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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 375-75.4

1. ARGENTINA: THE IMPEACHMENT MOTION INTRODUCED LATE LAST WEEK AGAINST PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON IS GAINING SUPPORT IN THE ARGENTINE CONGRESS. THE MOTION CHARGES GROSS INCOMPETENCE AS WELL AS LARGE-SCALE MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.4

AT LEAST THREE OPPOSITION POLITICAL GROUPS HAVE LINED UP BEHIND THE MOTION: THE LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY, THE RADICAL CIVIC UNION, SEEMS TO BE MOVING TOWARD SUPPORT OF IMPEACHMENT. THE PARTIES ALLIED WITH THE PERONISTS IN THE GOVERNING COALITION ARE SAID TO FAVOR IMPEACHMENT IN FACT, IF NOT OFFICIALLY.4

AN ACTION LAST WEEK BY THE PERONIST PARTY MAY PROVOKE DEFECTIONS FROM ITS CONGRESSIONAL RANKS THAT WOULD ENSURE THE PASSAGE OF THE MOTION. THE PARTY FORMALLY EXPELLED BUENOS AIRES GOVERNOR VICTORIO CALABRO, A PROMINENT TRADE UNION LEADER AND SPOKESMAN FOR PERONISTS WHO OPPOSE PERON CONTINUING IN OFFICE. THE US EMBASSY REPORTS THAT HIS OUSTER COULD PROVIDE 20 OR SO PERONIST VOTES THAT THE MOTION NEEDS TO BE PASSED.4

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PERON'S RECENT ACTIVITY HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT SHE IS DELIBERATELY TRYING TO PROVOKE A MILITARY COUP AND THUS ACHIEVE MARTYRDOM. SHE REMAINS ISOLATED IN HER HOSPITAL ROOM, TAKING COUNSEL ONLY FROM A SMALL CLIQUE.Y

SHE IS IGNORING REQUESTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS TO MEET WITH THEM AND DISCUSS GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. MILITARY LEADERS, WHO COULD AT ANY TIME REMOVE THE PRESIDENT, HESITATE TO DO SO FOR FEAR OF STIRRING UP POPULAR OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY AS OCCURRED TWO DECADES AGO WHEN MILITARY LEADERS MOVED AGAINST JUAN PERON.Y

MILITARY SPOKESMEN REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD INFLUENTIAL CIVILIANS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE ARMED FORCES TO STEP IN AND PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO THE LEADERSHIP PROBLEM. THE SPOKESMEN ADD THAT THE MILITARY WILL TAKE OVER ONLY IF THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY COLLAPSES, BUT THAT IF THEY DO TAKE OVER THEY WILL NOT SOON RETURN POWER TO CIVILIANS. (CONFIDENTIAL)Y

2. //ECUADOR: THE ARREST OF TWO PROMINENT ECUADOREAN POLITICIANS FOR "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES AND A GOVERNMENT DENIAL OF TROUBLE IN SOUTHERN EL ORO PROVINCE SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENT ROBRIGUEZ'S POSITION

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IS WEAK.//4

//HE HAS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS REUNIFYING THE ARMED FORCES FOLLOWING THE COUP ATTEMPT BY DISSIDENT ARMY OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 11 ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND A DAY-LONG NATIONWIDE GENERAL STRIKE PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 13 UNDERLINE THE SHAKY SITUATION.//4

//RODRIGUEZ PROBABLY COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE PLANNED STRIKE. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DISPIRITED, TIRED, AND NOT IN FULL COMMAND OF THE SITUATION. SEVERAL MILITARY OFFICERS ARE RUMORED AS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT, BUT NONE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT TO STAGE A TAKE-OVER AT THIS TIME.//4

//SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE FORCED TO DEAL HARSHLY WITH THE STRIKERS ON NOVEMBER 13, PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ' POSITION COULD BE UNDERMINED SUFFICIENTLY FOR HIM TO BE OUSTED. (SECRET NOFORN)

3. //CHILE: THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE HAS CHOSEN TO AVOID A POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT WITH THE US AT THIS TIME BY ALLOWING THREE AMERICAN NUNS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AFTER THEY HAD SECRETLY AIDED WOUNDED TERRORISTS.//4

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//THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO GRANT SAFE CONDUCT TO AN AMERICAN PRIEST SIMILARLY INVOLVED.//Y

//THE TERRORISTS, INCLUDING THE TWO TOP LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT, HAVE SOUGHT ASYLUM IN TWO EMBASSIES.//Y

//THE CHANCES FOR ADDITIONAL DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS ARE HIGH, SINCE A BRITISH MISSIONARY DOCTOR AND A US-BORN CHILEAN PRIEST ARE IN CUSTODY IN CHILE FOR AIDING THE TERRORISTS; OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY ARE BEING SOUGHT BY SECURITY FORCES.//Y

//CHILE'S ATTITUDE ON THE AMERICAN NUNS PROBABLY WAS DESIGNED IN PART TO ENCOURAGE A US ABSTENTION ON A UN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHILE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.//Y

//PINOCHET CLEARLY WOULD LIKE TO AVOID FORCING AN OPEN SPLIT WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. CONTINUED CHILEAN OR FOREIGN CLERICAL INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISTS, EVEN ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, MAY WELL PROVOKE A STERNER GOVERNMENT RESPONSE IN THE FUTURE. (SECRET NOFORN)//Y

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CHINA: PEKING HAS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO MECHANIZE AGRICULTURE THAT IT HOPES WILL BE THE KEY TO ITS LONGER TERM GOAL OF MODERNIZING INDUSTRY, DEFENSE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.4

THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS A TARGET DATE OF 1980, WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING A GREATER DEGREE OF POLITICAL STABILITY THAN CHINA HAS THUS FAR MANAGED. STATEMENTS BY NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS INDICATE THEY RECOGNIZE THE LINK BETWEEN ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND POLITICAL STABILITY.4

AT A NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE HELD LAST MONTH, THE PARTY LEADER IN CHARGE OF AGRICULTURE SAID THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN RESTS WITH LOCAL PARTY OFFICIALS AND WARNED THAT POLITICAL FACTIONALISM MUST NOT IMPEDE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. POLITICAL RIVALRIES STEMMING FROM THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION OF THE MID-1960S CONTINUE AT ALL LEVELS AND HAVE OFTEN A SLOWED LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL POLICY.4

THE PARTY LEADER SUGGESTED THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO PERSIST

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IN FACTIONALISM BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE LOCALE PROMPTLY AND THAT ANNUAL "RECTIFICATION" CAMPAIGNS BE CONDUCTED BY LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS TO PREVENT POLITICAL ERRORS.4

IN THEIR SPEECHES ON THE AGRICULTURAL CAMPAIGN, PROVINCIAL LEADERS ALSO HAVE CALLED FOR UNITY AND STABILITY AND HAVE CONDEMNED POLITICAL FACTIONALISM. ONE URGED EVERYONE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MODERNIZE AGRICULTURE REGARDLESS OF WHICH FACTION THEY BELONG TO.4

POLITBURO MEMBER WEI KUO-CHING, NEWLY TRANSFERRED TO KWANGTUNG PROVINCE AS PARTY BOSS, USED HIS MAIDEN ADDRESS TO WARN THE TRADITIONALLY INDEPENDENT-MINDED PEOPLE OF THAT PROVINCE AGAINST ARBITRARILY CHANGING POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY PEKING OR BY THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP.4

THE CURRENT AGRICULTURAL DRIVE WILL RELY HEAVILY ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEASANTS. CHINA HAS ALWAYS HAD MORE SUCCESS IN MOTIVATING ITS PEOPLE WITH ECONOMIC INCENTIVES THAN WITH IDEOLOGICAL EXHORTATIONS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL CAMPAIGN EMPHASIZES THAT A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING IS ONE OF ITS GOALS.4

THIS EMPHASIS MAY BE INTENDED TO OFFSET IN PART THE CURRENT

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RESTRICTIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY THAT THE PEASANTS MAY ENGAGE IN. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.H

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 175-754

1. ROMANIA-USSR: THE STRAINS BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW WERE CLEARLY REFLECTED IN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY.4

ALTHOUGH THE PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF ROMANIA'S OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY--THE SPEECHES AND RECEPTIONS--WERE ON A PAR WITH THOSE OF LAST YEAR, THE TELEGRAM WAS NOTICEABLY COOLER. IN ADDITION TO OMITTING THE KEY PHRASE "FRATERNAL GREETINGS," IT DOWNGRADED THE 1974 FORMULATION OF "TRADITIONAL RELATIONS OF FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP" TO A SIMPLE "FRIENDLY RELATIONS." THE MESSAGE ALSO FAILED TO MAKE THE USUAL REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET UNION AS THE "FIRST STATE OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS," AND--IN A MOVE UNDOUBTEDLY CALCULATED TO ANNOY THE KREMLIN--IT PLACED ROMANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION ON A EQUAL FOOTING IN THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO

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SOLVING CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS AND FURTHERING DETENTE. 4

MEANWHILE, MORE TROUBLE MAY BE BREWING. RECENT REPORTS SAY THAT ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER IONITA HAS JUST CANCELED A TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN ADDITION, BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW HAVE APPARENTLY MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN AGREEING ON A FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND THE ROMANIANS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY INTEND TO FIGHT HARD AGAINST SOVIET INITIATIVES ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AT THE COMING CEMA SUMMIT. {CONFIDENTIAL} 4

2. YUGOSLAV: BELGRADE'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRO-SOVIET SUBVERSIVES AND OTHER DEVIATIONISTS IS NOW ENTERING ITS FOURTH WEEK WITH NO SIGNS OF ABATING. 4

TITIO HIMSELF ADDED NEW IMPETUS TO THE DRIVE OVER THE WEEKEND. DURING A VISIT TO THE VOJVODINA-- A CONSERVATIVE STRONGHOLD--TITO URGED LOCAL COMMUNIST TO "CLEAR THE RANKS" OF ALL WHO POSE AN OBSTACLE TO SOCILAISN. ON FRIDAY, HE PUT THE PROVINCIAL

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LEADERS THROUGH A TOUGH GRILLING ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP. HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH THEIR ANSWERS; THE NEXT DAY HE IMPLIED THAT LOCAL COMMUNISTS ARE TOO SOFT ON ADVOCATES OF STALINIST PROGRAMS.4

A MONTENGRIN PLENUM LAST WEEK HEARD THE REPUBLIC PARTY LEADER, VESELIN DJURANOVIC, CONFESS TO SIMILAR LAXITY IN HIS ORGANIZATION. DJORANOVIC ADMITTED THAT, IN ITS ZEAL TO CRUSH LIBERALS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE REPUBLIC REGIME HAD LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO PRO-SOVIETS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP REMAINS--AND THUS PRESUMABLY UNDESERVING OF A MAJOR SHAKEUP--BUT HE ORDERED AN ATTACK ON FACTIONALISM THROUGHOUT THE RANKS.4

IN THE MAEANTIME, THE PROPAGANDA MILL IN BELGRADE CONTINUES TO GRIND OUT TANTALIZING RUMORS AND TIDBITS OF INFORMATION CALCULATED TO HOLD THE ATTENTION OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS. LEAKS

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THIS WEEK FROM HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE--AS IN THE PAST--CAUTIOUSLY SKIRTING THE ISSUE OF DIRECT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PRO-STALINISTS.4

//A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, SAID THAT BREZHNEV'S DENIALS OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE STALINISTS--GIVEN PERSONALLY TO TITO IN HELSINKI LA 7 AUGUST--WERE, AT BEST, ONLY PARTIALLY CREDIBLE. THE OFFICIAL THEN QUALIFIED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT THE US SHOULD NOT MAKE TOO MUCH OF THE SOVIET CONNECTION, IMPLYING THAT IF WASHINGTON DID, BELGRADE MIGHT BE FORCED, AS A COUNTERWEIGHT, TO CONDEMN ANTI-TITOIST EMIGRE ACTIVITIES IN THE US.//4

DESPITE THE EFFORT TO KEEP THE LID ON SPECULATION ABOUT SOVIET MOTIVES, SOME INFLUENTIAL FORCES APPARENTLY WOULD HAVE IT OTHERWISE. THE MILITARY JOURNAL NARODNA ARMIJAA LAST WEEK, FOR EXAMPLE, DREDGED UP YUGOSLAVIA'S PAST REACTION TO THREATS LIKE THE CYPRUS CRISIS AND THE 1968 WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE REVIVAL OF THE INVASION ISSUE IS OUT OF STEP WITH THE POLICY OF RE-

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STRAINT AND MIGHT BE THE MILITARY'S WAY OF SHARPENING
 THE ANTI-SOVIET EDGE OF THE CAMPAIGN. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. USSR-UGANDA: MOSCOW'S DECISION TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH
 KAMPALA "TEMPORARILY" IS AN OBVIOUS SOVIET EFFORT TO BEAT UGANDAN
 PRESIDENT AMIN TO THE DIPLOMATIC PUNCH.4

THE MERCURIAL AMIN HAD THREATENED TO BREAK RELATIONS
 WITH THE USSR UNLESS A "HIGH-POWERED EMISSARY" FROM GENERAL
 SECRETARY BREZHNEV ARRIVED IN KAMPALA BY TUESDAY WITH A
 SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR THE PRESSURE THE SOVIETS HAVE
 PUT ON UGANDA TO SUPPORT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA. AMIN
 HAD ALSO DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF MOSCOW'S AMBASSADOR--WHOM
 HE LABELED A CRIMINAL--FROM KAMPALA.4

THE SOVIETS CLEARLY WERE NOT ABOUT TO PLAY AMIN'S GAME,
 DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BUILD INFLUENCE
 IN UGANDA SINCE RESUMING AID IN LATE 1973.

MOSCOW'S REFERENCE TO THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE BREAK
 SUGGESTS ITS CHAGRIN OVER THE TURN OF EVENTS AND ITS INTEREST

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IN HOLDING OUT THE PROSPECT OF BETTER RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

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1. ANGOLA: THE SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA TUESDAY NAMED ITS LEADER, AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA.4

THE NETO GOVERNMENT QUICKLY RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM THE USSR, ROMANIA, CUBA, AND SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES WITH LONG TIES TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT. A NUMBER OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED "READINESS" TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA."4

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S RIVALS--THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AND THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA--MARKED INDEPENDENCE AND THE INAUGURATION OF THEIR JOINT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CEREMONIES AT NOVA LISBOA, THE NATIONAL UNION'S HEADQUARTERS, AND AT AMBRIZ, THE NATIONAL FRONT'S HEADQUARTERS. THE SEAT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE AT NOVA LISBOA, WHICH HAS BEEN RENAMED HUAMBO.4

DESPITE THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, THE TWO RIVAL "GOVERNMENTS" QUICKLY RESUMED MILITARY ACTIVITIES. THE POPULAR MOVEMENT DISPATCHED

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AN ARMOR-REINFORCED TROOP COLUMN SOUTHWARD TO MEET AN ADVANCING NATIONAL FRONT - NATIONAL UNION FORCE ADVANCING ON LUANDA. THE FORCE IS STILL APPROXIMATELY 350 MILES FROM THE CAPITAL.4

AT QUIFANGANDO THE NATIONAL FRONT, AFTER ALMOST THREE WEEKS, HAS STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH POPULAR MOVEMENT DEFENSES.4

IN CABINDA, FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT HEAVY FIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AND CABINDAN LIBERATION FORCES. THE INABILITY OF THE CABINDAN LIBERATION FORCES TO SECURE A QUICK VICTORY IN WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN A SURPRISE ATTACK SUGGESTS THAT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT MAY WELL BE HOLDING THE UPPER HAND.4

THE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE NATIONAL UNION STILL HOPE THEY CAN WIN ENOUGH TERRITORY TO FORCE THE MOVEMENT TO COMPROMISE. THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE LESS INCLINED TO CONSIDER A POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION WITH ITS RIVALS, NOW THAT IT HAS CUBAN AND SOVIET RECOGNITION. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

2. SPANISH SAHARA: A HIGH-LEVEL MOROCCAN DELEGATION LED BY PRIME MINISTER OSMAN WENT TO MADRID TUESDAY TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS

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OF A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING ON SPANISH SAHARA.4

THE INCLUSION ON THE DELEGATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF MOROCCO'S NATIONAL PHOSPHATE COMPANY SUGGESTS THAT PART OF THE TALKS WILL DEAL WITH EITHER JOINT EXPLOITATION OF OR COMPENSTATION FOR THE RICH PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS IN NORTHERN SPANISH SAHARA.4

NEITHER RABAT NOR MADRID HAS COMMENTED ON THE TALKS NOW UNDER WAY. PRIME MINISTER OSMAN DECLINED TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE MADRID AIRPORT.4.

PRESS REPORTS FROM MADRID SUGGEST THAT SPANISH OFFICIALS ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ACHIEVING A FINAL AGREEMENT THAN ARE THE MOROCCANS. SPAIN STILL WANTS THE UN TO PLAY A ROLE IN RESOLVING THE SPANISH SAHARA DISPUTE; MOROCCO WANTS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT FIRST AND THEN SEEK THE UN'S BLESSING. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.4

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