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TELEGRAM NUMBER 593 OF 4 JULY

INFO PRIORITY DAR ES SALAAM, GABORONE, MAPUTO, PRETORIA,
MIRIMBA SALISBURY, ROUTINE LUANDA, LAGOS, ADDIS ABABA, WASHINGTON

MY TELNO 578: ZAMBIA/RHODESIA

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1. THE SITUATION IS STILL CONFUSED. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (AND LOCAL RUMOURS) THERE WERE A SERIES OF RAIDS OVER THE LONG WEEKEND, 30 JUNE - 3 JULY. OF THESE, THE MOST SERIOUS WAS THAT REPORTED IN MY TUR. TODAY'S (4 JULY) NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT THERE WERE TWO ATTACKS ON THIS CAMP (J Z MOYO) ON 1 JULY.
2. A ZAPU SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT J Z MOYO CAMP WAS ATTACKED ON 1 JULY. IT FORMERLY CONTAINED BOY REFUGEES, BUT NOW, ACCORDING TO ZAPU, HOUSES NEW RECRUITS AND SOME WOUNDED. OUR INFORMANT ALSO TOLD US THAT THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED IN THE RAID. THIS ROUGHLY TALLIES WITH THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMAN'S FIGURES, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS QUOTES A SOURCE AT THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL AS SAYING THAT TEN PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND RAIDS.
3. IN ADDITION THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THERE WERE LEAFLET RAIDS ON RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF LUSAKA, IN WHICH PAMPHLETS WERE DROPPED, CALLING ON ZAMBIANS TO DENOUNCE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES.
4. OUR ZAPU CONTACT HAS DENIED THAT THERE WERE ANY ATTACKS OTHER THAN THAT ON 1 JULY. THIS DOES NOT/NOT, HOWEVER SQUARE WITH THE INFORMATION OF THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER WHO TOLD ME THAT THE RHODESIANS HAD AGAIN LANDED TROOPS IN THE AREA WEST OF LUSAKA ON 2 JULY. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE RHODESIANS WERE CAUGHT ON THE GROUND BY ZAMBIAN TROOPS. PARLEYING ENSUED, DURING WHICH THE RHODESIANS THREATENED THAT IF THE ZAMBIANS ATTACKED THEM, THERE WOULD BE MASSIVE RETALIATION THE FOLLOWING DAY AGAINST ZAMBIAN TARGETS. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT THE RHODESIANS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO, BUT BY THIS TIME IT WAS DAREK AND THEY HAD TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE BUSH, DEPARTING ON 3 JULY.

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5. I WAS ALSO TOLD TODAY BY THE HONORARY IRISH CONSUL'S LOCAL EMPLOYEE, WHO IS HIMSELF AN EX-FREEDOM FIGHTER, THAT AMONG THOSE CAUGHT IN THE RAID ON CHIKUMBI, ON 26 JUNE, WERE 150 CADRES NEWLY RETURNED FROM SPECIALIST TRAINING IN RUSSIA.

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