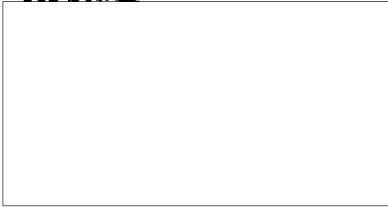




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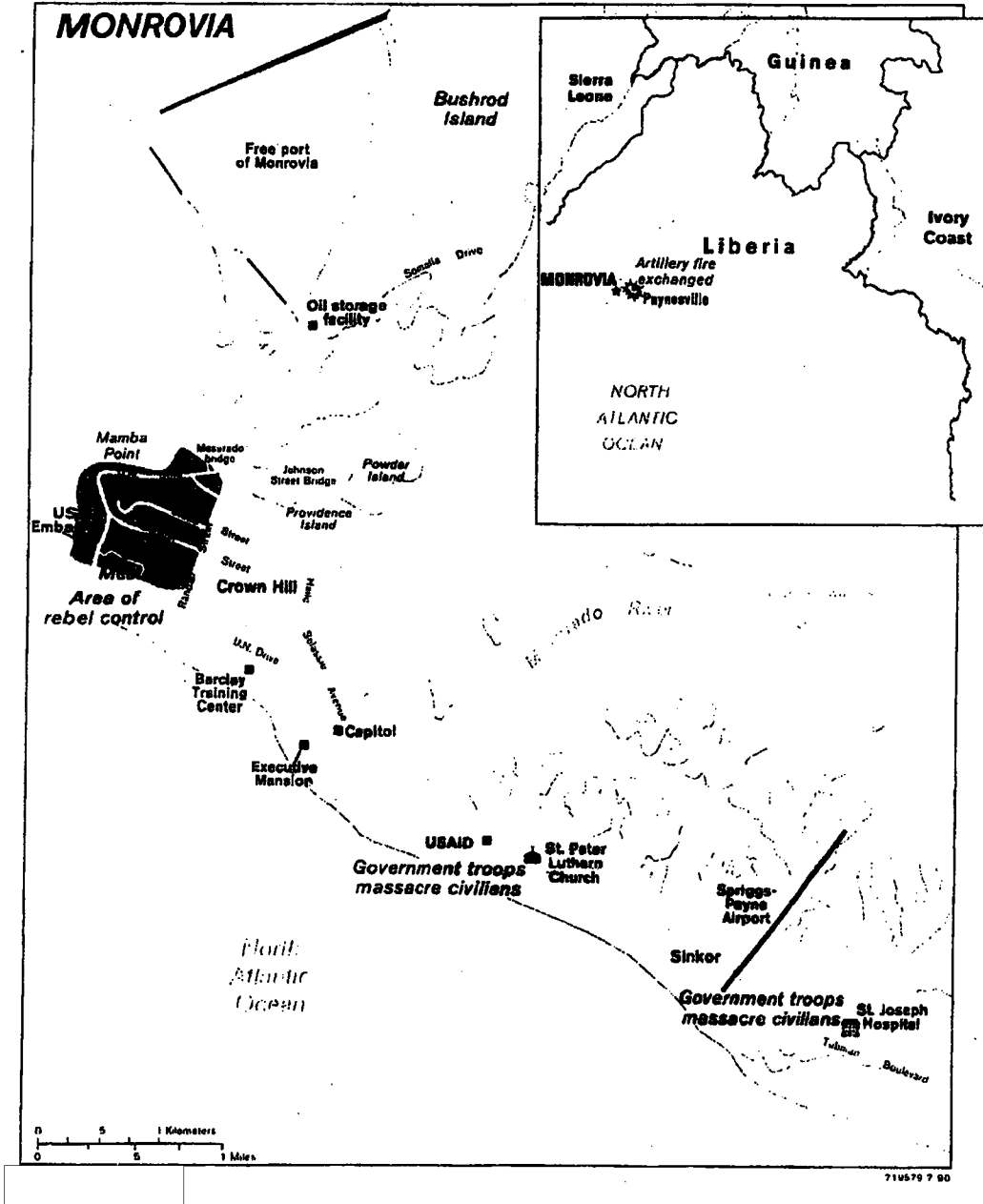
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**LIBERIA: Security Situation Worsens**

Prince Johnson's forces continued to strengthen their position in Monrovia, gaining control of Mamba Point and driving army soldiers back toward the Barclay Training Center. Johnson's rebels say they expect to capture the Training Center today. The army and Charles Taylor's troops exchanged artillery fire in the Paynesville area. Army soldiers attacked the Lutheran church compound, spraying the refugees there with automatic weapons fire. [Redacted]

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as many as 200 people were killed and another 80 were wounded. Several hundred people surged from the church into the USAID compound, but soldiers later forcibly removed them. An international aid representative claims soldiers also killed roughly 150 civilians and wounded another 100 in a refugee camp near St. Joseph Hospital. Taylor's spokesman yesterday told reporters the US probably was supporting Johnson's forces. He claimed Johnson had communicated directly with the US Ambassador. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** The Embassy now is directly behind rebel lines, making US officials more vulnerable to stray gunfire if the army attempts to retake the area. Accusations by the army, and now by Taylor's group, that the US is supporting Johnson's forces may cause army hostility toward US citizens to increase. [Redacted]

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