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SUBJECT: ELYSEE AFRICA WATCHER OFFERS TOUR D'HORIZON  
- TO AMBASSADOR GLASPIE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: AF/S DIRECTOR GLASPIE MET ELYSEE AFRICA  
SPECIALIST DELAYE ON OCTOBER 13 FOR A CANDID TOUR

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D'HORIZON THAT COVERED A DOZEN COUNTRIES. OUR INTERLOCUTORS EMPHASIZED THAT FRANCE IS LIMITING ITS MOST ACTIVE AFRICAN ENGAGEMENT TO ITS TRADITIONAL SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. TO THIS END, THEY STRESSED SCHEDULED WITHDRAWALS FROM SOMALIA AND RWANDA PLUS RELUCTANCE TO ASSUME MAJOR ROLES IN ZAIRE, LUSOPHONE AFRICA AND LIBERIA. DELAYE ALSO REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE AND OTHER FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE STRESSING TO LEADERS OF FRANCOPHONE STATES WHERE FRANCE REMAINS ACTIVE THAT SALVATION IS PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AFRICAN PARTNER. END SUMMARY.

3. RETURNING FROM HER FIRST VISIT TO HER NEW BALIWICK, AF/S DIRECTOR APRIL GLASPIE WAS HOSTED AT LUNCH BY THE ELYSEE'S CHIEF AFRICANIST BRUNO DELAYE FOR AN EXTENSIVE TOUR D'HORIZON ON OCTOBER 13. ELYSEE DEPUTY GEORGE SERRE AND EMBOFF ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION. TWO THEMES STOOD OUT IN THE FRENCH PRESENTATION:

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-- FRANCE IS RETRENCHING BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS AND WILL LIMIT ITSELF, EVEN MORE THAN IN THE PAST, TO ITS TRADITIONAL SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (READ EX-COLONIES); AND

-- EVEN IN THIS SPHERE, THE GOF IS NO LONGER WILLING TO ACCEPT THE ALL-TOO-COMMON ARGUMENT OF AFRICAN LEADERS THAT, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN NATIONAL PROBLEMS, FRANCE AND THE WEST MUST BAIL THEM OUT. DELAYE SAID HE HAD INFORMED MANY VISITORS THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT SUFFER IF AFRICAN STATES FAILED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

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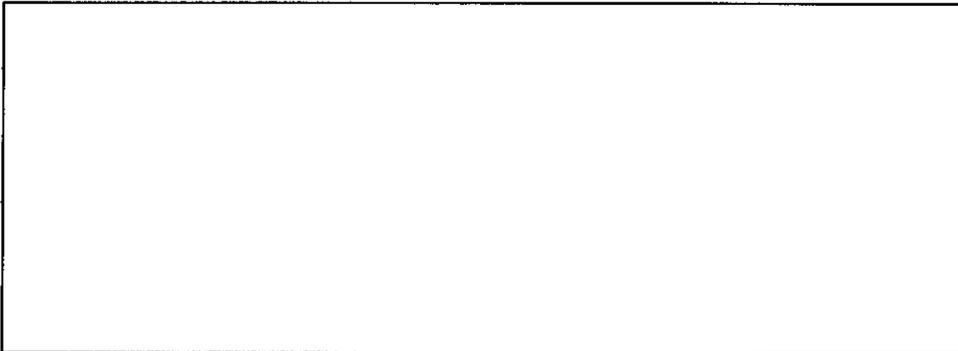
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5. DELAYE, WHO HAD MET WITH A RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) DELEGATION JUST PRIOR TO OUR LUNCH, REPORTED THAT "FORTUNATELY" THE RPF DID NOT WANT FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE UN FORCE SLATED FOR RWANDA. THE GOF IS THUS CONTINUING THE SCHEDULED PULLOUT OF ITS FORCES.

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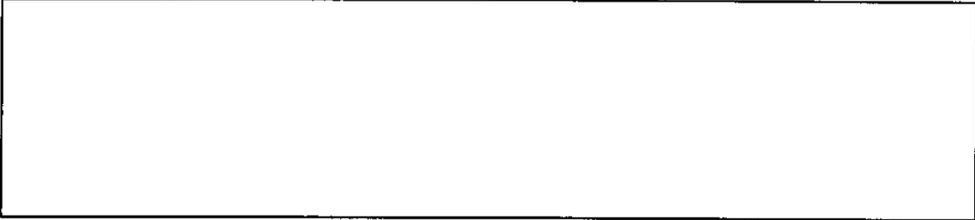
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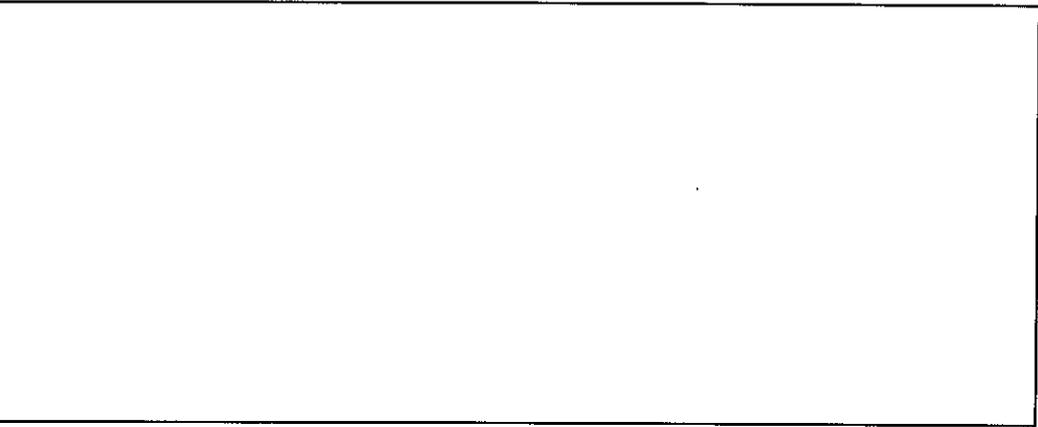
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11. COMMENT: THERE WERE FEW SPECIFICS OF OUR MEETING THAT HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN SET FORTH BY THE GOF. WHAT WAS MOST STRIKING, AND WE HAVE NOT REPEATED EACH ITERATION, WAS FRENCH INSISTENCE THAT IT WOULD NOT GET INVOLVED FURTHER IN LIBERIA, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, RWANDA, ZAIRE OR ANY AREA OUTSIDE ITS TRADITIONAL SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. EQUALLY, THERE WAS AN OPT-STATED DETERMINATION THAT FRANCE WAS AND WOULD CONTINUE IMPRESSING ON AFRICAN LEADERS THEIR NEED TO ACCEPT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLVING THEIR NATIONS' PROBLEMS. END COMMENT.

12. THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SEEN BY AMBASSADOR GLASPIE BEFORE HER DEPARTURE FROM PARIS.

13. MOGADISHU AND LUANDA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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