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1. I HAD USEFUL MEETING NOVEMBER 30 WITH PTT MINISTER SALAMATE, AND DISCUSSED GTE PROBLEMS INTER ALIA. HE HAD MET WITH GTE VICE PRESIDENT EDGAR IN ROME, AND ANOTHER MEETING IS PLANNED IN WARSAW IN THE NEAR FUTURE. GOCAE WISHES TO PUSH AHEAD WITH INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT, AND HOPES GTE, AS WELL AS FRENCH FIRMS, WILL BE IN THE BIDDING.

2. SALAMATE APOLOGIZED FOR WHAT HE CALLED "MISUNDERSTANDING" IN DETENTION OF MAXIM, AND ASSURED ME THIS WOULD NOT RECUR. EMPEROR BOKASSA HAS INSTRUCTED PTT TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GTE AND COOPERATE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, SALAMATE SAID THAT BANGUI-BERENGO LINK HAS BEEN DOWN FOR THREE WEEKS FOR LACK OF PARTS. HE HAS WRITTEN AND CABLED EDGAR ASKING FOR SUPPLY OF ONE PART, WHICH HE BELIEVES CAE TECHNICIANS CAN INSTALL, BUT HAS HAD NO REPLY. SALAMATE ASKED MY ASSISTANCE.

3. I REPLIED THAT GTE OFFICIALS HAD BEEN CONCERNED FOR MAXIM'S PHYSICAL SAFETY, AND THAT GTE MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO SEND AMERICAN

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TECHNICIANS TO BANGUI. SALAMATE REPEATED HIS ASSURANCES THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RECUR. (COMMENT: I HAVE RECEIVED THE MOST CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES FROM PRIMIN MAIDOU,

INTERIOR MIN POTOLOT, AND FONMIN MOKODOPO THAT MAXIM'S DETENTION
WAS AN ERROR, AND THAT GTE FUNCTIONARIES ENTIRELY FREE TO ENTER
AND DEPART CAE.)

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4. I SAID THAT CENTRAL PROBLEM FOR GTE WAS CONTRACTUAL. I DID
NOT PROPOSE TO GET INTO TECHNICAL OR FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS,
BUT SAID GTE MIGHT NOT WISH UNDERTAKE FURTHER COMMITMENTS WITHOUT
SOME PROGRESS ON OUTSTANDING DEBTS. SALAMATE SAID COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS NOVEMBER 28 HAD AUTHORIZED FUNDS AND INSTRUCTED HIM
TO PROCEED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GTE. (THIS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED
BY INTERIOR MIN.) IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER FUNDS WOULD COVER
ENTIRE GTE CLAIM, BUT GOCAE PREPARED NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.
I SAID THIS WAS VERY GOOD NEWS, AND ASKED SALAMATE TO INFORM GTE
DIRECTLY AND DISCUSS MATTER WITH EDGAR IN WARSAW. I ALSO UNDERTOOK
TO URGE GTE TO PROVIDE THE PARTS NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE LINK
WITH BERENGO.
5. COMMENT: VIEW CAE'S PARLOUS FINANCIAL STRAITS, IT IS APPARENT
GOCAE HAS MADE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT TO BE ACCOMMODATING TOWARDS
GTE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONVEY SENSE OF THIS MESSAGE TO GTE FOR
EDGAR, AND MY CONVICTION THAT GTE REPS CAN VISIT BANGUI WITHOUT
CONCERN ABOUT REPETITION OF MAXIM EPISODE. A FORTHCOMING GTE
RESPONSE AS REGARDS SPARE PARTS WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE,
AND MOST HELPFUL IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.COOKE

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