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CG NEW YORK TELNO 83: VISIT OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. VISITING PARIS BEFORE FLYING ON TO LONDON, PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAW PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ON 7 DECEMBER. AFTERWARDS, IN SPEAKING TO THE PRESS, HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISIT TO THE US ('ZAIRE HAS OBTAINED ALL IT ASKED FOR'). THE US WERE GOING TO INCREASE THEIR MILITARY AID FROM THE 10.5 MILLION DOLLARS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO 15 MILLION.
2. ON CHAD HE SAID THAT THE ZAIRE CONTINGENT WOULD BE INCREASED FROM 800 TO 2,000.
3. ASKED ABOUT A RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ISRAEL, HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NOW NOTHING TO PREVENT GOOD RELATIONS, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT ZAIRE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO CONSULT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IN THE CONTEXT OF M. CHEYSSON'S VISIT TO ISRAEL THE FRENCH PRESS HAS REPORTED SPECULATION THAT FRANCE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
4. THE QUAI D'ORSAY HAVE TOLD US THAT THE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WAS MOSTLY ABOUT CHAD, BUT THEY DID NOT YET THEMSELVES HAVE DETAILS.

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