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SUBJECT: Info memo to Lake

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African Issues Update as of 7/12/93

1. In Brief:

-- An agreement was reached between the Togolese opposition and the Eyadema Government to hold elections in late August;

-- Rwanda's peace pact is to be signed July 15, according to a press report;

-- State is considering whether to receive an envoy from President Mobutu, following A/S Moose's recent conversations;

-- The situation in Congo remains at an impasse between the Government and the opposition; the army has not yet intervened.

-- An agreement was reached in Angola between the GRA and UNITA to deliver humanitarian assistance by air. No progress on the negotiating front. An IWG has been called on Angola next week. You have Wisner memorandum on Angola.

2. NIGERIA

Further to my memo to you last week, the situation still remains unclear although an FMG (IBB) announcement on an interim government, possibly a government of national unity, is due today. Dissension within the SDP, between Abiola and his party, within the military over the nature/composition/length of tenure of the proposed interim government. State preparing a suggested "next steps" to show displeasure with IBB's machinations. We need to keep the Liberia dimension in mind. EC political committee meeting today on subject of Nigeria. Jesse Jackson has called for President Clinton to mediate and has offered his assistance.

0 Draft proposed White House Statement for your approval in works which would reiterate our position re June 12 elections, focus on our goals in/for Nigeria rather than the current procedural manoeuvres, condemn FMG actions with
respect to human rights groups, newspapers, etc. Will likely also suggest response to Babangida letter by the President along similar lines, appealing to Nigerian ego, as example for Africa, etc.

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