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SUBJ: ZAIRE: LAWLESSNESS CONTINUES. (U)
DOI: 22 JUL 92 (AS OF 1330 EDT)
TEXT: 1. (G) DISORDER IN THE INTERIOR IS INCREASING, AS CITIZENS FALL PREY TO BANDITRY, REBEL ACTIVITY, ETHNIC VIOLENCE, AND POLITICAL DEMAGOGUERY. (b)(3):50 USC 30240)
2. (G) SECURITY CONDITIONS IN THE UGANDA-RWANDA-BURUNDI BORDER AREAS HAVE DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DEVISED A SPECIAL SECURITY PLAN. THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND ACTION SERVICE WILL BE THE PRIMARY OPERATIONAL UNIT, ALTHOUGH SOME CIVIL GUARD, NATIONAL GENDARMERIE, AND ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES ELEMENTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART.
3. (G) COMMENT: SOME OF THE TURMOIL IN THE NORTHEAST MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO REBELS, BUT MUCH OF IT IS MOST LIKELY THE RESULT OF UNDISCIPLINED MILITARY PERSONNEL. BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN UNPAID, THESE TROOPS EXTORT GOODS FROM CIVILIANS OR ROB THEM. SOLDIERS AND OFFICIALS ARE ALSO PROBABLY INVOLVED IN THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN HAUT ZAIRE. AS ECONOMIC CONDITIONS DECLINE, PREDATORY BEHAVIOR BY SOLDIERS WILL INCREASE.