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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ZINSOU: QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE NEW YEAR ALWAYS BRINGS RENEWED HOPE FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD. IN THIS SPIRIT, I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF DAHOMEY MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES AND GREETINGS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, MR. PRESIDENT, DAHOMEY WILL CONTINUE ON THE ROAD TO NATIONAL PROGRESS AND UNITY. SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE.

2. WHITE DOES NOT PLAN PUBLISH BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD RECIPIENTS WISH TO DO SO. IF RECIPIENTS DO PLAN TO PUBLISH, WOULD APPRECIATE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NOTICE SO WHITE HOUSE MAY ARRANGE FOR JOINT RELEASE IF DESIRED.

DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. RUSK

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