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1. HERE AS REQUESTED ARE BRIEF POLICY STATEMENTS WHICH EMBASSY CAN PASS TO BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY LEE (MR: YI CHONG-CH’UN) AS BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR PRESIDENT CHUN'S FORTHCOMING AFRICAN TRIP. IN ADDITION TO THE BRIEFING TOPICS SUGGESTED REFTEL, WE HAVE INCLUDED MATERIAL ON THE HORN OF AFRICA PROBLEM. BRIEFING STATEMENTS FOLLOW:

2. KEY ELEMENTS OF U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

PEACE PROCESS. THE U.S. SEeks A JUST AND LASTING

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE CAMP DAVID APPROACH TO PEACE IS THE ONLY PROVEN AND WORKABLE OPTION AT THIS POINT.

LEBANON. IN LEBANON THE U.S. SEeks AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE FIGHTING AND A FORMULA THAT WILL PERMIT THE WITHDRAWAL OF PLO FIGHTERS AND ALL OTHER FOREIGN FORCES. WE SEEK A SOLUTION THAT WILL ENHANCE LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND ALSO PROTECTS THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL.

IRAQ-IRAN. THE U.S. IS NEUTRAL IN THE IRAQ-IRAN CONFLICT. WE HAVE SUPPORTED UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH CALL FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH GUARANTEES THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE CONFLICT IS DESTABILIZING TO THE AREA, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES.

PALESTINIANS. IN THE CONTEXT OF SEEKING AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST PEACE, THE U.S. IS RESOLVED TO ADDRESS THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. WE HAVE CALLED UPON THE PLO TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO ACCEPT UNSC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 IF IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S.

AFGHANISTAN. THE U.S. CONDEEMS THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN AND CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL SOVIET TROOPS FROM THAT COUNTRY THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

WESTERN SAHARA. THE U.S. SEeks A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE CONFLICT IN THE WESTERN SAHARA AND SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE OAU TOWARD THAT END.

REGIONAL SECURITY. THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO ASSIST FRIENDLY STATES IN THE AREA TO MEET THEIR LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA NEGOTIATIONS

EARLY LAST YEAR THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED A THREE-PHASED APPROACH AIMED AT OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE INDEPENDENCE SETTLEMENT FOR NAMIBIA BASED ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435. ON JULY 12 A LETTER WAS SENT TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, WITH THE APPROVAL OF ALL PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS; ANNOUNCING THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF PHASE ONE. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN AN INTENSE ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL PARTIES ON PHASE TWO ISSUES; WE ARE WORKING TO A TIMETABLE THAT WOULD PRODUCE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 435 WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AND ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA IN EARLY 1983. ALL PARTIES ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, FOR THIS TIMETABLE TO BE ACHIEVED, IT IS NECESSARY THAT
THERE ALSO BE SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN COMBAT FORCES FROM ANGOLA.

4. HORNS OF AFRICA.

THE HORNS OF AFRICA IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED WITH RESPECT TO THE PERSIAN GULF/SOUTHWEST ASIA REGION. IT HAS ASSUMED INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. IN OUR SOUTHWEST ASIA STRATEGY. WE CONCLUDED MILITARY ACCESS AGREEMENTS WITH KENYA AND SOMALIA IN 1980.

THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA AS WELL AS IN NEIGHBORING SOUTH YEMEN IS A SERIOUS CONCERN TO US. THE AUGUST 1981 TRIPARTITE PACT AMONG ETHIOPIA, LIBYA AND SOUTH YEMEN HAS LED TO ACTIVE LIBYAN AND ETHIOPIAN DESTABILIZATION EFFORTS AGAINST SUDAN AND SOMALIA.


THESE REGIONAL CONFLICTS AND INSTABILITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT FIGHTING ON THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA BORDER. DESPITE CONFLICTING CLAIMS, IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCURSION INTO SOMALIA IN SEVERAL AREAS BY ETHIOPIAN AND ETHIOPIAN SUPPORTED FORCES. THESE INCURSIONS ARE...
GREATER IN SCALE AND DEPTH THAN PREVIOUS SUCH INCIDENTS, AND APPEAR DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT.

THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE AS IT ATTEMPTS TO MEET THESE MULTIPLE ATTACKS. IN RESPONSE, WE ARE TAKING SEVERAL STEPS, INCLUDING ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF CERTAIN MILITARY SUPPLIES AS WELL AS VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR MEASURED ACTION AND DIPLOMACY WILL HELP PERSUADE THE ETHIOPIANS TO WITHDRAW WITH A MINIMUM OF FURTHER COMBAT. SHULTZ

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