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TEXT: 1. ~~(S)~~ THIS REPORT FORWARDS THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS OCCURRING IN AFRICA

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2. ~~(S)~~ ALGERIA -- THE ASSASSINATION OF THE BISHOP OF ORAN, MGR ((CLAVERIE)) ON 960801 SHOWS THAT GIA GROUPS HAVE SOPHISTICATED REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES AND ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT, AND THEY INTEND TO CONTINUE, HIGHLY PUBLICIZED OPERATIONS. THIS ASSASSINATION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP CLOSE TO FORMER GIA CHIEF ((ZITOUNI)) WHO WAS RECENTLY KILLED. THE PRESENT GIA CHIEF IS ANTAR ((ZOUABRI)). THIS GROUP IS KNOWN TO INCLUDE VETERANS AND PROFESSIONALS TRAINED OVERSEAS. AT LEAST 100 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED THIS WEEK AND ATTACKS AGAINST CAFES AND RESTAURANTS ARE CONTINUING. [REDACTED] -- THE EVOLUTION OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS TERRORIST ATTACKS SHOW A DRIFT TOWARDS AN "ETA" OR "IRA" TYPE URBAN GUERRILLA ORGANIZED BY PROFESSIONALS OPERATING IN SMALL GROUPS. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE -- THE RECENT VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ((DE CHARETTE)) IN ALGERIA CONFIRMS A WARMING OF RELATIONS WITH PARIS AND REINFORCEMENT OF PRESIDENT ((ZEROUAL))'S POSITION.)

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3. ~~(S)~~ CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC -- PRIME MINISTER ((NGOUPANDE)) DECLARED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL OF OPPOSITION PARTIES (CODEPO) WILL SOON BE PART OF THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. THE SITUATION REMAINS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF FRICTION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER. [REDACTED] -- ON THE MILITARY SIDE, THE PROBLEMS REMAIN THE SAME AND A THIRD REBELLION IS POSSIBLE. THE MAIN REASON IS THE ETHNIC IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE "YAKOMA" (40 PERCENT OF THE MILITARY'S PERSONNEL STRENGTH) AND THE "M'BAKA" AND ALSO THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY FORCES AND THE ARMED FORCES.)

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4. ~~(S)~~ BURUNDI -- A WEEK AFTER THE COUP D'ETAT, PRESIDENT ((BUYOYA)) NAMED MR. ((NDIMIRA)), A HUTU FROM "UPRONA", AS PRIME MINISTER. MR. NDIMIRA FORMED A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF BOTH ETHNIC GROUPS (14 HUTUS AND 11 TUTSIS) INCLUDING TWO MILITARY, TEN MINISTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, TEN MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION AND THREE INDEPENDENT PERSONALITIES. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT COULD LAST THREE TO FOUR MONTHS. BUJUMBURA REMAINS CALM AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE FORBIDDEN. MANY PERSONALITIES OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT ARE STILL REFUGEES INSIDE WESTERN EMBASSIES. THE CURFEW STARTS NOW AT 10 O'CLOCK P.M. VERSUS 7 P.M. THE SITUATION IS STILL TENSE IN THE CIBITOKE, BUBANZA AND RUMONGE REGIONS WHEREAS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY REMAINS CALM DUE TO A DECREASE IN HUTU EXTREMIST ATTACKS. KABEZI AND MAGARA REGIONS. THE ARMED FORCES WILL SOON BE JOINED BY 5,000 NEW MILITARY RECRUITS. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE NEW EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HANDICAPPED THE STABILIZATION OF THE SITUATION THAT THE NEW REGIME WISHED TO START. BURUNDI WILL FACE SEVERE SHORTAGES IN GASOLINE AND OTHER FUELS AND WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES EXPORTING ITS PRODUCTION OF COFFEE AND TEA, THE MAIN RESOURCES OF ITS FOREIGN TRADE. HUMANITARIAN FOOD RELIEF DELIVERY MIGHT ALSO BE AFFECTED.)

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