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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOD MG OMAR HAJI MOHAMED TO US (U)

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WITH BG MOHAMED ALI ABOKAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, MOD. BG ABOKAR HAD PREPARED LIST OF ITEMS THAT THE SOMALIS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION WHILE IN WASHINGTON. THE LIST WAS A THREE PAGE SHOPPING LIST OF EQUIPMENT THE SOMALIS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TO REPLACE THEIR SOVIET EQUIPMENT. THE LIST, IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED EQUIPMENT SUCH AS RADIOS, TRUCKS AND ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT, CONTAINED LARGE AMOUNTS OF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT. I.E., 432 M60A2 TANKS, APPROX 400 M113 APCs, 12 F3E FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, 4 C-130 TRANSPORTS, 2 CH-47 TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS, ATTACK HELICOPTERS, 6 ASHVILLE CLASS PATROL BOATS, 8 MINESWEEPERS, ONE FLOATING DRYDOCK, 80,000 M16 RIFLES, SEVERAL HUNDRED M60 MACHINE GUNS, 155MM ARTILLERY PIECES AND SEVERAL OTHER TYPES OF GUNS.

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HE WAS TOLD THAT THE LIST FAR EXCEEDED FMS CREDITS AVAILABLE TO SOMALIA AT THIS TIME AND THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE, IF ANY, THAT HE WOULD GET MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT ON THE LIST. HE STATED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO EXPLAIN WHY SOMALIA NEEDED THIS EQUIPMENT AND WOULD TRY TO JUSTIFY EACH AND EVERY ITEM ON THE LIST. ABOKAR THEN ASKED IF THE US WOULD TAKE ALL OF SOMALIA'S SOVIET MADE EQUIPMENT IN TOTAL OR PARTIAL EXCHANGE FOR US MADE EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO GIVE US TEN BATTALIONS OF SA2 AND SA3 MISSILES AND ALL OF THE MIG-21 FIGHTERS AS WELL AS EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE INVENTORY. DATT EXPLAINED THAT THE US WAS INTERESTED IN SOVIET MADE EQUIPMENT FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH.

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BG ABOKAR, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MAY BE THE CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR THE DELEGATION. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT AND HE IS VERY ARTICULATE. THE MINISTER SPEAKS ENGLISH, BUT HAS DIFFICULTY AT TIMES EXPRESSING THOUGHTS IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER.

4. ON 11 JAN DURING DISCUSSION BETWEEN MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND US AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA, OMAR HAJI STATED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO PRESENT A LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO DOD DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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HE WOULD ONLY USE IT AS A GUIDELINE OF THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT SOMALIA NEEDED TO DEFEND ITSELF. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS SPECIFIC AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT ONLY IF HE WERE ASKED ABOUT CURRENT NEEDS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN SOMALIA'S POSITION IN THE HORN AND THREAT POSED BY COUNTRIES SUCH AS LIBYA, SOUTH YEMEN, AND ETHIOPIA, AND BY THE RUSSIAN AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN THE HORN. OMAR HAJI STATED THAT HE IS WILLING AND THE PRESIDENT AGREES, TO HAVE US FOCES STATIONED IN SOMALIA IF THE US DESIRES. HE ALSO STATED THAT IF THE US IS WILLING TO PROVIDE NEEDED MILITARY HARDWARE, HE WOULD EVEN AGREE TO HAVE US ADVISORS/MONITORS IN SOMALIA TO INSURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT USED AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS. HE STATED THAT SOMALIA ONLY WANTS A CREDIBLE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT.

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