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SUBJ: LIBERIA SITUATION/DIA INTSUM NUMBER 30 AS OF 291730Z JUN 90
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~~(C/NF)~~ THIS REPORT REPRESENTS A WEEKLY SUMMARY. IT REVIEWS SIGNIFICANT TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LIBERIA CRISIS BETWEEN 23 JUNE AND 29 JUNE.

1. (U) SUMMARY.

~~(C/NF)~~ FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS OF SPORADIC SKIRMISHES, FIGHTING ESCALATED ON THE 29TH. GUNFIRE WAS REPORTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OUTSIDE MONROVIA. THE NATIONAL PARTIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA

(NPFL) REOCCUPIED ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA) [REDACTED] ON THE 29TH. DISCIPLINE AMONG ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL) TROOPS CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. THE CAPITAL IS WITHOUT WATER FOR THE SECOND DAY. PEOPLE ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT DOE'S

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OF THE CRISIS, AND MORE LIBERIANS ARE OPENLY DISCUSSING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT DOE WILL BE FORCED OUT OF OFFICE.

2. (U) MILITARY SITUATION.

A. (U) REBEL ACTIVITIES.

~~(C/NF)~~ DURING THE WEEK OF 23-29 JUNE, REBEL FORCES STEPPED UP OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS THOUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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AFTER TAKING CAREYSBURG [REDACTED], GUERRILLAS ENGAGED GOVERNMENT TROOPS NEAR BENSONVILLE [REDACTED] ON THE 25TH.

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GOVERNMENT SOURCES CLAIM THE NPFL SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND RETREATED TO CAREYSBURG.

~~(C/NF)~~ ON THE 26TH OR 27TH, REBEL FORCES TOOK CONTROL

OF THE WATER PURIFICATION PLANT AT WHITE PLAINS [REDACTED]

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APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES NORTH OF MONROVIA. AS A RESULT OF THE

FIGHTING IN THE AREA, MANY PLANT EMPLOYEES REFUSED TO RETURN TO

WORK. THE FACILITY IS EFFECTIVELY SHUT DOWN AND THE WATER SUPPLY TO MONROVIA HAS BEEN CUT OFF.

~~(C/NF)~~ FIGHTING ON THE 28TH WAS REPORTED NORTH OF WHITE PLAINS NEAR THE MOUNT COFFEE HYDROELECTRIC STATION

[REDACTED] WHICH PROVIDES MOST OF MONROVIA'S ELECTRICAL

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POWER. BY

THE AFTERNOON OF THE 29TH, THE NPFL WAS THOUGHT TO BE IN CONTROL

OF THE STATION. NPFL FORCES APPARENTLY ATTACKED AN AFL CONTINGENT NEAR CLAY ASHLAND [REDACTED].

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~~(C/NF)~~ NPFL FORCES WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN SEVERAL

CLASHES ON THE FIRESTONE PLANTATION [REDACTED] ON THE 29TH.

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REBELS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED GOVERNMENT TROOPS NEAR GATE 15, ON THE WESTERN PERIMETER OF THE PLANTATION. CLASHES ALSO OCCURRED NEAR

DIVISION 38, WHICH IS NEAR THE FARMINGTON RIVER EAST OF CAREYSBURG, AND AT DIVISION 45, WHICH IS NEAR HARBEL ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE PLANTATION. AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUGGESTED

THAT THE NPFL HAD DRIVEN REMAINING GOVERNMENT FORCES OUT OF THE FIRESTONE PLANTATION.

~~(C/NF)~~ FIGHTING WAS REPORTED AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA) ON THE 29TH. BY LATE AFTERNOON THE REBELS HAD REOCCUPIED THE AIRPORT. THE MAIN TERMINAL AND VIP LOUNGE WERE APPARENTLY DESTROYED, BUT THE CONTROL TOWER AND OTHER BUILDINGS

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WERE INTACT. AN NPFL CONTINGENT WAS PROCEEDING FROM RIA TO CAMP

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SCHIEFFLIN [REDACTED], A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 12 MILES.

~~(C/NF)~~ ON THE 29TH, REBEL ATTACKS WERE ALSO REPORTED

AT GBORPLAY [REDACTED] IN EASTERN NIMBA COUNTY, BOPOLU

[REDACTED] IN LOWER LOFA COUNTY, CAMP JACKSON [REDACTED]

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IN NORTHERN BONG COUNTY, AND AT BORBOL (UNLOCATED), WHICH IS NEAR

THE GRAND GEDEH-NIMBA COUNTY LINE.

B. (U) GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

~~(C/NF)~~ THE LONG AWAITED ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL)

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COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAIN FAILED TO MATERIALIZE DURING THE WEEK OF

23-29 JUNE. GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE SAID TO HAVE DRIVEN REBEL FORCES FROM BENSONVILLE ON THE 25TH BUT THIS WAS THE ONLY REPORTED AFL VICTORY. BY THE 26TH, AFL CHECKPOINTS NEAR CAREYSBURG AND MOUNT BARCLAY [REDACTED] WERE DESERTED.

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GOVERNMENT MADE A FEEBLE ATTEMPT TO RETAKE THE WHITE PLAINS

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