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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION DEPT JAN 7, REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE

1. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO A-8 OF JANUARY 3 SETTING FORTH THE VIEWS OF RETIRED GENERAL GOLBERY ON IA-5 AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

2. GENERAL GOLBERY'S CONCLUSIONS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE A "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS EMBASSY AND THE DIRECTIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT. I AM SURE HOWEVER, THAT A CAREFUL READING OF THE AIRGRAM WILL PROVE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN (1) SHEDDING NEEDED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON THE BACKGROUND CONDITIONS LEADING UP TO THE EVENTS OF DECEMBER 13 AND (2) LONG RANGE POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

3. THERE IS VERY SERIOUS DOUBT IN MY MIND - IN THESE LAST DAYS OF MY MISSION HERE - WHETHER THE USG SHOULD ALLOW ITSELF TO DRIFT INTO A POSITION OF ATTEMPTING TO BUTTRESS AN ANDEPT AND DIRECTION-LESS PRESIDENT SIMPLY ON THE THEORY THAT "THE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE WORSE". IN FACT, THE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE NO WORSE; CONCEIVABLY IT COULD EVEN BE BETTER. TUTHILL

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