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1. THE FOLLOWING IS ANGOLA TAKEN QUESTION (AF), <<RWANDA>>  
TAKEN QUESTION (AF), SUDAN STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE  
(AF), AND ZAIRE STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE (AF).

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2. AF TAKEN QUESTION - ANGOLA: ARMS SALES TO MPLA  
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Q: IS THE U.S. CONSIDERING TO SELL ARMS TO THE MPLA?

A: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT LICENSE THE SALE OF  
LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA  
ALTHOUGH SALES OF NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT CAN BE APPROVED. WE  
HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR POSITION ON ARMS SALES TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. SHIPMENTS TO UNITA OF ALL MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBIT D  
UNDER U.S. REGULATION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED  
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 864 OF 1993.

THE ANGOLAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA ARE NOW IN

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THEIR FINAL PHASE. IF BOTH UNITA AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO PEACE, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE QUICKLY THE REMAINING ISSUES IN THE TALKS.

CONTINUED SALES OF WEAPONS TO EITHER SIDE UNDERMINES THE PEACE PROCESS. WE URGE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARMS EMBARGO ON UNITA AND VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT IN SALES OF WEAPONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

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3. AF TAKEN QUESTION - <<RWANDA>>: HUTU ARMY CROSSING BORDER  
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Q: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO REPORTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ARMED FORCES ARE PREPARING TO GO BACK TO WAR?

A: WE REMAIN CONCERNED BY INSECURITY IN THE BORDER AREA BETWEEN ZAIRE AND <<RWANDA>>. RECENT SECURITY INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN TRACED TO THE PRESENCE OF COHESIVE UNITS OF MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES AMONG THE REFUGEE POPULATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT SMALL GROUPS OF FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES MAY HAVE RE-ENTERED <<RWANDA>>. AS YET, HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THIS IS AN ORGANIZED INCURSION.

RETURN TO <<RWANDA>> OF REFUGES HAS BEEN INHIBITED BY HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION BY MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES, HUTU MILITAS AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THE FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

THE CONTINUED INSECURITY ALONG THE BORDER HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WORK WITH THE UN TO ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT OF A FULL COMPLEMENT OF UNAMIR PEACEKEEPERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS TO <<RWANDA>>.

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4. STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN - SUDAN: STATUS OF TA KS  
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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT THE FOURTH ROUND

OF THE IGADD PEACE TALKS ENDED IN A STALEMATE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WITH THE GOODWILL AND GOOD OFFICES OF THE IGADD

PEACE PROCESS PARTNERS -- KENYA, ETHIOPIA, ERITREA AND UGANDA -- THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL SPEEDILY BE PUT BACK ON TRACK. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PRESIDENT MOI OF KENYA, AS CHAIR OF THE PEACE TALKS, WILL CONVENE A SUMMIT SHORTLY TO REVIEW THE SITUATION.

WE BELIEVE SUDAN'S IGADD NEIGHBORS HAVE THE BEST COMBINATION OF BACKGROUND AND INTERESTS, AND SUFFICIENT UNITY OF PURPOSE, TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE SUDAN. WE GIVE THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORT OUR FULL SUPPORT.

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5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - SUDAN: STALEMATE IN TALKS  
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Q: WHAT CAUSED THE STALEMATE?

A: THE DELEGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN SUBMITTED TWO POSITION PAPERS, ONE ON THE ROLE OF RELIGION AND THE STATE AND ANOTHER ON SELF-DETERMINATION, WHICH THE MEDIATORS FELT BROUGHT DISCUSSIONS TO AN IMPASSE.

Q: WEREN'T THOSE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE JULY ROUND OF TALKS?

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A: YES. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF THESE DIFFICULT, SENSITIVE, BUT KEY ISSUES IN JULY. THAT WAS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THOSE DISCUSSIONS DID NOT CONTINUE DURING THIS LATEST ROUND.

Q: DOES THE COLLAPSE OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS MEAN THAT THE IGADD PEACE INITIATIVE IS DEAD?

A: WE DO NOT BELIEVE SO. THIS PARTICULAR ROUND OF THE TALKS SIMPLY FAILED TO REALIZE ANY PROGRESS. IT WILL BE UP TO THE IGADD PARTNERS TO DETERMINE WHAT THE NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE.

Q: IF THE IGADD INITIATIVE DOES FAIL COMPLETELY ARE THERE ANY ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVES? WHAT WOULD THE NEXT STEPS BE?

A: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IGADD INITIATIVE HAS

FAILED. THE INITIATIVE CONTINUES. WE LOOK TO SUDAN S  
REGIONAL NEIGHBORS, THE IGADD PARTNERS, FOR IDEAS ABOUT  
THE NEXT STEPS TO TAKE.

Q: WHAT IS "IGADD"?

A: IGADD IS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DROUGHT  
AND DEVELOPMENT, A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION THE MEMBERS OF  
WHICH ARE SUDAN, SOMALIA, KENYA, UGANDA, ERITREA, AND  
ETHIOPIA. AT A SUMMIT IN LATE-1993, THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
KENYA, UGANDA, ERITREA, AND ETHIOPIA FORMED A CORE GROUP

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TO SEEK WAYS TO END THE SUDANESE CIVIL WAR

Q: HOW DOES THE STALEMATE IN THE IGADD TALKS AFFECT  
U.S.-SUDANESE RELATIONS?

A: THERE IS NO CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SUDAN. WE  
HAVE A NUMBER OF ONGOING, PROBLEMATIC ISSUES WITH SUDAN  
WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS.

Q: DOES THE VISIT THIS WEEK OF AMBASSADOR SHINN THIS  
WEEK' AT THE SAME TIME AS SUDAN WAS TALKING A HARD LINE AT  
THE IGADD TALKS, SIGNIFY AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS AND A  
DIMINUTION OF U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE PEACE INITIATIVE?

A: ABSOLUTELY NOT. DAVID SHINN IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
OFFICE OF EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WHICH INCLUDES SUDAN. HE  
VISITED KHARTOUM FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR EMBASSY. THIS  
IS A NORMAL DUTY FOR OFFICE DIRECTORS AND OFTEN INCLUDES  
CALLS ON HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN  
OUR RELATIONS WITH OR POLICY TOWARD SUDAN OR THE PEACE  
PROCESS.

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6. STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN - ZAIRE: KENGO'S REFORMS  
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THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE CLEAR SINCE THE INVESTITURE OF  
PRIME MINISTER KENGO'S GOVERNMENT ON JULY 11 THAT AN  
INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT IN A CREDIBLE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM IS  
ECONOMIC REFORM WHICH INCLUDES STRENGTHENING THE  
INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE BANK OF ZAIRE IN

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THE PAST WEEK, PRIME MINISTER KENGO HAS TAKEN COURAGEOUS MEASURES TO SUPPORT THESE REFORMS, IN PARTICULAR BY ATTEMPTING TO CURB THE INJECTION OF UNAUTHORIZED CURRENCY

INTO THE ECONOMY TO THE BENEFIT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE BANK OR THE GOVERNMENT.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE, AND THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT DEPENDS DIRECTLY ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT. FRUSTRATION OF THESE MEASURES WILL DIRECTLY UNDERMINE ANY HOPE OF RESTORING A SOUND ECONOMY IN ZAIRE.

PRIME MINISTER KENGO HAS EMBARKED ON A SERIOUS EFFORT TO ASSERT GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE CURRENCY AND REFORM ZAIRE'S ECONOMY. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE PRIME MINISTER IN THIS DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING.

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7. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - ZAIRE: KENGO AND ECONOMIC REFORM  
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Q: WHAT HAS PRIME MINISTER KENGO DONE TO ASSERT CONTROL OVER THE CURRENCY?

A: THIS WEEK, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPOSED A MASSIVE FRAUD RING WHICH HAS SMUGGLED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT ZAIRIAN CURRENCY INTO THE COUNTRY IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

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KENGO ORDERED THE ARREST OF THREE LEBANESE CURRENCY BROKERS IMPLICATED IN THE SCHEME, THE OWNER OF THE CARGO PLANES WHICH CARRIED THE COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY INTO ZAIRE, AND THE KINSHASA AIRPORT OFFICIAL WHO PERMITTED THE PLANE TO LAND, OFFLOAD ITS CARGO AND DEPART THE COUNTRY.

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION IN ZAIRE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S ATTEMPT TO HALT THE ILLEGAL FLOW OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY?

A: TO DATE, THE ZAIRIAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE REFUSED TO ENFORCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARREST ORDERS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT TOP RANKING MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY

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FORCES INCLUDING THE DEFENSE MINISTER MET YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER THEIR RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACTION.

A DELEGATION, INCLUDING THE DEFENSE MINISTER, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES, AND THE HEADS OF THE CIVIL GUARD AND MOBUTU'S SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL DIVISION, WILL TRAVEL TO GBADOLITE TODAY TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVENTION IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT.

KENGO HAS STATED THAT HE WILL RESIGN IF MOBUTU ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK THE EFFORTS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH PROPER CONTROL OVER THE CURRENCY.

Q: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO THIS SITUATION?

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A: THE US REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE EFFORTS TO RESTORE ZAIRE'S ECONOMY AND MOVE THE COUNTRY FORWARD TO CREDIBLE AND TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF HIS TENURE AS TRANSITION PRIME MINISTER ON JULY 11, KENGO HAS EMBARKED ON A COURAGEOUS PROGRAM OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM. THOSE WHO OBSTRUCT THIS PROCESS CAN EXPECT NO SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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