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SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

DIADIN 291-4A (AS OF: 1625 EDT 18 OCT 77)

LUKEWARM RECEPTION. (U)

ETHIOPIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELEKE

GI ORGI'S ARRIVED IN HAVANA ON 15 OCTOBER TO A LOW-KEY CUBAN WELCOME, PERHAPS INDICATIVE OF THE APPREHENSION THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT HAS ABOUT ITS ROLE IN ADDIS ABABA. OB-

SERVERS IN THE CUBAN CAPITAL NO DOUBT CONSIDER THEIR SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA MUCH MORE RISKY THAN THAT TO NATIONS IN SOUTHERN

AFRICA, AND THEY MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR

LEADING ETHIOPIA TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN ITS WAR WITH

(C/N UF ORN ) GIORGIS WAS GREETED BY HIS CUBAN COUNTERPART, SOMAL IA .

MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ISIDORO MALMIERCA, ON HIS ARMINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IN GAFRICAN NATIONAL

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A RECEDENCE

AND THE PERSONAL GREETING OF SECOND-IN-COMMAND RAULXSASTRO

CUDA

AND THIRD-IN-COMMAND CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AT JOSE MARTI

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. CUBA'S CONTROLLED NEWS MEDIA HAVE THUS

FAR PLAYED UP THE TAMBO VISIT IN CONTRAST TO COVERAGE OF THE

ETHIOPIAN VISIT.

3. SPEECHES MADE BY GIORGIS AT JOSE MARTI INDICATE THAT THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTER IS WILLING TO HAVE HIS GOVERNMENT ACCEPT A "PEACEFUL" SOLUTION IN ERITREA, BUT THAT THE NATION IS BEING ATTACKED BY FORCES SUPPORTED BY "IMPERIALISM"

IN THE OGADEN. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM ADDIS A BABA, THE
MINISTER HAD STATED THAT HIS TALKS WERE DESIGNED TO COWER BIMINISTER HAD STATED THAT HIS TALKS WERE DESIGNED TO COWER BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE "A GGRESLATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE HORN OF AFRICA IN HAVANA
SION OF SOMALIA AGAINST ETHIOPIA." GIORGIS REMARKS IN HAVANA
OMITTED MENTION OF SOMALIA.

4. (C/NOFURN) CU BA HAD, ON 14 OCT OBER, CALLED FOR THE INSTI-TUTION OF BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH VISITING MOZAMBICAN LEADER SAMORA MACHEL. (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i),(b)(3):10 USC 424

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ADDITIONALLY . CU BAN AND MOZAM BICAN	LEADERS CALLED FOR THE
TOLLA BORATION OF PROGRESSIVE COUNT	RIES THAT HAVE BEEN WORK-
ING FOR THIS UNDERSTANDING, " AN OB	IQUE REFERENCE TO CUBA AND
THE USSR. IT MAY BE THAT THE ETH I	OPIAN MINISTER WILL BE BRIEF.
ED BY HAVANA ON POSSIBLE MEANS OF	ACHIEVING A SOLUTION TO THE
Odopen PROBLEM. NONETHELESS, THE	LOW-KEY WELCOME AFFORDED
GIORGIS INDICATES THAT HAVANA IS E	XPERIENCING SOME DISCOMFORT
ABOUT HIS VISIT.	
(b)(3):10 USC 424,(b)(6)	
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