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(b)(1), (b)(3) WHERE HE HAD A CLEAR VIEW AS FAR SOUTH AND EAST AS THE EXECUTIVE MANSION AND NORTH TO DENSON STREET.
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OF POLITICIANS AT HIS CASINO. WHEN PRINCE JOHNSON TOOK HOSTAGES IN EARLY AUGUST, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) INTO INPFL CUSTODY FOR A DAYS, DURING WHICH HE HAD DAILY CONTACT WITH PRINCE JOHNSON AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH INPFL GUARDS.
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IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA, DURING THAT CITYS SEIGE BY REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)
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A. REGARDING BATTLE LINES IN MONROVIA:
(b)(1), (b)(3)(10)
(a) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT VARIOUS
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MONROVIA, BUT THAT THE LINES WERE VERY FLUID AND MOVEMENT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FREE AND EASY.
(b) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON EXAGGERATES THE STRENGTH OF HIS INPFL AND HAS NEVER HELD THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, DESPITE HIS CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) THE ROO IS WELL GUARDED BY AFL TROOPS WITH SUFFICIENT HEAVY MACHINE-GUN FIRE- POWER TO REPEL REBEL ATTACKS. THE INPFL LINE OF CONTROL LIES ROUGHLY NORTH AND SOUTH ON MANDA POINT AND WEST OF BTC WITH A SMALL STRIP OF LAND EXTENDING FROM THE MESURADO BRIDGE EAST ALONG THE MANDA POINT WATERFRONT TOWARD, BUT NOT AS FAR EAST AS, THE ROO.
B. REGARDING THE LEADERS:
(1) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)
(a) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) PRINCE JOHNSON, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)
THAT JOHNSON HAD NO ILL WILL TOWARD THE HOSTAGES HE HELD FOR 4 DAYS, BUT WAS HOLDING THEM TO GET ATTENTION TO HIS CAUSE. INTERVENTIO
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BY THE U.S. AND ECOWAS. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) THIS WAS THE

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EXPLANATION, ALSO, FOR THE INPFL THREAT AGAINST U.S. MARINES. HOW, TH
E
INPFL SEEKS COMMUNICATION WITH THE U.S. BY SENDING DELEGATES IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES TO MEET WITH THE U.S., ASKING FOR HELP.
(c) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) BELIEVES THAT HE IS BULLET-PROOF. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)
SERIOUSLY DOUBT WHETHER HE HAS A GRIP ON REALITY, AT LEAST THE SAME REALITY THEY KNOW. THEY BELIEVE HE THINKS THAT EVEN AS HE OVERCAME THE COMMANDER COUP ATTEMPT IN 1985, AFTER HIS BEGINS WAS GIVEN UP FOR LOST, HE WILL RISE TO OVERCOME HIS ATTACKERS WHEN THE PRESENT CIVIL WAR COMES TO AN END. HE DOESNT SEEM TO REALIZE THAT HE HAS ALREADY LOST ALL OF LIBERIA BUT GRAND GEDEH COUNTY AND CENTRAL MONROVIA.
(2) (b)(1), (b)(3)
(a) PRINCE JOHNSON, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) WAS SOBER WHENEVER THE HOSTAGES HAD CONTACT WITH HIM. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON AS ARTICULATE, A STERN DISCIPLINARIAN, AND A MILITARY LEADER. (b)(1), (b)(3)
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(b)(1), (b) PRINCE JOHNSON IS A PSYCHOPATH. TO SUPPORT THE BELIEF, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON WOULD GREET THE HOSTAGES ONE DAY WEARING WITH COAL ON HIS FACE, THE NEXT DAY WEARING AN ARAB-STYLE HEADDRESS. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON COULD PTS LAUGH ONE MOMENT, PICK UP A GUN AND BLOW SOMEBODYS BRAINS OUT, AND
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RETURN TO LAUGHING. INPFL FORCES HIGHLY RESPECT PRINCE JOHNSON, BUT THEY FEAR HIM AS WELL AND ARE VERY NERVOUS AROUND HIM.

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(b)(1), (b)(3)(10) HIS DEALINGS WITH TAYLOR IN 1982, BEFORE TAYLO
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WAS ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT AND FLED INTO EXILE: TAYLOR WAS
A PURE POLITICIAN AND VERY BUSINESSLIKE. TAYLORS PERSPECTIVE WAS ONE
OF CLIMBING TO THE TOP.

C. REGARDING THE FACTIONS MORALE, STRENGTH, INTENTIONS:
(b)(1), (b)(3)(10)

(A) THE AFL IS DESPARATELY LOW ON PROVISIONS, INCLUDING SUCH BASIC
S
AS FIREWOOD. AFL TROOPS HAVE TAKEN TO CHOPPING UP THE UNUSED
MARKET AREAS INTO FUEL FOR THEIR COOKING FIRES. THE INPFL IS LOW ON
AMMUNITION, BUT HAS PLENTY OF RICE AND CHICKEN. THE AFL IS AN
ARMY OF THUGS AND THIEVES, WHO WILL LOOT WHILE THEIR COMBATS-IN-ARMS
ARE FIGHTING AND DYING NOT 20 YARDS AWAY FROM THEM. (b)(1), (b)
(b)(1), THE AFL COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT MASSACRE OF
(b)(3) REFUGEES AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND OTHER REFUGEE CENTERS.

(B) THE INPFL HQ IS AT THE CALDWELL AREA, WHERE [illegible]
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HELD THE HOSTAGES. THE INPFL IS CLEARLY A GREATER FIGHTING
FORCE THAN THE AFL, AND THE NPFL HAS GREATER NUMBERS THAN THE INPFL..
YET THE NPFL AVOIDS, RATHER THAN CONFRONTS THE ENEMY, WHILE THE

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INPFL HAS PROVEN ITSELF A POWERFUL FIGHTING FORCE. THE INPFL ONCE
ASSAULTED MAMBA POINT BY FORDING THE SWAMP, RATHER THAN TAKING THE
ROADS INTO THE CITY, SHOWING RESOLVE AND INITIATIVE. THE NPFL ATTACKE
D
THE INPFL IN GARDNERSVILLE, USING ITS RM-21 AGAINST THE INPFL
BECAUSE IT NEEDS TO TAKE THE FREEPORT AREA BEFORE THE ECOMOG ARRIVES.
TAYLOR IS STRONGLY AGAINST THE ECOWAS MEDIATION EFFORT, FEARING
THAT HE WILL BE KEPT FROM POWER, SO HE WANTS TO TAKE THE FREEPORT
AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE MANSION BEFORE THE ECOMOG ARRIVES. JOHNSON
FINDS THE ECOWAS INITIATIVE ACCEPTABLE AND WILL COORDINATE HIS FORCE
MOVEMENTS WITH THE ECOMOG, BUT WARNS THAT TAYLOR THREATENS THE
FREEPORT AREA. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) BELIEVE TAYLOR WILL TAKE THE FREEPORT
7-10 DAYS TO 4-6 WEEKS FROM NOW. JOHNSON WELCOMES ECOWAS, BUT
ECOMOG NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE (REALISTICALLY) FOR ANOTHER 3 WEEKS.
JOHNSON OPPOSED NIGERIAN EFFORTS TO ENTER FREEPORT TWO WEEKS AGO
BECAUSE HE FEARED NIGERIA WOULD PROP UP THE DOE REGIME, AN ALTERNATIV
E
THE INPFL FINDS UNACCEPTABLE. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) DOE
CAN HOLD OUT UNTIL THE ECOMOG ARRIVES, BUT BELIEVE THAT THE ECOMOG IS
DOES ONLY HOPE FOR KEEPING A HAND IN GOL POWER. OTHERWISE,
DOE KNOWS THAT HIS TIME IS UP. TO KEEP ALIVE, DOE WOULD LIKE TO
ENCOURAGE NPFL/INPFL INFIGHTING.

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(U) INPFL IS ESTIMATED 1,000 STRONG, THE NPFL 3,000 STRONG, THE AF L HAS LESS THAN 1,000 MEN, MOSTLY RECRUITS.

(2) (b)(1), (b)(3)

(A) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) PRINCE JOHNSON CLOSELY AND REMEMBERS OLD CONTACTS WITH TAYLOR. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) HE AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES WERE NOT SOLD TO ANY OTHER LOCATION AND WERE TREATED WELL. HOSTAGES RECEIVED ONLY ONE MEAL WHILE IN CONFINEMENT, BUT WERE WELL-FED WITH COOKIES, BISCUITS AND MILK AND WHISKEY. JOHNSON OFFERED THE HOSTAGES ALL THE CIGARETTES THEY WANTED. FOUR TO EIGHT GUARDS STOOD WATCH OVER THE HOSTAGES, BUT WERE NOT THREATENING. JOHNSON

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EXPLAINED THEIR CONFINEMENT TO THE HOSTAGES AS A NECESSARY MOVE TO FORCE FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE LIBERIAN PTO CIVIL WAR. IN ORDER TO GET DOE OUT OF POWER AND KEEP TAYLOR FROM IT.

(B) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) PRINCE JOHNSON REITERATED OVER AND OVER THAT HE DID NOT SEEK THE PRESIDENCY OR ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICE, BUT TO OUST DOE AND MAKING FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT UNTIL FREE ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON'S TROOPS WOULD ALSO STATE THIS POSITION WHEN JOHNSON HIMSELF WAS NOT AROUND.

(C) IN CONTRAST TO INPFL DISCIPLINE, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) AFL WAS UNDISCIPLINED. SAYN WAS APPARENTLY DEFUNCT. LOOTING WAS THE PRIMARY AFL PASTIME.

(D) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) INPFL WAS SCATTERED BETWEEN HOTEL AFRICA AND WATERSIDE. INPFL IS ABOUT 700- 1,000 STRONG AND CONSISTS OF MEMBERS FROM ALL TRIBES. HOWEVER, KRAHN REPRESENTATIO N IS NOTICEABLY NEGLIGIBLE: WHILE THERE ARE KRAHN IN THE INPFL, THEY ARE HIGHLY SCRUTINIZED AND SUSPECT. IF A KRAHN STEPS OUT OF LINE, PRINCE JOHNSON IMMEDIATELY HAS HIM SHOT AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO KILL CIVILIAN AS WELL AS MILITARY KRAHN. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) JOHNSON IS THE DEGREE OF ONE-THIRD, BUT IS MECHANICALLY HERE AND WILL LOSE TO THE NPFL AS A RESULT.

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D. REGARDING THE LIBERIAN ECONOMY:

(1) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)

(A) THE LIBERIAN DOLLAR IS STILL VIABLE CURRENCY IN LIBERIA, BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO BUY. EVEN THE SUPERMARKETS HAVE BEEN BURNED, LOOTED AND HAVE SUFFERED THE RAVAGES OF WAR. LIBERIA HAS SERIOUS ECONOMIC TROUBLE, BUT IS CAPABLE OF EXPORTING SUCH GOODS AS TIMBER, RUBBER AND IRON ORE TO GET BACK ON ITS FEET.

E. REGARDING THE TRIBUNAL AND CAUCASIAN/ISRAELI SIGHTINGS:

(1) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10)

(A) A BRIEF COMMENT WAS MADE THAT AN ISRAELI ADVISER WAS SEEN IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. (NFI)

(2) (b)(1), (b)(3)

(A) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) THE TRIBUNAL: THE TRIBUNAL CONSISTS OF 4 ROGUE AFL SOLDIERS WHO TRY REBELS AND CITIZENS BROUGHT BEFORE IT UNDER A TREE AT THE END OF RUNWAY 23 AT SPRIGGS-PAYNE AIRPORT. THE TRIBUNAL CONDUCTS TRIALS FOR SUCH CRIMES AS ETHNICITY AND REBEL AFFILIATION. UPON PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGEMENT BY THE TRIBUNAL, CONVICTED ARE LED TO THE END OF THE RUNWAY, EXECUTED AND DUMPED INTO A DITCH ALONG THE RUNWAY. AS MANY AS 300 VICTIMS ARE BURIED THERE, PARTIALLY COVERED WITH DIRT IN DITCH.

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(3) (b)(1), (b)(3)

(A) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) THE PRESENCE OF A SINGLE WHITE MAN IN AN AFL UNIFORM DIRECTING AFL TROOPS WITHDRAWING FROM BENSONEES ON RANDALL STREET UNDER HEAVY FIRE. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) (b)(1), (b)(3) WHITE, (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) CAUCASIAN. (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) A WHITE WOMAN AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION WALKING ON THE BALCONY SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS. AGAIN (b)(1), (b)(3)(10) ASKED TO CLARIFY WHITE, AND RESPONDED THAT THE PERSON WAS CAUCASIAN.

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