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3. USSR-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: POW INCIDENT PUBLICIZED

//MOSCOW HAS GONE PUBLIC WITH ITS PROTEST TO PAKISTAN OVER THE DEATH IN LATE APRIL OF A GROUP OF SOVIET AND AFGHAN POWS WHO WERE KILLED IN PAKISTAN AS THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE THEIR CAPTORS AT AN AFGHAN RESISTANCE CAMP. [REDACTED] THE SOVIETS ARE DEMANDING THAT PAKISTAN PUNISH THOSE INVOLVED AND ARE EXPECTING ISLAMABAD TO DRAW THE PROPER CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMPLICITY AGAINST AFGHANISTAN AND THE USSR. [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THE HEROISM OF THE

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SOLDIERS FOR ATTEMPTING THE ESCAPE AND NOT SUCCUMBING TO RESISTANCE EFFORTS TO MAKE THEM DEFEAT.

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PROTEST OVER THE POW INCIDENT PROBABLY ARE DESIGNED IN PART TO ADD TO THE INTERNAL DEBATE IN PAKISTAN ABOUT AFGHANISTAN WHEN THE PAKISTANI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES NEXT MONTH. IN ADDITION, THE SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY SEE INTERNAL BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF THE VE-DAY CELEBRATIONS, FROM HIGHLIGHTING THE TROOPS' HEROISM.//

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4. ETHIOPIA: PRESSING ON WITH RESETTLEMENT

//ADDIS ABABA CONTINUES TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM HELPING TO FEED STARVING PEOPLE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA TO THE FORCIBLE MOVEMENT AND RESETTLEMENT OF SOME 900,000 FAMINE VICTIMS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. ABOUT 400,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED SO FAR. THE EFFORT HAS REQUIRED THE DIVERSION OF AIRCRAFT, HUNDREDS OF SCARCE TRUCKS, AND SKILLED MANPOWER. [REDACTED] PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE FOR THE INFLUX OF LARGE NUMBERS INTO UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] THE SETTLERS RECEIVE LITTLE FOOD OR MEDICAL CARE WHILE BEING MOVED AND THAT HUNDREDS OF CHOLERA CASES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.//

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5. TERRORIST WATCH

MIDDLE EAST

--//THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY, AN IRISH NATIONAL, WAS KIDNAPED IN WEST BEIRUT YESTERDAY. CALLERS PURPORTING TO REPRESENT THE ISLAMIC JIHAD AND THE LESSER KNOWN REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MUSLIMS--POSSIBLY A COVERT NAME USED BY THE ABU NIDAL GROUP--CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. THE LATTER GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDERING TWO BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN INDIA AND IN GREECE LAST YEAR AND FOR KIDNAPING A BRITISH JOURNALIST WORKING FOR THE UN IN LEBANON LAST MARCH.//

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AFRICA

--//THREE BOMBS DAMAGED A POLICE STATION AND TWO COURT BUILDINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. THE ATTACKS OCCURRED NEAR TSAKANE, WHERE A TRADE UNION LEADER WHO DIED SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING POLICE CUSTODY WAS BEING BURIED. IN RELATED ACTIVITY BLACK LABOR UNIONS CALLED FOR A TWO-HOUR STRIKE TO MARK THE LEADER'S FUNERAL, BUT LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE SUPPORTED THE CALL.//

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--//TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ALIENS STILL AWAIT DEPORTATION FROM NIGERIA RIOTING REPORTED . . . CASUALTIES AT BENIN BORDER AND LAGOS DETENTION CAMPS . . . FRONTIERS REMAIN CLOSED . . . NIGERIAN SEALIFT HAS ONLY LIMITED CAPACITY.//

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