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INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK LUANDA LAGOS AND HARARE
INFO SAVING TO DAKAR

MIPT (NOT TO ALL)

1. CROCKER TOLD THE FIVE THAT MUGABE HAD COMPLAINED TO VICE PRESIDENT BUSH ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN DESTABILISATION OF HER NEIGHBOURS. THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST SUCH COMPLAINT. BUT THE ZIMBABWEANS HAD NEVER BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE A SHRED OF HARD EVIDENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIVITY IN ZIMBABWE WHICH COULD BE USED VIS A VIS THE SOUTH AFRICANS.
2. FRASURE TOLD REID PRIVATELY THAT BUSH HAD TAKEN UP WITH MUGABE THE REPORTED TORTURE OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE ZIMBABWE AIR FORCE AFTER THE SABOTAGE AT THORNHILL AIR BASE. THE AMERICANS WERE CONFIDENT THAT THIS HAD MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION.
3. FRASURE ALSO SAID THAT THE FIRST HOUR OF YESTERDAY'S TALKS HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY A SIMULATED TIRADE BY PIK BOTHA AGAINST BUSH FOR SAYING IN HARARE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHED TO SEE THE END OF SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. THIS WAS SMOOTHED OVER IN PUBLIC AT A PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE PIK BOTHA SAID THAT WHAT BUSH MEANT WAS THAT THE AMERICANS WANTED TO SEE NAMIBIA ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE - AN OBJECTIVE WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SHARED.
4. ANOTHER HOUR OF THE TALKS HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE WORLD SCENE IN THE LIGHT OF BREZHNEV'S DEATH. THE AMERICANS HAD EXPECTED A FURTHER REPEAT PIK BOTHA'S 'AFRICA IS DYING' SPEECH, BUT THEY HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED.
5. CROCKER TOLD THE FIVE THAT THE CAPE VERDE MINISTERS WHOM BUSH HAD SEEN HAD STRESSED THAT DOS SANTOS FERVENTLY DESIRED A CUBAN WITHDRAWAN FROM ANGOLA.

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