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NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

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1. SPAIN-AFRICA: THE 15 DEC DECISIONS ON LOCAL AUTONOMY IN SPAIN... AFRICA WILL PROVIDE NO MORE THAN A BEGINNING STEP TOWARD AUTONOMY FOR FERRAND FOR AND HERR HERR. IT MAY BE SET OFF AT-TACKS IN THE W/ ON HERR'S COLONIAL POLICY, BUT THE ABSENCE OF LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR REAL POLITICAL AUTONOMY COULD FOSTER AGITATION BY NATIVE NATIONALIST ELEMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE SINCE LAST SUMMER. SEVERAL HUNDRED WHO WERE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EXILES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROSECUTE IN THE HOPE OF ASSUMING POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE UNDER THE PROMISED AUTONOMY.

(CONF)

2. NATO: //BRITAIN'S POSITION AT THE 20 DEC MEETING OF THE NATO ECONOMIC ADVISERS APPARENTLY KILLS ANY PROSPECT THAT AGREEMENT ON A COMMON CREDIT POLICY TOWARD THE COMEY BLOC CAN BE ACHIEVED AT THE

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AS DEC INTO MINISTERIAL MATTER. THE OR REPORT TO BE...
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... OF THE NATIONAL RADICAL UNION AND HIS...
 FROM...
 FOR WINNING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE... FOR 16 DEC.

... MAY NOW EXPECT TO THE CENTER UNION GOVERN-
 MENT TO GIVE IT A MAJORITY. IF PAPANDEOU IS CONVINCED THAT SUCH
 DEFECTORS WOULD COME SINCERELY FOR THE CENTER UNION GOVERNMENT, HE
 MIGHT DROP HIS DEMANDS FOR EARLY ELECTIONS. IF NOT, HE MAY PRESS
 FOR ELECTIONS IN THE HOPE OF WINNING A SECURE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY
 OF HIS OWN.

THE BEE HAS CHOSEN FORMER VICE PREMIER... AS ITS
 NEW LEADER, BUT WITH THE PARTY IN OPPOSITION AND WITH HIS FOUNDER
 OUT OF THE COUNTRY, IT MAY EVENTUALLY FRAGMENT. (CONT)

4. MIDDLE EAST OIL: //THE RESOLVE DEFUSES THE CREATION OF
 PETROLEUM EXPORTING... AND THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL
 COMPANIES...

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//LAST WEEK OPEC TURNED DOWN AN OFFER BY THE COMPANIES TO CO PART
 WAY TOVAZE MEETING OPEC DEMANDS FOR HIGHER ROYALTIES. THE WIDESPREAD
 PUBLICITY GIVEN THIS ACTION HAS MADE COMPROMISE FAR MORE DIFFICULT
 THAN IT HAD BEEN. ~~IRAN, WHICH DESIRES A MODERATE LINE IS HAS BEEN,~~
 IRAN, WHICH DESIRES A MODERATE LINE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IS IN-
 CHERASINGLY RELUCTANT TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE LESS FLEXIBLE
 POSITION OF THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS.//

//OPEC IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, ON
 24 DEC. THE MEETING IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNITED
 ACTION BY OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES AGAINST THE COMPANIES.// (CONF)

5. TURKEY-USSR: CONSTRUCTION OF A SOVIET PROPOSED DAM ON THE
 TURKISH-SOVIET BORDER HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING AERIAL SURVEY. THE
 TURKS INSIST AERIAL SURVEY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF NEW
 MAPS TO BE USED IN PLANNING FOR THE DAM AND THE RELATED IRRIGATION
 SYSTEM.

TURKISH OFFICIALS CLAIM NEW DAM WILL SUPPLY IRRIGATION WATERS TO
 THE IGDIR PLAIN IN NORTHWEST TURKEY AND WILL FURNISH ELECTRICITY TO
 PREVIOUSLY UNDERDEVELOPED AND ~~REMOTE~~ AREA. IN WINNING TURKISH APPROVAL

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THE SOVIET TECHNICAL TEAM APPARENTLY SCORED IN THEIR COMPARISON OF "SERIK" SOVIET AND "DARE" BRIDGE BORDER VILLAGES.

THE PROJECT, TO BE BUILT JOINTLY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1927 TURCO-SOVIET WATER AGREEMENT, WAS FIRST SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIETS IN EARLY 1961. FOLLOWING TECHNICAL STUDIES, TURKEY INCLUDED THE BORDER DAM IN ITS CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN AND LEASED A TEAM OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS TO COME TO TURKEY TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE JOINT EFFORT. EXCEPT FOR AERIAL SURVEY, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON ALL MAJOR POINTS; DESPITE DELAY, CONSTRUCTION OF DAM WILL BE PROBABLY BEGIN IN THE SPRING.

TURKISH-SOVIET COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS IN THE BORDER AREA WAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED IN THE JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF A BORDER BRIDGE THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE NEW BRIDGE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO TURKS EXPORTING LIVESTOCK TO THE SOVIET UNION. (CONT)

S. ILL. // TURKEY INTENDS TO OBJECT THE 11 INC SOVIET SIDE REGARDING THE RECENT INCIDENT IN WHICH A PRIVATE IRANIAN AIRCRAFT OR GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WAS SHOT DOWN BY SOVIET MIGS OVER IRANIAN TERRITORY.

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WILL REFLECT ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PLANE DID NOT STRAY OVER THE BORDER, AS MOSCOW CLAIMS, AND WILL ASSERT THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD THEREFORE PAY FULL DAMAGES RATHER THAN THE 50 PERCENT OFFERED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED 20 NOV DURING STATE VISIT OF SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV. // (CONT)

7. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: //NASIR CLAIMS THERE IS NO CHANCE OF A UNIFIED ARAB PLAN TO COUNTER ISRAEL'S PROGRAM FOR DIVERTING THE JORDAN RIVER WATERS EARLY NEXT YEAR. ARAB MILITARY CHIEFS HAVE BEEN MEETING IN CAIRO FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE REACHED ANY AGREEMENT. ON 3 DEC NASIR SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT SYRIA MIGHT ACT UNILATERALLY AND PRESENT THE OTHER ARAB STATES WITH A DILEMMA. // (CONT)

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