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1. PTT MINISTER SALAMATE CALLED ME THIS MORNING,
DECEMBER 22, ASKING ME TO VISIT HIM AT ONCE. OBVIOUSLY
SHAKEN AND CONCERNED, HE SAID THAT BANGUI-BERENGO LINE,
PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINEE BY GTE TECHNICIANS, WAS COMPLETELY
DOWN AND THAT EMPEROR BOKASSA WAS DEMANDING IMMEDIATE
ACTION. PROBLEM WAS BEYOND PTT CAPABILITY. GTE TECHNICIAN
WAS REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY, AND GOC WAS PREPARED PAY TRANSPORTION
AND PER DIEM CASH DOWN.
2. I REFERRED TO PREVIOUS INVESTGIATION (REFTEL.)
SALAMATE HAD SINCE TALKED AGAIN WITH GTE VICE PRESIDENT
EDGAR, HAD OFFERED HIM CFA THREE MILLION AS START OF REPAYMENT,
AND ASSURED HIM CFA 24 MILLION WOULD EVENTUALLY BE FORTHCOMING. EDGAR HAD REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION,
BUT
SAID SPARE PARTS WOULD REQUIRE SOME TIME TO
MANUFACTURE. SALAMATE SAID IMMEDIATE PROBLEM
WAS TECHNICAL, THAT GTE EXPERT COULD HANDLE IT
WITHOUT NEW PARTS, AND ASKED MY HELP TO SUPPORT HIS
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URGENT TELEX TO GTE. I NOTED THAT IT WAS CHRISTMAS

EVE, AND THAT NEXT WEEK WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
TIME TO MAKE AMERICAN TECHS AVAILABLE IN BANGUI.
SALAMATE AWARE OF PROBLEM, BUT SUGGESTED FAILURE TO
ACT WOULD SOUR GOCAE ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOEAM (HE

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DID NOT MENTION USG, BUT IMPLICATION EASY TO DRAW.)
3. I VERY MUCH DOUBT GTE WILL BE ABLE SUPPLY
TECHNICAL HELP ON THIS SHORT NOTICE. WOULD LIKE,
HOWEVER, TO GIVE SOME KIND OF RESPONSE TO SALAMATE
ASAP. REQUEST AF/C CONTACT GTE, REMIND OFFICIALS
OF REFTEL (TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT HAD RESPONSE) AND
REPLY NIACT. COOKE

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