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~~(S//NF)~~ 1. TENSION IN MONROVIA IS EXTREMELY HIGH. NERVOUS ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL) SOLDIERS WENT ON A RAMPAGE AND ATTACKED REFUGEES AT THE ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SINKOR (06-18N, 10-48W) LAST NIGHT. AN ESTIMATED 1,200 DISPLACED PERSONS WERE AT THE LUTHERAN CENTER WHEN AFL SOLDIERS ENTERED. AFL SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY FIRED INDISCRIMINATELY, SPRAYING REFUGEES WITH BULLETS. EARLY REPORTING INDICATES ANYWHERE FROM 80 TO 200 INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED, 42 WOUNDED, AND 5 BABIES WERE FOUND UNATTENDED AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH THIS MORNING. THE REFUGEE CENTER AT THE NEARBY METHODIST CHURCH WAS NOT ATTACKED. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 2. BETWEEN 600 AND 1000 PEOPLE FROM THE TWO CHURCHES REPORTEDLY SWARMED ONTO THE COMPOUND OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) IN SINKOR BY THE MORNING OF 30 JULY. AN EXPATRIATE ON THE COMPOUND REPORTED THERE WERE 14 WOUNDED IN NEED OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL ALSO REPORTED THAT AFL SOLDIERS IN TWO TAXIS HAD PARKED OUTSIDE THE USAID COMPOUND AT 0955 HOURS THIS MORNING. THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE SITUATION AS OF 1100 HOURS. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 3. IN ANOTHER RELATED INCIDENT, AFL SOLDIERS SHOT THE LIBERIAN COMPANION OF AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY STAYING AT A USAID HOUSE IN THE SINKOR (06-18N, 1048W)-CONGOTOWN (06-16N, 10-44W) AREA LAST NIGHT. THE MISSIONARY WAS NOT INJURED. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 4. THE BATTLE FOR MONROVIA CONTINUED ON THE NIGHT OF 29 JULY. SEVERAL ROUNDS, PROBABLY 122MM ROCKETS, IMPACTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BARCLAY TRAINING CENTER (BTC) (06-18N, 10-48W). NO INFORMATION ON DAMAGE TO THE AREA IS AVAILABLE. THE ROUNDS PROBABLY WERE FIRED BY CHARLES ((TAYLOR))'S NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) FORCES FROM A POSITION EAST OF SINKOR, POSSIBLY PAYNESVILLE. THEIR TRAJECTORY CARRIED THEM OVER THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. IN OTHER ACTION LAST NIGHT, NPFL FORCES REPORTEDLY FIRED APPROXIMATELY 100 HIGH EXPLOSIVE ROUNDS OF AN UNKNOWN TYPE FROM PAYNESVILLE (06-17N, 10-41W) IN THE DIRECTION OF ELWA JUNCTION (06-15N, 10-42W). AFL FORCES ALSO FIRED ROCKETS FROM THE BONJAL (06-14N, 10-40W) AREA TOWARDS NPFL POSITIONS IN PAYNESVILLE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE NPFL AND AFL BOTH HAVE FUNCTIONAL BM-21 ROCKET LAUNCHERS. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THE PRINCE JOHNSON REBEL FACTION CAPTURED ONE FROM THE AFL ON ABOUT 24 JULY.) [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 5. MEDICAL OFFICIALS AT CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN CONGOTOWN REPORTED TREATING MANY AFL CASUALTIES THIS MORNING. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE OF THE AFL SOLDIERS WAS REPORTED NOT TO BE GOOD. [REDACTED]

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~~(S//NF)~~ 6. AN INTENSE FIREFIRE OCCURRED NEAR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON MAMBA POINT AT MID-MORNING. HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WERE HEARD. PRINCE JOHNSON'S INDEPENDENT NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (INPFL) FORCES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE ON MONROVIA BUT WERE REPORTED TO BE ENCOUNTERING RESISTANCE FROM POCKETS OF AFL SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA. AT THE MOMENT THE U.S. EMBASSY APPEARS TO BE SITUATED IN A "FREE ZONE", I.E., IN AN AREA THAT IS NOT CONTROLLED BY THE AFL OR THE INPFL. LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED THE U.S. EMBASSY GREYSTONE COMPOUND FOR THE SAFETY OF INPFL HELD BUSHROD ISLAND (06-21N, 10-47W) THIS MORNING. STORES IN DOWNTOWN MONROVIA REMAINED CLOSED. THERE WAS NO TELEPHONE SERVICE, PUBLIC WATER, OR ELECTRICITY. [REDACTED]

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