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THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE COVERED IN TODAY'S BRIEFING:

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MS. SHELLY: GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
I HEARTILY APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY TODAY. THE DECISION
AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GO PUBLIC AND
THEN FOLLOWED BY THE BRIEFING THAT THEY HAD BY OTHER
SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS NECESSITATED OUR STARTING OUR
BRIEFING LATER THIS AFTERNOON, AND SO I DO APOLOGIZE FOR
THE DELAY IN MAKING YOU WAIT.

I JUST WANTED TO ALSO TAKE A FEW MINUTES AT THE
BEGINNING OF OUR BRIEFING AND HAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GEORGE MOOSE, WHO HAS JUST COME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND
THOSE MEETINGS. I JUST WANTED HIM TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A
FEW REMARKS FOR YOU AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR BRIEFING
HERE TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND
THE POLITICAL SIDE OF THIS. HE'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE A
COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, BUT HE'S ALSO UNDER VERY TIGHT TIME
CONSTRAINTS. SO I WILL BRING HIM UP HERE, AND THEN
AFTER THAT I WILL TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS ON OTHER
SUBJECTS. I WILL NOT BE DOING RWANDA QUESTIONS.

GEORGE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WELL, I WON'T TRY TO

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REPLICATE THE BRIEFINGS THAT WERE HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING -- THE PRESIDENT'S EARLIER AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ALSO THE BRIEFING BY OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS WHICH TOUCHED ON THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE
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TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GOMA AND IN BUKAVU AND ALL OF THE FACILITIES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE PUT IN PLACE IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THAT.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE VERY ACTIVE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT. PERHAPS I CAN AMPLIFY A BIT ON THAT.

WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH REGULARLY WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN RWANDA -- THE RPF -- OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND WEEKS. WE WILL BE DISPATCHING AMBASSADOR RAWSON WHO WAS OUR AMBASSADOR IN KIGALI AND WHO HAS SINCE BEEN

SERVING AS A SPECIAL ENVOY. HE WILL BE LEAVING THIS EVENING TO RETURN TO

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KIGALI JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HIS PURPOSE IN HIS RETURNING, OBVIOUSLY, IS TO FACILITATE OUR CONTACTS AND OUR DISCUSSIONS AND DIALOGUE FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH RWANDAN AUTHORITIES IN KIGALI. THE RPF, AS WELL AS WITH UNAMIR OFFICIALS AND U.N. OFFICIALS -- THE OBJECTIVE BEING TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO ENCOURAGE THE MOST RAPID RETURN POSSIBLE OF THIS REFUGEE POPULATION. I THINK EVERYBODY IS AGREED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO, IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO THE PLIGHT OF PEOPLE IN GOMA AND IN BUKAVU IS TO TRY TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS NOW THAT WILL PERMIT THEIR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RETURN.

PART OF THAT WILL BE TO CONTINUE THE RPF TO REACH O
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TO OTHER POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN RWANDA TO FORM A BROADLY BASED GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI, AS WELL AS LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS WHICH WILL GIVE SOME SENSE OF CONFIDENCE TO OTHER RWANDANS. IT WILL ALSO BE A QUESTION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE RPF AND UNAMIR TO FACILITATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR -- ESPECIALLY TO THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEPOPULATED AS A RESULT OF THE REFUGEE OUTFLOW.

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IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS -- AND IN FACT, ARE ACCELERATING OUR EFFORTS IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES -- TO WORK WITH THE U.N. AND WITH OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR TROOPS MUCH OF OUR DISCUSSION AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING AND AT NOON TODAY FOCUSED ON THAT ASPECT OF THE SITUATION.

SO THAT IN GENERAL, IS WHAT I'D SAY BY WAY OF BACKGROUND. I'M PREPARED TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Q WHAT ABOUT THE RADIO THAT KEEPS TELLING THE OTHER SIDE. YOU KNOW, TO FLEE FROM THE OTHER?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE: YES. THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR FOCUS OF ATTENTION. PART OF THE PROBLEM IN DEALING WITH THAT RADIO IS THAT IT HAS BEEN MOBILE. WE UNDERSTAND IT'S BEEN BROADCASTING FROM BASICALLY THE EQUIVALENT OF A STATION WAGON, AND IT HAS KEPT MOVING AROUND; AND IT HAS ITS LOCATION AND TO GET IT OFF THE AIR.

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THE FRENCH RECENTLY BROUGHT IN EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS DESIGNED, IF NOT TO JAM THE FREQUENCY TO BROADCAST OVER THAT FREQUENCY. THE NEWS THAT WE HAD THIS MORNING WAS THAT AS OF THIS MORNING THEY HAD HEARD NO TRANSMISSIONS FROM THE RADIO TODAY.

I DON'T KNOW THAT WE SOLVED THE PROBLEM BUT IT IS PROBLEM THAT WE ARE ALL SEEKING TO ADDRESS. OUR OWN MILITARY HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE

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CAPABILITY FOR TRANSMISSION OF RADIO BROADCASTS -- IF NOTHING ELSE, TO COUNTER THE VITRIOL THAT HAS BEEN COMING OUT OF THESE RADIOS.

Q WHEN WOULD YOU EXPECT TO SEE THE U.N. PEACE-KEEPERS IN PLACE AND OPERATING?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE: SOME ARE ALREADY THERE. THE GHANAIANS HAVE INCREASED THEIR PRESENCE. THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 560 GHANAIANS ON THE GROUND. AS YOU KNOW WE HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE APCs FOR THEM. THOSE APCs ARE

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SLOWLY NOW BEING TRANSFOTED FROM KAMPAA, WHERE THE HAVE BEEN SITTING, INTO KIGALI SO THAT THAT WILL FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE GHANAIAANS.

THERE ARE OTHER LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS. AND I CAN'T GEE INTO THEM IN DETAIL, ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF OTH4 UNITS. AND WE WENT THROUGH IN SOME DETAIL AT OUR MEETING NOON WHERE THAT STANDS. WE HAVE FORMED A GROUP WHICH IS

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DESIGNED TO INTERFACE WITH THE U.N. IN ORDER TO SORT OUT WHATEVER THE MATERIAL OR LOGISTICAL FROBLEMS ARE SO THAT WE CAN ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF THOSE UNITS.

I WOULD THINK THAT WITHIN THE PERIOD OF LO DAYS TO TWO WEEKS WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE THE ARRIVAL OF OTHER OF THES CONTINGENTS. MY HOPE IS THAT THAT CAN BE DONE EVEN SOONER

Q HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL FINALLY BE IN COUNTRY?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WELL THE ORIGINAL CONTINGENT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR 5500, AND THAT'S THE FIGURE AGAINST WHICH WE'RE STILL WORKING. WHETHER OR NOT THAT FIGURE NEEDS TO BE REVISED IS SOMETHING THAT THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE U.N. HEADQUARTERS WILL HAVE TO DE.

WITH.

Q WILL AMBASSADOR RAWSON BE REOPENING OUR EMBASS IN KIGALI?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE: IT IS NOT HIS INTENTION AT THIS POINT TO REOPEN THE EMBASSY. HIS INTENTION IS TO OUT AND ENGAGE IN SOME DIRECT DISCUSSIONS AND DIALOGUE WIT THE AUTHORITIES ON THE GROUND; AND THAT INCLUDES TH RPF AND IT INCLUDES THE U.N. AND OTHERS. BUT I THINK HIS RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT WILL DETERMINE HOW QUICKLY WE CAA REOPEN OUR MISSION.

AGAIN, OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE HERE -- AND BEYOND ANY DIPLOMATIC OR POLITICAL ONE -- IS WHAT WE CAN DO TO

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FACILITATE THE MOST RAPID POSSIBLE RETURN OF PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS.

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Q REFUGEES DO START RETURNING. WHAT'S THE SITUATION IN RWANDA? ARE THERE CROPS IN THE FIELDS? I GATHER THERE IS A FOOD SUPPLY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE OUR UNDERSTANDING IS TH4 IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY THEY HAVE BEEN AFFECTEE BY THE SAME DROUGHT THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE ENTIRE REGION OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA. BUT I THINK IT IS EVERYBODY'S BELIEF THAT THERE IS, AT LEAST, SOME SUPPORT BASE -- ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURE AND OTHERS -- FOR PEOPLE IF THEY RETURN. AND THE SOONER THEY CAN RETURN THE BETTER, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THAT BASE BEGINS TO DETERIORATE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MS. SHELLY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH GEORGE

O.K., QUESTIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS.

Q NORTH KOREANS ARE SAYING THAT THE DATE FOR THE GENEVA TALKS IS AUGUST 5TH IS THAT RIGHT?

MS. SHELLY: YES. THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA HAVE AGREED TO RESUME THE THIRD ROUND OF TALKS ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 5TH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS ROBERT GALLUCCI WILL HEAD TH
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U.S. DELEGATION AND FIRST VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KANG SOK-J WILL HEAD THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION.

Q WILL GALLUCCI BE COMING BACK HERE FROM -- WHEE IS IT -- RUSSIA, I THINK -- AND THEN GOING TO GENEVA OR IS HE GOING STRAIGHT TO GENEVA?

MS. SHELLY: NO. MY UNDERSTANDING OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS IS THAT HE IS MEETING TODAY IN TOKYO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KONO AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THOSE MEETINGS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TOMORROW.

HE WILL THEN TRAVEL TO BEIJING FOR MEETINGS WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND AS YOU KNOW, THEN ON TO MOSCOW FOR MEETINGS WITH RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE WILL BE COMING BACK HERE BEFORE HE WOULD BE HEADING OFF TO GENEVA FOR THE AUGUST 5TH

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RESUMPTION.

Q WHEN IS HE COMING BACK?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE DATE.
DON'T HAVE THE REST OF THE DETAILS OF HIS ITINERARY I JUSS
HAVE THE STOPS HE'S MAKING.

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Q FOR THE TALKS ON AUGUST 5TH, WILL THEY FOLLOW
THE SAME FORMAT. TWO DAYS ON TWO DAYS OFF?

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MS. SHELLY: I'M NOT SURE THAT THE DETAILS ON THAT
HAVE SPECIFICALLY BEEN WORKED OUT. I MEAN THEY OBVIOUSLY
WILL FICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF. BUT AS WE HAVE MORE
DETAILS CLOSER TO THE TIME ABOUT THE EXPECTED FORMAT
DURATION AND PAUSES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, WE'LL SHARE THEM
WITH YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS BEYOND WHAT I'
JUST ANNOUNCED.

HOWARD?

Q IN THE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS, WAS
THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION OF THE NEW POITICAL SITUATION
NORTH KOREA? DID WE RECEIVE ANY ASSURANCES ABOUT YOU KNO)
CONTINUATION OF A POLICY THAT WE HAD FOUND SOMEWHAT
SATISFACTORY IN RECENT WEEKS?

MS. SHELLY: I THINK THE POINT OF THE CONTACTS
THROUGH THE NEW YORK CHANNEL WAS SIMPLY TO FIX THE DATE AN
WORK OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GETTING STARTED. I'M NOT
AWARE THAT THE EXCHANGES WENT FARTICULARLY BEYOND THAT. SS
I THINK IT WAS MOSTLY CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIXING THE
DATES AND SORTING OUT THE DETAILS RELATED TO THAT. I DON'
THINK IT WAS AN ESPECIALLY SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE.

SORRY. GO AHEAD.

Q ANYTHING NEW ON NORTH/SOUTH KOREAN TAKS?

MS. SHELLY: NO. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THAT
TODAY.

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Q HOW ARE THE CONSULTATIONS GOING ON THE HAITIAN
DRAFT OR PROPOSAL?

MS. SHELLY: O.K.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK, AT STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS
WE COMMENTED ON THE TWO-PHASED APPROACH THAT WE'RE PURSUING
IN NEW YORK ON WHICH WE HAD MENTIONED WERE BASED ON THE
JULY 15TH REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. WE ARE
CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK WITH THE SECRETARIAT,
WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE HAITIAN PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE, AND OTHERS ON PLANS FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH
WOULD ENDORSE THIS TWO-PHASED APPROACH TO ENDING THE HAITIAN
CRISIS.

WE'RE SEEKING A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE
MEMBER STATES TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEANS TO FACILITATE THE
RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITIES IN HAITI AND WOULD
CREATE A STABLE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT.

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WE THINK THE RESOLUTION SHOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE THE
SECRETARY GENERAL TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE UNITED
NATIONS' MISSION IN HAITI AND TO ALLOW FOR ITS DEPLOYMENT
HAITI AS SOON AFTER PHASE I AS CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT.

WE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIALS, WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADORS FROM OTHER
SECURITY COUNCIL COUNTRIES IN WASHINGTON TODAY TO DISCUSS
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THESE PLANS AS WELL.

THE INITIAL RESPONSES FROM OUR SOUNDINGS ON THIS WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT'S UP IN NEW
YORK -- HAVE BEEN POSITIVE AND INDICATE BROAD INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT FOR THIS APPROACH.

Q IS THERE ANY BUILT-IN TIME DELAY -- IN OTHER
WORDS, ALL NECESSARY MEANS COULD BE USED AT ANY POINT -- OR
IS THERE A WAITING PERIOD?

MS. SHELLY: A DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN
CIRCULATED, AND THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES ARE THE TYPES OF
THINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE CONTACTS THAT

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WE HAVE HAD WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES UP MORE FORMAL WORK ON THE RESOLUTION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I THINK WE'LL HAVE MORE DETAILS OF THAT KIND TO GIVE YOU. BUT BEYOND WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TELL YOU SO FAR, I DON'T HAVE A LOT MORE AT THIS POINT.

Q FIGURES ON BOAT PEOPLE?

MS. SHELLY: YES. ON INTERDICTIONS: 70 HAITIANS II ONE BOAT WERE INTERDICTIONED BY THE COAST GUARD YESTERDAY. THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HAITIANS PICKED UP SINCE THE PROCESSING FACILITY ON BOARD THE COMFORT BEGAN OPERATIONS JUNE 15, TO ABOUT 20,860.

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THE NUMBERS, AS YOU CERTAINLY ARE AWARE. HAVE BEEN LOWER FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE'RE CERTAINLY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT FEWER HAITIANS FEEL THE NEED TO RISK THEIR LIVES BY TAKING TO THE SEA IN SMALL AND OFTEN VERY UNSEAWORTHY BOATS.

I'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT -- DO YOU WANT ME TO GO OVER THE INTERVIEWS AND VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION -- THOSE NUMBERS -- AS WELL? OKAY.

ON THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION FOR THE HAITIAN BOAT PEOPLE, SOME 14,000 HAVE NOW BEEN PROCESSED FOR EITHER VOLUNTARY REFATRIATION OR FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION. 10,731

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HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION. 3,191 HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO RETURN TO HAITI. OF ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE

VOLUNTEERED TO RETURN, THEY EITHER HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED OR ELSE THEY ARE EN ROUTE AS WE SPEAK.

THE NUMBERS AT GUANTANAMO I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN THAT. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 16,140 HAITIANS WHO ARE PRESENTLY AT GUANTANAMO. THOSE NUMBERS BREAK DOWN 10,731 WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR SAFEHAVEN; SOME 4,900 WHO ARE AWAITING PROCESSING FOR VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OR FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION; AND 415 APPROVED REFUGEES FROM THE COMFORT WHO ARE AWAITING DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES

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Q QUICKLY ON NORTH KOREA AGAIN. WAS IT CONFIRME
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YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK WHEN BOTH SIDES MET THAT THOSE
CONDITIONS FOR THE TALKS, LIKE NUCLEAR FREEZE AND OTHER
THINGS, ACTUALLY CONFIRMED BY THEM?

MS. SHELLY: I DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS ON THAT.

Q COULD YOU TELL ME ANY UPDATE ON THE INSPECTORS
STILL STATIONED IN PYONGYANG?

MS. SHELLY THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, AND I DON'T HAV
ANYTHING ON THAT WITH ME. I'M NOT AWARE, SPECIFICALLY, OF
ANYTHING THAT'S CHANGED RELATIVE TO THEIR STATUS. I'LL MAK
SURE THAT WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THAT AT MONDAY'S PRESS
BRIEFING.

Q ANYTHING ON GAMBIA?

MS. SHELLY: YES. WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS
THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE MORNING, TRYING TO GET THE BES
INFORMATION THAT WE CAN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOLDIERS AND
POLICE HAVE SEIZED THE AIRPORT AND HAVE SURROUNDED THE STAT
HOUSE.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTS OF SOME SHOOTING. WE
ARE NOT AWARE AT THIS POINT OF ANY CASUALTIES. WE'RE TRYIN
TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT THE NATURE
OF THE DISTURBANCE IS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY BE RELATE
TO ISSUES SUCH AS PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS SPECIFICALLY
FOR THE MILITARY AND THE POLICE.

SOLDIERS AND POLICE HAVE REPORTEDLY ASKED TO TALK TO
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THE PO LICE INSPECTOR GENERAL. I'M NOT SURE THAT THEY HAVE.
IN ANY KIND OF PUBLIC WAY, LAID OUT WHAT THEIR SPECIFIC
REQUESTS OR DEMANDS ARE.

IN TRYING TO CHARACTERIZE THE NATURE OF WHAT'S GOING
ON, IT APPEARS TO BE A KIND OF MUTINY BY AT LEAST A GROUP

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THAT THE ARMY AND THE POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN FAID IN
APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS.

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Q WHAT IS THE STATUS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS?

MS. SHELLY: I'M JUST TRYING TO RUN DOWN THE NUMBERS ON THIS AND WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 380 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN GAMBIA INCLUDING 143 U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. AMERICANS ARE ALL REPORTED TO BE SAFE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ACTIVATED THE WARDEN SYSTEM FOR NOTIFICATIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS ANDREW WINTER. HE'S A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER.

Q ARE THERE ANY DIRECTIVES AS TO WHERE AMERICANS SHOULD GO, OR HAS ANYONE BEEN MOVED OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

MS. SHELLY: NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF SO FAR. CERTAINLY, THROUGH THE WARDEN SYSTEM THE POINT HAS BEEN TO ALERT AMERICANS TO THE DISTURBANCES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND I THINK THAT THE GENERAL GUIDANCE TO THEM HAS PROBABLY

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BEEN TO STAY INSIDE AND PROBABLY KIND OF HUNKER DOWN WHERE THEY ARE AND NOT BE OUT AND MOVING ABOUT SINCE SOME OF THE VIOLENCE CERTAINLY COULD BE RANDOM IN NATURE.

WE CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT AMERICANS ARE BEING TARGETED AT THIS POINT, BUT WE HAVE I THINK, A KIND OF MINI TASK FORCE SET UP IN OUR OPERATIONS CENTER WHICH IS TRACKING DEVELOPMENTS VERY CAREFULLY. AS WE HAVE MORE DETAILS ON THIS, WE'LL CERTAINLY MAKE THEM AVAILABLE.

Q ANY AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA?

MS. SHELLY: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE IS A NAVAL VESSEL WHICH IS IN THE PORT THERE THAT WAS THERE AS PART OF A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED PORT VISIT. THE NAME OF THE VESSEL, I UNDERSTAND FROM MY COLLEAGUES AT THE PENTAGON IS THE U.S.S. LAMOUR COUNTY, AND THIS VESSEL IS THERE GENERALLY AS PART OF A WEST AFRICAN TRAINING COURSE AND THIS WAS, AS I MENTIONED, A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED VISIT THERE.

Q ANOTHER SUBJECT, COLOMBIA. DO YOU HAVE

SOMETHING ON THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK OF A COLOMBIAN DELEGATION COMING HERE ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT-ELECT SAMPER?

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MS. SHELLY: YOU KNOW, I DON'T. I CONFESS I MISSE
THAT. BUT I WILL CHECK AND SEE IF WE CAN PROVIDE SOME
DETAILS ON THAT AT MONDAY'S BRIEFING.

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ANYTHING ELSE?

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Q ANYTHING ON THE TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY
CHRISTOFHER AND RABIN AND HUSSEIN ON SUNDAY?

MS. SHELLY: NO, I DON'T. BASICALLY SINCE THE
SECRETARY HAS BEEN OUT IN THE REGION ON THAT AND THEY ARE
NOT BACK YET I HAVEN'T BEEN IN A POSITION TO GET A READINN
ON THEM. I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THAT BEFORE I COULD SAY
ANYTHING, AND I JUST AT THIS POINT DON'T EXPECT THAT WE'RE
LIKELY TO PUT ANYTHING OUT.

Q THANK YOU.

MS. SHELLY: THANKS.

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