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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. JEB BUSH VISIT: I ASK THAT YOU KEEP BRIEFED THE NSC AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE ON THE EMBASSY'S ROLE IN THE JEB BUSH VISIT TO NIGERIA. WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT A SEVEN-PERSON U.S. SECRET SERVICE TEAM WILL ARRIVE MAY 12 TO PREPARE FOR THE PLANNED MAY 20-25 VISIT. SO AT LEAST SOME QUARTERS APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE GOING FORWARD.

3. IF IT DOES, I PLAN TO TRAVEL TO KANO TO MEET JEB BUSH UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY. ALTERNATIVELY, BROOKE HOLMES WOULD WELCOME HIM. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HOST A RECEPTION IN LAGOS IN HIS HONOR ON THE DAY OF HIS DEPARTURE. THE EMBASSY IS PROVIDING RSO AND GSO SUPPORT ALL ALONG THE TRIP AND HAS NOTIFIED THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE VISIT. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IHAMA IS INSISTING ON THE "PRIVATE" NATURE OF THE VISIT, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT MEA TO INTERVENE UNLESS IT IS ORDERED TO DO SO BY OODAN BARRACKS--WHICH IS BY NO MEANS IMPOSSIBLE.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE, TOO, ARE TREATING THE VISIT AS "PRIVATE". WE ARE LEAVING THE SCHEDULING OF MR. BUSH'S APPOINTMENTS WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNORS TO THE NIGERIA HEAD OF M AND W PUMP, ALHAJI INDIMI. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE APRIL 22 COUP ATTEMPT, OUR SENIOR-LEVEL CONTACTS IN FMG APPEAR EXHAUSTED, AND WE SUSPECT THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNORS HAVE MUCH ON THEIR MINDS. HENCE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW SUCCESSFUL INDIMI WILL BE. IF MR. BUSH WISHES US TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS DURING HIS LAGOS STOPOVER, PLEASE BE SURE WE ARE SO INFORMED DIRECTLY, NOT THROUGH THROUGH INDIMI OR W AND W PUMP USA. WALKER

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