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ERITREAN ATTACK ON PORT OF MASSAWA

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1. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN RECENT WEEKS IN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND IN THE DELIVERY AND TRAINING OF ETHIOPIAN TROOPS ON NEW SOVIET EQUIPMENT, PROBLEMS OF TROOP MORALE AND DISCIPLINE, AND EVEN REFUSAL TO FIGHT, CONTINUE IN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY UNITS. THIS IS TRUE NOT ONLY IN THE SOUTH, ON THE SIDAMO FRONT BUT ALSO IN THE MAIN BATTLE AREA JUST EAST OF HARAR WHERE ETHIOPIAN COMMANDERS ARE EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THEIR TROOPS CONSISTENTLY TO OBEY ORDERS AND FIGHT IN AN EFFECTIVE

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