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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES ARMS FOR ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 166411 (NOTAL)
- (B) VICTORIA 642 (NOTAL)
- (C) VICTORIA 649 (NOTAL)
- (D) STATE 146828 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE DELIVERED REF A TALKING POINTS WEDNESDAY
JUNE 22 TO THE HIGHEST RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL IN COUNTRY, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL
RELATIONS CLAUDE MOREL. MOREL LISTENED WITH GREAT

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ATTENTION AND PROMISED TO IMMEDIATELY CONVEY THE MESSAGE ON TO SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT RENE.

2. MOREL REPORTED BACK ON JUNE 24 THAT RENE HAD BEEN EXTREMELY ATTENTIVE TO THE DEMARCHE, AND SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SEYCHELLES WAS SUPPLYING ARMS TO RWANDA.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONTACTS IN THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN VERY PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOS IS INADVERTENTLY SELLING ARMS TO RWANDA. THE ISSUE HAS ALSO BECOME A DOMESTIC POLITICAL ONE, AS NEWS COVERAGE OF THE RWANDAN ATROCITIES HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE ON SEYCHELLES TELEVISION. THE OPPOSITION IS NOW CHARGING THAT THE SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT IS ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE BY (ALLEGEDLY) SELLING ARMS TO RWANDA. EMBASSY THINKS IT LIKELY THAT SEYCHELLES WILL DISCONTINUE THESE ARMS SALES. NEVERTHELESS, GOS OFFICIALS HAVE ONCE AGAIN REITERATED THEIR REQUEST THAT THE USG HELP THEM DISPOSE OF THESE ARMS PROFITABLY.

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