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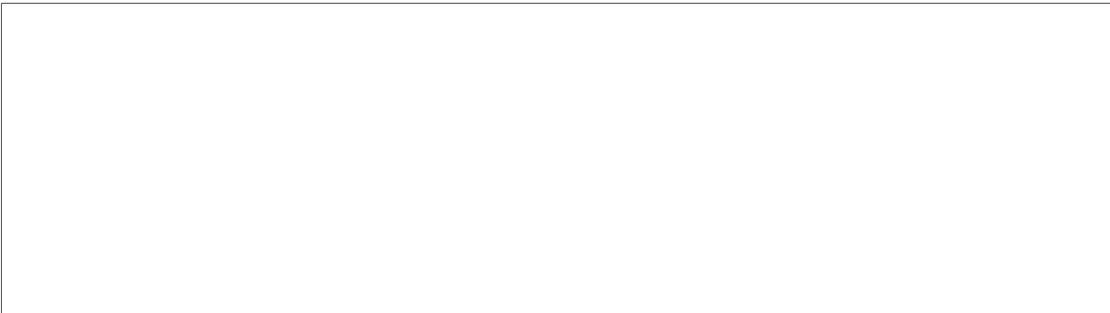
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COUNTRY: SENEGAL/PORTUGUESE GUINEA

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF LUIS CABRAL ON PAIGC

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1. DURING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION ON 23 APRIL 1970 LUIS

C A B R A L, A LEADER OF THE PARTI AFRICAIN DE L'INDEPENDANCE

DE LA GUINEE DITE PORTUGAISE ET DES ILES DU CAP VERT (PAIGC), STATED

THAT ON 16 APRIL IN KOLDA THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT CONFISCATED A

PAIGC TRUCK CARRYING FOOD SUPPLIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PAIGC HAS

LONG ACQUIESCED IN PERIODIC SEIZURES OF ITS MUNITIONS CONVOYS, BUT

IF THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT FORCES THE NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION TO

CUT ITS FOOD SUPPLY LINES, THE SITUATION WILL BECOME MUCH MORE

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CRITICAL. CABRAL FURTHER STATED THAT THE PAIGC IS PRESENTLY
NEGOTIATING WITH THE SENEGALESE FOR THE RETURN OF THE CONFISCATED
SHIPMENT BUT DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT
CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

2. CABRAL ALSO PROVIDED A CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT INCIDENTS
ILLUSTRATING THE GRADUAL DETERIORATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE PAIGC AND SENEGAL. AMONG THEM WERE THE 18 DECEMBER
1969 SEARCH OF HIS RESIDENCE IN ZIGUINCHOR; THE 15 FEBRUARY
1970 ARREST OF THREE PAIGC TEACHERS WHO WERE OPERATING A SCHOOL
FOR PORTUGUESE GUINEAN REFUGEES IN THE CASAMANCE; THE 9 MARCH
ARRESTS OF SEVERAL PAIGC GUERILLAS FROM THE KAMPADA, GUINEA BASE;
AND THE 25 MARCH FINE OF CFA 60,000 LEVIED AGAINST THE THREE
TEACHERS. IN ADDITION CABRAL CITED THE 13 MARCH PRESIDENTIAL ORDER
TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE CASAMANCE TO CLOSE THE PAIGC INFIRMARY IN
ZIGUINCHOR, AN OPERATION WHICH COST THE ORGANIZATION THREE
MILLION CFA BECAUSE ALL OF THE WOUNDED HAD TO BE EVACUATED TO
GUINEA BY TRUCK.

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