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INFO IMMEDIATE NAIROBI

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YOUR TELNO 33 : HIJACK

FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS :-

A) THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT BUT OFFICIALS, IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM PRESS, HAVE GIVEN FACTUAL INFORMATION SUCH AS NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS DROPPED OFF IN NAIROBI.

B) HIJACK IS MAIN FRONT PAGE STORY TODAY IN THE TWO NATIONAL PAPERS QUOTES UHURU AND SUNDAY NENS. QUOTE SUNDAY NENS UNQUOTE BANNER HEADLINE IS QUOTE HIJACKED PLANE IN BRITAIN UNQUOTE OVER PHOTOS OF THE BOEING ON ITS MAIDEN FLIGHT AND PASSENGERS RELEASED IN NAIROBI. STORY IS FACTUAL AND DRAWS HEAVILY ON FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS BUT GIVES NO (REPEAT NO) DETAILS OF HIJACKERS' DEMANDS. MANY EDUCATED TANZANIANS, HOWEVER, FOLLOW BBC OVERSEAS SERVICE AND ARE AWARE OF DEMANDS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEETING WITH KAMBONA.

C) ALTHOUGH THERE IS WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS IN THE STREETS BY DISAFFECTED ELEMENTS. IT IS THE SUBJECT OF STREETCORNER GOSSIP RATHER THAN POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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