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REPORT CLASS S E C R E T--NOFORN

DIST: 13 MARCH 2001

COUNTRY: CONGO (K)/LEBANON

SUBJ: REASONS BEHIND THE ARREST OF CONGOLESE ARMED FORCES OFFICERS KAPEND AND YAV, AND OF DROC SECURITY OFFICIALS LUTULA AND LETA

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FORMER PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY AIDE-DE-CAMP EDDY ((KAPEND)) AND KINSHASA 50TH BRIGADE COMMANDER JEAN ((YAV)) NAWEJ WERE ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY 2001 BECAUSE OF THEIR SUSPECTED CONNECTION TO THE EXECUTION OF 11 LOCAL LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN FOLLOWING THE 16 JANUARY ASSASSINATION. KAPEND AND YAV ARE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT WHETHER THEY GAVE THE ORDERS TO CARRY OUT THESE EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS. AS OF 10 MARCH, NEITHER KAPEND NOR YAV HAD BEEN QUESTIONED THOROUGHLY ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE DROC PRESIDENT.

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2. THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE HAD UNSUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN ORGANIZED PLOT TO KILL FORMER DROC PRESIDENT LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA. ACCORDING TO THESE SUSPICIONS, THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARDS (WHO WERE NOT BEING REGULARLY PAID, WERE TREATED BADLY, AND ANGRY ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 2000 EXECUTION OF THEIR FORMER COMMANDER ANSELME MASASU FOR COUP PLOTTING) APPROACHED SOME LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN (NFI) IN KINSHASA, INITIALLY JUST INTENDING TO EXTORT MONEY FROM THEM. THESE LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN, WHO WERE DISSATISFIED OVER THEIR LOSS OF BUSINESS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DROC'S AWARDED OF A MONOPOLY ON DROC DIAMOND TRADING TO THE ISRAELI FIRM "IDI DIAMONDS," PURPORTEDLY SOON REALIZED THESE BODYGUARDS COULD BE USED.

3. THE COMMITTEE HAD HEARD ACCOUNTS THAT WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BY THESE LEBANESE WAS A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA'S GOVERNMENT, AND THAT GENERAL YAV RECEIVED MONEY FROM MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO CARRY OUT THIS COUP.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE TRANSITION FROM COUP TO ASSASSINATION HAPPENED LATER.) IN HIS STATEMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE, YAV IS NOW TRYING TO IMPLICATE KAPEND IN THE KILLING OF THE LOCAL LEBANESE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. THE COMMITTEE DOES

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NOT YET KNOW WHETHER YAV'S CLAIMS OF KAPEND'S INVOLVEMENT ARE TRUE OR NOT.

4. IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF THE THEORY THAT THERE WAS A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA, THE COMMITTEE HAD HEARD ONE ACCOUNT THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL FROM BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, ON 15 JANUARY WARNING OF A POSSIBLE PLAN TO KILL KABILA.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: THE IDENTITY OF THE CALLER WAS NOT KNOWN, BUT THE VOICE PURPORTEDLY SOUNDED LIKE THAT OF A CONGOLESE WOMAN.) THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, NELLY ((NTITIE)), TOOK THE CALL BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN WHAT TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION, SO SHE TOLD NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (ANR) DIRECTOR ((LETA)) MANGASSA GEORGES. LETA WAS UNSURE OF THE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION AND IT APPEARS HE INITIALLY DID NOTHING. AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH, HOWEVER, HE PROVIDED DROC INVESTIGATORS LOOKING INTO THE ASSASSINATION DIVERGENT ACCOUNTS OF HIS ACTIONS, INCLUDING THAT HE PASSED THE INFORMATION TO LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA DIRECTLY, AND/OR THAT HE ADVISED NONO ((LUTULA)), SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR SECURITY MATTERS TO THE DROC PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: LETA AND LUTULA WERE ARRESTED IN EARLY MARCH TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OVERALL HANDLING OF THEIR SECURITY DUTIES LEADING UP TO THE ASSASSINATION OF KABILA, AND PURPORTEDLY ABOUT THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL.)

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