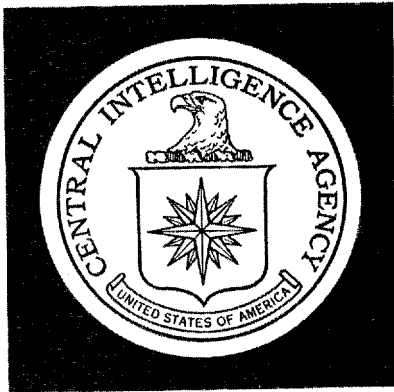


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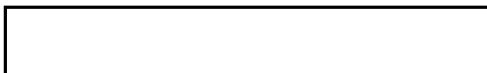
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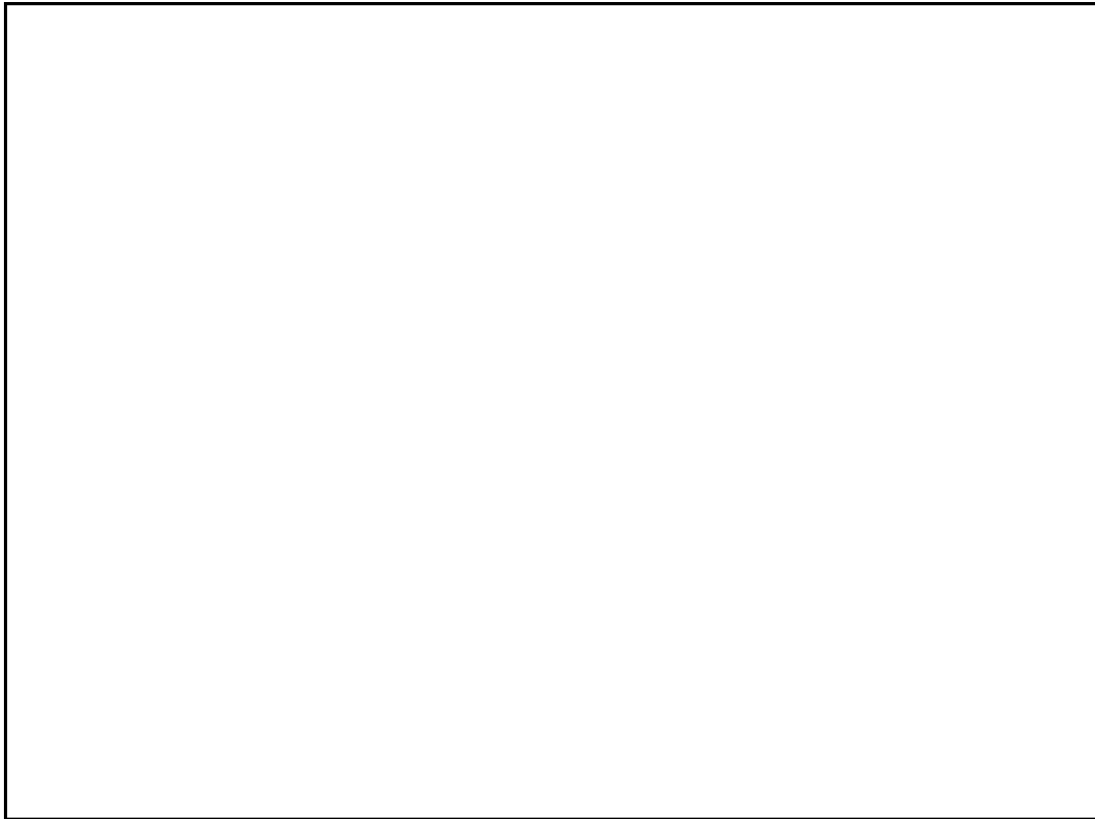
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[Congo (Brazzaville): Sharp fighting broke out in Brazzaville yesterday as army troops moved to disarm resisting elements of the leftist-controlled youth organization. The army leaders who forced the issue have informed Congo (Kinshasa) President Mobutu that they intend to go on to implement their plan, which Mobutu is backing, for a full-scale army takeover. It remains uncertain, however, whether these army officers have the necessary strength and unity to win a showdown against the forces, including the Civil Defense Corps, which seem likely to oppose them. These forces may now make common cause with recently eclipsed President Massamba-Debat.

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