROVIDING REFUGE TO THESE CONGOLESE AND CLAIMING NOT TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE; THE DROC HAS INFORMATION THAT A NUMBER OF THOSE WHO FLED AFTER MASASU'S ARREST AND THE ASSASSINATION ARE NOW IN POINTE NOIRE.)

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4. THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION APPARENTLY INVOLVED SOME SETTLING OF SCORES AND RIVALRIES FROM WITHIN THE FORMER DROC ADMINISTRATION--EVEN THOUGH THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERS INCLUDED NON-CONGOLESE PARTICIPANTS (ZIMBABWEAN, ANGOLAN, NAMIBIAN) IN AN ATTEMPT TO GUARANTEE AGAINST CHARGES OF POLITICIZING THE FINDINGS. THE COMMISSION WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WHATEVER FINDINGS IT MADE COULD NOT BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THE COMMISSION DID NOT HAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION, DESPITE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY DROC SPECIAL

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PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISOR NONO ((LUTULA)) OF "A FOREIGN HAND" IN THE ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LUTULA HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE COMMISSION TO STAY HOME A COUPLE OF DAYS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY (I.E. HOUSE ARREST), BUT LATER THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO BEGIN BY QUESTIONING HIS STAFF ON THE EVENTS BEFORE AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, SO LUTULA WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK. LUTULA WAS GOING TO BE DETAINED THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR QUESTIONING, HOWEVER, IN CONNECTION WITH HIS HANDLING OF THE "SECURITY FILE" BEFORE AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION; LUTULA COULD TELL THE COMMISSION AT THAT TIME IF HE HAD ANY CONCRETE SUSPICIONS ABOUT FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT. THERE WERE ALSO QUESTIONS ABOUT LUTULA'S TIES TO CONGO/B INTELLIGENCE AND WHETHER HE WAS RECEIVING MONEY FROM SASSOU-NGUESSO.

5. [REDACTED] IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS NOW DETAINED WERE IMPLICATED IN THE ASSASSINATION, THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: THIS MAY MEAN THAT SOMEONE LIKE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY AIDE-DE-CAMP EDDY ((KAPEND)) COULD BE CHARGED AND PUT BEFORE A DROC COURT.) KAPEND WAS UNDER ARREST AND WOULD REMAIN THERE UNTIL HIS GUILT OR INNOCENCE COULD BE DETERMINED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO ALLOW TO GO FREE AND PERHAPS BEGIN PLOTTING AGAINST JOSEPH KABILA. EVEN IF KAPEND WAS NOT INVOLVED IN A PLOT TO KILL LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA, KAPEND HAD GIVEN THE ORDERS TO EXECUTE 11 LOCAL LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] KAPEND COULD CERTAINLY FACE CHARGES ON THESE GROUNDS.

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6. [REDACTED]

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POC: [REDACTED]

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COMMENTS, EVALUATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS WELCOME.

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