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1. SPAIN: GENERAL FRANCO HAS TAKEN A SERIOUS TURN FOR THE WORSE, AND AN EARLY TRANSFER OF POWER TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS NOW SEEMS LIKELY.4

A MEDICAL BULLETIN SIGNED BY FRANCO'S DOCTORS WAS ISSUED ON THURSDAY, ANNOUNCING THAT FRANCO IS SHOWING ADDITIONAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE. PREVIOUS, MORE OPTIMISTIC BULLETINS HAD NOT BEEN SIGNED BY DOCTORS. WE BELIEVE FRANCO MAY HAVE DEVELOPED CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE--A SERIOUS COMPLICATION OF HIS RECENT HEART ATTACKS.4

IN THE FACE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, ALL MAJOR POLITICAL FORCES, INCLUDING THE MILITARY, REPORTEDLY HAVE REACHED A CONSENSUS THAT FRANCO SHOULD STEP DOWN IMMEDIATELY.4

IF FRANCO REMAINS UNABLE OR REFUSES TO SIGN THE DECREES RENOUNCING HIS POSITION AND TRANSFERRING POWER TO THE PRINCE, HIS TEAM OF DOCTORS MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF INCAPACITY. THIS WOULD PERMIT SPANISH OFFICIALS TO INITIATE THE PROCEEDINGS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION. ALTERNATIVELY, THE CABINET, AT ITS SCHEDULED MEETING ON FRIDAY COULD FORMALLY RECOGNIZE HIS INCAPACITATION. ITS FINDING WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY TWO THIRDS OF BOTH THE

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IF FRANCO DIES OR SIGNS THE DOCUMENT TRANSFERRING POWER TO JUAN CARLOS, THE THREE-MAN COUNCIL OF THE REGENCY WILL IMMEDIATELY ASSUME THE HEADSHIP OF STATE. THE PARLIAMENT WOULD BE CONVOKED WITHIN 24 HOURS OR SO AND INFORMED OF THE PRINCE'S DESIGNATION. WITHIN ABOUT 48 HOURS AFTER THAT, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 27, JUAN CARLOS WOULD TAKE THE OATH AS KING OF SPAIN BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE REALM.4

INTENSIVE MANEUVERING FOR THE POST-FRANCO PERIOD HAS ALREADY BEGUN. ON THURSDAY SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO LONDON FRAGA IRIBARNE--LONG TOUTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP AFTER JUAN CARLOS TAKES OVER--RETURNED HASTILY TO MADRID.4

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ACCORDING [REDACTED] FRAGA HAS STRUCK A DEAL WITH THE POWERFUL MINISTER SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, SOLIS RUIZ. FRAGA REPORTEDLY HAS PROMISED TO TAKE PART IN A GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED POLITICAL ASSOCIATION IN RETURN FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S ADOPTION OF HIS PROGRAM, A MAJOR POINT OF WHICH IS FREE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. {CONFIDENTIAL}

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2. PORTUGAL: THOUSANDS OF RADICAL LEFTISTS MARCHED THROUGH LISBON THURSDAY NIGHT IN A COMMUNIST-SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION, BUT THERE WERE NO VIOLENT OR UNTOWARD INCIDENTS. 4

THE DEMONSTRATORS CALLED FOR AN END TO THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT AND THE RETURN TO POWER OF GENERAL VASCO GONCALVES, THE PRO-COMMUNIST FORMER PREMIER WHO WAS FORCED TO RESIGN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. 4

DESPITE OPEN TALK OF A POSSIBLE COUP, THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO STOP THE DEMONSTRATION. IT EVIDENTLY IS STILL PLAYING FOR TIME IN ITS STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE. 4

IN ALIYING THEMSELVES WITH THE FAR LEFT, IT IS CLEARLY THE COMMUNISTS' PRESENT OBJECTIVE TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT BY CREATING SHEER CHAOS AND BY SPLITTING THE SOCIALISTS AND POPULAR DEMOCRATS, WHO ARE ITS PRINCIPAL BULWARKS. THUS FAR, AT LEAST, THE TWO PARTIES ARE STICKING TOGETHER. THE SOCIALISTS HAVE ROUNDLY DENOUNCED THE COMMUNISTS AND HAVE SAID THAT THEY TOO WOULD LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT IF THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS WERE FORCED OUT. 4

THE NEXT FEW DAYS MAY BE DECISIVE FOR AZEVEDO. THE GOVERNMENT'S

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OFFER OF AMNESTY EXPIRES ON SATURDAY, BUT NO ARMED CIVILIAN GROUPS HAVE TURNED IN ANY WEAPONS. ONE OF THE MOST MILITANT AND MOST HEAVILY ARMED EXTREME-LEFT GROUPS, THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF THE PROLETARIAT-REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES, ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL GO UNDERGROUND TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN. GENERAL OTELO CARVALHO, LEADER OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, SAID THAT THIS DECISION MIGHT MEAN THAT THE GROUP IS PLANNING A COUP. {CONFIDENTIAL} 4

3. ROMANIA: AS BUCHAREST'S CONCERN OVER POPULAR DISCONTENT WITH FOOD SHORTAGES CONTINUES TO MOUNT, PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU IS LAYING THE BLAME ON BUREAUCRATIC SHORTCOMINGS AND INEFFICIENCY. 4

IN A SPEECH TO PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON OCTOBER 17, CEAUSESCU WASTED NO TIME IN FINDING SCAPEGOATS FOR THE CURRENT PROBLEM. BUCHAREST CITY OFFICIALS WERE ACCUSED OF A "LACK OF CONTROL AND GUIDANCE" THAT LED TO MISALLOCATION OF FOOD STOCKS AND TO "A CERTAIN NEGATIVE PSYCHOSIS I THE RANKS OF THE POPULACE." THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WAS CRI-

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TICIZED FOR FAILING TO FULFILL PLANNED PRODUCTION AND THE MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY FOR REDUCING INVESTMENTS WHERE SHORTFALLS EXIST. CEAUSESCU'S REMARKS PROBABLY FORESHADOW A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE PARTY PLENUM ON ECONOMICS NEXT MONTH. 4

CEAUSESCU HAD ANNOUNCED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE AVAILABILITY OF FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS ONLY THREE DAYS EARLIER. HE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, OFFERED ANY SIGNIFICANT POLICY CHANGES THAT COULD REMEDY THE SITUATION OVER THE LONGER TERM. IN FACT, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF ANY SLACKENING OF CEAUSESCU'S DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION. 4

SERIOUS SHORTAGES HAVE EXISTED IN ROMANIA SINCE THE JULY FLOODS, BUT THE PROBLEM APPARENTLY BECAME CRITICAL ONLY IN EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN HOARDING AND DISGRUNTLEMENT BEGAN TO SPREAD. CEAUSESCU'S RARE PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM CLEARLY SUGGESTS THAT

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POPULAR DISCONTENT IS REAL, AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BUCHAREST ARE NOW GIVING MORE WEIGHT TO CONSUMER PROBLEMS AS A FACTOR IN CEAUSESCU'S CANCELLATION OF HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA LAST WEEK. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

4. ROMANIA-CHINA: AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN DELEGATIONS HAS VISITED PEKING SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER IN A RENEWED SHOW OF BUCHAREST'S WILLINGNESS TO DEFY THE SOVIETS.4

THE EXCHANGES SHARPLY EXCEED THOSE BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW DURING THE SAME PERIOD. A ROMANIAN [REDACTED] RECENTLY SAID THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH PEKING ARE BY FAR ROMANIA'S NUMBER-ONE PROBLEM WITH THE KREMLIN.4

THE VISITS TOOK PLACE DURING A PERIOD WHEN MOSCOW IS INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GREATER IDEOLOGICAL CONFORMITY AMONG ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES, PUSHING FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITHIN CEMA, AND TRYING HARD TO CONVENE A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF

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COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES.4

THE WILY ROMANIANS MAY LOOK ON THE UPSURGE IN CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE AS A WAY OF CREATING BARGAINING CHIPS. THEY COULD NOW CUT BACK ON THEIR PEKING TRIPS WITHOUT OFFENDING THE CHINESE, AND AT THE SAME TIME CONVINCING THE SOVIETS THEY ARE BEING RESPONSIVE.4

MEANTIME, PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISITS HAS EMPHASIZED THE SIMILARITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN AND CHINESE PARTIES. THE CHINESE RECITATIONS OF THE COMMON "STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND HEGEMONISM" AMOUNTS TO AN OBLIQUE SLAP AT SOVIET EFFORTS TO DOMINATE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2, IMPDET

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 165-75.4

1. SPANISH SAHARA: KING HASSAN, IN A BRIEF RADIOBROADCAST ON THURSDAY DIRECTED AT THE INHABITANTS OF SPANISH SAHARA, INDICATED THAT HE IS GOING AHEAD WITH HIS PLANNED MARCH INTO THE TERRITORY.4

IN HIS ADDRESS, HASSAN REVIEWED MOROCCO'S CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SAHARA. HE APPEALED TO THE INHABITANTS TO RENEW THEIR RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL ALLEGIANCE TO HIM AND NOT TO RESIST THE MARCH BY FORCE.4

HIS REMARKS WERE CLEARLY DIRECTED AT MEMBERS OF THE SPANISH-BACKED SAHARAN NATIONAL UNION PARTY AND THE ALGERIAN-SUPPORTED POLISARIO FRONT. THE TWO GROUPS, WHICH FAVOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TERRITORY, HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CONFRONT THE UNARMED MARCHERS AT THE BORDER.4

HASSAN DID NOT ANNOUNCE A DATE FOR THE MARCH. THE FIRST CONTINGENT MAY CROSS THE BORDER EARLY NEXT WEEK.4

MOROCCAN CONTACTS WITH SPAIN ARE ACCELERATING. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI ARRIVES IN MADRID ON FRIDAY TO CONTINUE TALKS STARTED IN RABAT EARLIER THIS WEEK BY A SPANISH OFFICIAL. PRESS REPORTS FROM RABAT

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CLAIM THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING FOR A PARTITION OF SPANISH SAHARA BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA, AND THAT ONLY A "SYMBOLIC CONTINGENT" OF MARCHERS WILL GO ALL THE WAY TO EL AAIUN, THE CAPITAL OF SPANISH SAHARA.

MEANWHILE, MAURITANIA, WHICH HOPES TO DIVIDE SPANISH SAHARA WITH MOROCCO, HAS PUBLICLY SUPPORTED RABAT'S MARCH, BUT ONLY IN PRINCIPLE. ON OCTOBER 20, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SAID MAURITANIA OPPOSES USING FORCE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE. HE IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID A MILITARY CONFRONTATION AND IS CONCERNED THAT HASSAN'S MARCH WILL CREATE A VOLATILE SITUATION. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. LEBANON: INTENSE MORTAR, ROCKET, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE BEGAN BEFORE DAWN ON THURSDAY AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE MORNING IN THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN SECTIONS OF BEIRUT. TWO PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION MILITARY OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN CHRISTIAN AREAS IN AND NEAR BEIRUT ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THE PALESTINIANS WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING ON THURSDAY, BUT MORE FEDAYEEN WERE IN EVIDENCE MANNING BARRICADES. LESS RADICAL PALESTINIAN LEADERS WILL COME UNDER PRESSURE TO RETALIATE.

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BEIRUT RADIO ANNOUNCED AT MIDDAY THAT ALL ROADS IN THE CITY WERE UNSAFE AND THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS ROUND OF THE FIGHTING, THE BEIRUT-DAMASCUS ROAD HAS BEEN CUT JUST OUTSIDE BEIRUT. IT IS THE ONLY ROAD OUT OF THE CAPITAL TO SYRIA AND TO THE MOUNTAINS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FREE OF FIGHTING. ITS INTERDICTION HAS ADDED A NEW ELEMENT OF NERVOUSNESS AMONG CITY RESIDENTS.4

INTERIOR MINISTER SHAMUN AND PRIME MINISTER KARAMI ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY THAT "STRICT" NEW MEASURES TO STOP THE FIGHTING WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, ALTHOUGH NEITHER ELABORATED.4

ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, KARAMI IS COMING UNDER ATTACK FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. KARAMI HIMSELF IS AT LOGGERHEADS WITH PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH, WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE INTRANSIGENT STAND OF THE RIGHT-WING CHRISTIANS. KARAMI REPORTEDLY WAS THREATENING TO RESIGN IN FRUSTRATION AT FRANJIYAH'S OBSTRUCTIONISM BUT WAS DISSUADED BY THE SYRIANS.4

LEFTIST LEADER KAMAL JUMBLATT IS STILL IN DAMASCUS, AND THE SYRIANS ARE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE HIM TO JOIN THE CABINET WITH PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL. JUMBLATT

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HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH JUMAYYIL IN A NEW CABINET. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. ANGOLA: THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA HAS LAUNCHED A MAJOR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" IN ANGOLA. MILITARY HARD-LINERS IN THE MOVEMENT PROBABLY WILL TRY TO USE THE CAMPAIGN TO SET THE STAGE FOR A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, POSSIBLY BEFORE NOVEMBER 11.4

THURSDAY NIGHT, THE POPULAR MOVEMENT ORDERED THE MOBILIZATION OF ALL MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 35 TO COMBAT A FORCE CLAIMED TO NUMBER NEARLY 1,000 TROOPS, INCLUDING MERCENARIES AND REGULAR SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY TROOPS. THE FORCE REPORTEDLY IS LED BY DANIEL CHIPENDA, A FORMER POPULAR MOVEMENT MILITARY COMMANDER. CHIPENDA JOINED THE RIVAL NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA ALMOST A YEAR AGO AND HAS BEEN COMMANDING THE FRONT'S FORCES IN CENTRAL ANGOLA SINCE THEN.4

ACCORDING TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT, THE "INVADING FORCE" HAS ADVANCED APPROXIMATELY 150 MILES INTO SOUTHERN ANGOLA. POPULAR MOVEMENT FORCES IN THAT PART OF THE TERRITORY ARE STRETCHED

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THE MOBILIZATION ORDER AND THE CHARGE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION COME AT A TIME WHEN THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IS BEGINNING TO FEEL HEAVY PRESSURE FROM MILITARY OPERATIONS BY THE NATIONAL FRONT IN NORTHERN ANGOLA AND FROM THE APPROACHING DEADLINE FOR ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE.Y

IN NORTHERN ANGOLA, THE RIVAL NATIONAL FRONT HAS ADVANCED TO WITHIN 13 MILES OF LUANDA. SOME FIGHTING IS NOW TAKING PLACE AT THAT POINT.Y

THE APPROACH OF THE DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENCE TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE FOR THE POPULAR MOVEMENT BY VIRTUE OF PORTUGAL'S CONTINUED INSISTENCE THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT ALONE. THE MOVEMENT IS EQUALLY INSISTENT THAT IT IS THE ONLY LIBERATION GROUP CAPABLE AND DESERVING OF RUNNING THE TERRITORY AFTER INDEPENDENCE. THUS IT IS ATTEMPTING TO DISCREDIT ITS RIVALS AS INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN POWERS AND THEREFORE NOT TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE.Y

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN IS QUESTIONABLE. THE MOVEMENT HAS ALWAYS HAD

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STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT IN LUANDA, BUT ITS SUPPORT IN THE RURAL AREAS—AND EVEN IN THE TOWNS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ANGOLA THAT IT CLAIMS TO CONTROL—SEEMS LESS CERTAIN. THERE, THE MOVEMENT'S MOBILIZATION EFFORT COULD WELL BOG DOWN. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

4. ISRAEL: ISRAEL IS PLANNING TO HOLD LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND, POSSIBLY, IN THE GAZA STRIP AS WELL.4

THE ISRAELIS MAY HOPE TO USE THE ELECTIONS TO BUTTRESS THEIR CASE AGAINST ARAB STATES THAT CLAIM THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS THE PALESTINIANS AND TO BUILD UP THE CREDENTIALS OF THE WEST BANK PALESTINIANS AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. TEL AVIV CONTENDS THAT THE ELECTED LEADERSHIP IN THE WEST BANK IS MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS THAN THE PLO.4

THE ELECTION OF AT LEAST 60 WEST BANK VILLAGE COUNCILS IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT WEEK. IT WILL BE THE MOST EXTENSIVE ELECTION SINCE THE START OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION IN 1967. THE ISRAELIS ARE ALSO SCHEDULING AN ELECTION NEXT MARCH FOR WEST BANK MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING HOLDING AN ELECTION

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IN THE GAZA STRIP ABOUT THE SAME TIME. ON WEDNESDAY THE ISRAELIS REAPPOINTED AN ARAB MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF GAZA, APPARENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR THE GAZA ELECTIONS.4

ELECTIONS FOR A FEW VILLAGE COUNCILS AT A TIME HAVE BEEN HELD PERIODICALLY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES. THE MOST RECENT WAS LAST MAY. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WERE LAST HELD IN 1972. UNDER JORDANIAN ELECTORAL LAW, WHICH ISRAEL RECOGNIZES APPLICABLE, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD AGAIN NEXT YEAR.4

JORDAN HAS NEVER RECOGNIZED THE VALIDITY OF A WEST BANK ELECTION HELD UNDER THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. JORDANIAN DAILIES HAVE BEGUN TO ATTACK THE ISRAELI PLAN, SAYING ARAB "PATRIOTS" ARE WORKING TO SABOTAGE ANY ELECTION.4

AMMAN DOES NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS SANCTIONING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. THE JORDANIANS PROBABLY ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT A NEW ELECTION COULD BRING FORWARD A YOUNGER LEADERSHIP, LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO AMMAN'S DIRECTION THAN THE PRESENT CROP OF AGING WEST BANK

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