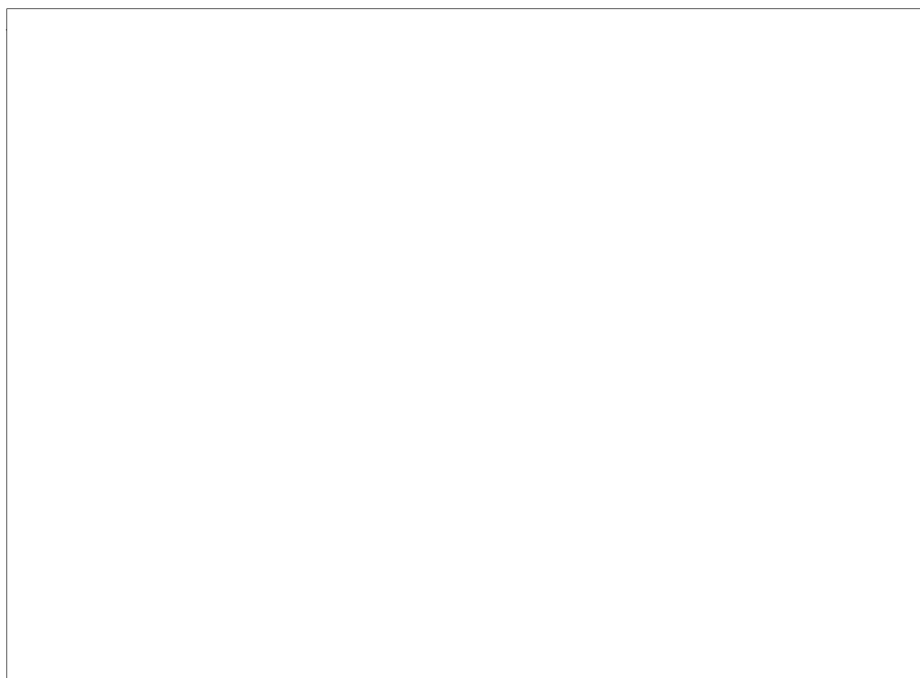


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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY CSE DIRECTOR NONO LUTULA ON THE STATUS OF

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THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DROC PRESIDENT LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA AND EXPECTATIONS OF CSE'S ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JOSEPH KABILA

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SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT: 1. [Redacted] NONO ((LUTULA)), DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE (CSE) AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DROC) PRESIDENT LAURENT-DESIRE KABILA, TOLD CSE STAFF THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSE PROTECTION DETAIL, IN A CONSPIRACY THAT LUTULA CLAIMED HAD BEEN ORGANIZED OUTSIDE OF THE DROC. [Redacted]

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COMMENT: LUTULA DID NOT IDENTIFY WHERE THE CONSPIRACY HAD BEEN ORGANIZED OR BY WHOM.) LUTULA IDENTIFIED THE ASSASSINS AS "RACHIDI" AND GEORGES ((MIRINDI)), BOTH MEMBERS OF THE BASHI TRIBE AND CLOSE TO FORMER CONGOLESE ARMED FORCES COMMANDANT ANSELME ((MASASU)) NINDANGA, WHO WAS EXECUTED ON KABILA'S ORDERS IN NOVEMBER 2000. [Redacted] COMMENT: RACHIDI IS RACHID KASAREKA, WHO WAS NAMED IN PRESS REPORTS AS THE PRESIDENTIAL BODYGUARD WHO FIRED THE SHOTS THAT KILLED KABILA ON 16 JANUARY 2001.)

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2. ACCORDING TO LUTULA, MIRINDI HAD BEEN INTERROGATED PREVIOUSLY BY FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (ANR) EMILE ((KANENGELE)), WHO HAD PREPARED A REPORT ON MIRINDI AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO MASASU; THIS REPORT APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN ACTED UPON AT THE TIME. LUTULA ALSO SAID THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN KABILA'S CLOSE PROTECTION DETAIL AND OTHER DROC SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS HAD BROKEN DOWN BECAUSE OF MISTRUST AND MISCOMMUNICATION, WHICH LUTULA BLAMED ON THE CLOSE PROTECTION DETAIL'S "MISTRUST" OF ANR AND CSE AND A "RUPTURE" OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THEM.

3. LOOKING AHEAD, LUTULA SAID THAT PRESIDENT JOSEPH ((KABILA)) WOULD CONSULT WITH THE CSE IN THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NEED TO PROVE ITSELF TO THE NEW PRESIDENT AS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION. LUTULA SAID THAT CSE WAS EXPECTED TO HELP JOSEPH KABILA TO BECOME A STATESMAN AND TO TAKE POLITICAL POSITIONS THAT WOULD ENHANCE HIS STATURE BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DROC.

4. LUTULA STATED THAT THE 1999 LUSAKA ACCORDS NEEDED TO BE REVISED AND THAT THEY HAD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT HANDICAP ON DROC. LUTULA CLAIMED THAT THE ACCORDS HAD BEEN FORMULATED BY THE U.S. AND THAT THEY HAD GIVEN MEMBERS OF REBEL FACTIONS EQUAL STATUS AS THE HEADS OF THE STATES INVOLVED. LUTULA SAID THAT 30 OF THE 50 REBELS WHO HAD SIGNED THE ACCORDS HAD LEFT THE REBELLION, AND HE SAID THAT THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO SUBORN THESE FORMER REBELS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A MAJORITY AND, THEREFORE, CONTROL ANY EVENTUAL INTERCONGOLESE POLITICAL DIALOGUE.

5. [Redacted] COMMENT: DURING THE EARLIEST STAGES OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WAS MARKED BY A LACK OF

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EVEN BASIC INFORMATION ON THE ASSASSINATION, POSSIBLE PERPETRATORS. THERE WERE NO DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFYING THE MEMBERS OF KABILA'S DETAIL, THEIR WEAPONS AND PROCEDURES, OR EVEN THE LAYOUT OF THE "MARBLE PALACE" WHERE THE ASSASSINATION TOOK PLACE.)

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