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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Additional Information Items

PRC [redacted] on Your Visit: [redacted]

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The PRC was especially pleased with your views on Soviet expansionism in Africa and other areas and the roles of the U.S. and PRC in containing it. This was seen as a significant shift in the U.S. attitude toward the Soviets, which provides common ground for improvement of Sino-U.S. relations.

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OTRAG Test Launch: The OTRAG representative in Lubumbashi has informed Consulate Lubumbashi that the second OTRAG launch of the year probably will take place on June 2, although the timing could easily slip a day or two for technical reasons. He said OTRAG is watching the Shaba situation closely and that the 50-60 expatriate OTRAG employees could easily be evacuated if necessary. The representative also speculated that if the unstable situation continues or if a Marxist government takes over, OTRAG probably would move its operations out of Zaire. Brazil reportedly has made a "very favorable offer" to attract the company.

State Dept. review
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NLC Review
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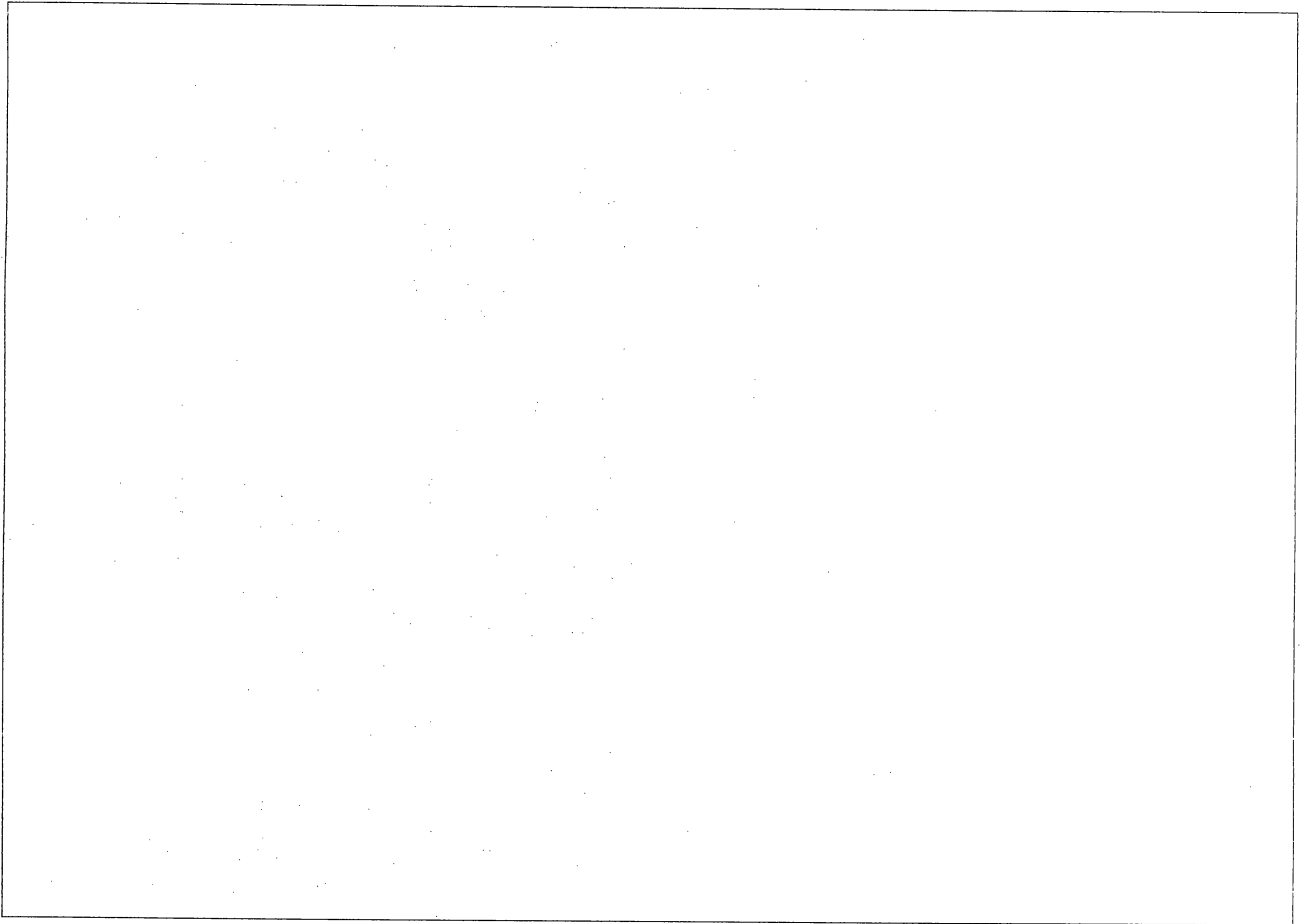
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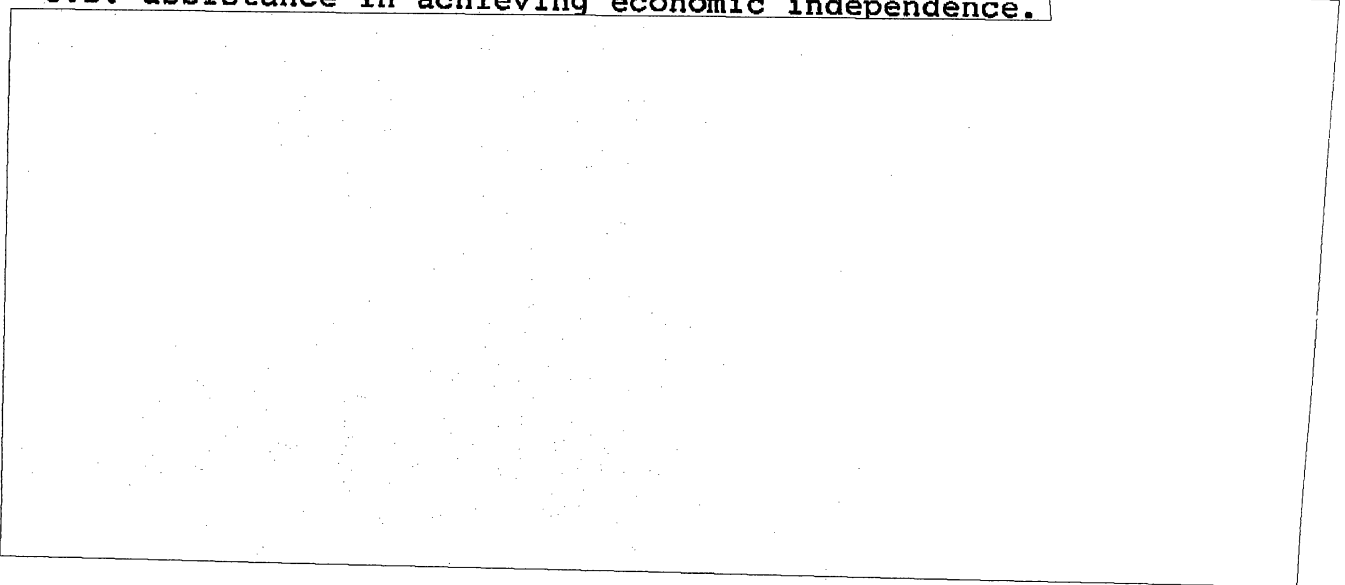
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Suharto Orders Followup to Vice President's Visit:

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President Suharto early last month said he considered the Vice President's visit to have been a success because he had proved the U.S. still had an interest in Indonesia and that Indonesia could expect U.S. assistance in achieving economic independence.



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FNLC Representatives in Belgium Views on Shaba: Embassy Brussels reports that the political officer responsible for African affairs was accosted in the embassy lobby by two representatives of the National Front for the Liberation of the Congo (FNLC), who talked with him for twenty minutes and presented him with FNLC propaganda. The two asserted that:

-- The FNLC is not a tribal organization nor a military band of ex-Katangan gendarmes with secessionist aims nor a communist group, but rather a "national political/military organization made up of people from all over the Congo."

-- Despite Mobutu's propaganda to the contrary, the FNLC received no training or support from the Cubans, East Germans or Russians and the Eastern bloc weapons used at Kolwezi had been picked up in Zaire at various times over the past ten years.

-- The massacres of blacks and whites in Kolwezi and the continued looting is attributed to the "notorious lack of discipline" of the Zairian armed forces since the FNLC cadres had been instructed not to attack any noncombatants, including foreigners.

-- The FNLC is "satisfied" with the "reserved" U.S. role in the Shaba and wants the U.S. to tell Mobutu "to go" and "to let peace and progress return to that potentially rich nation." The FNLC also asks all foreign governments to withdraw troops from Zaire and claimed that it would assume responsibility for guaranteeing the security of all people and their property in Zaire.

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