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1. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE COOKE AND CAE COUNTRY OFFICER GRIBBIN MET WITH GT&E VP HERB EDGAR, WASHINGTON VP JANE DAVIS, AND MICROWAVE MANAGER PAUL BERGERON OCTOBER 4 TO DISCUSS GT&E PROBLEMS IN CAE.
2. EDGAR BRIEFLY REVIEWED HISTORY OF MICROWAVE PROJECT, NOTING CONTINUAL PROBLEMS WITH GAINING GOCAE ADHERENCE TO CONTRACTU AL OBLIGATIONS. EDGAR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROJECT NOT WORKING AND NOT LIKELY TO FUNCTION IN FUTURE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT, CITING FIGURE OF DOLS 6 MILLION. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, PROJECT CONTINUES TO REQUIRE GOCAE SUPPORT AND INPUT AS SET FORTH

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IN VARIOUS CONTRACTS, NONE OF WHICH GOCAE HAS HONORED. THUS, ACCORDING TO EDGAR, GT&E HAS DECIDED TO CEASE ALL OPERATIONS IN CAE, ALTHOUGH THIS DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN COMMUNICATED TO GOCAE.
3. NONETHELESS, EDGAR STATED THAT GT&E WAS TRYING TO MAKE ONE LAST EFFORT TO GET GOCAE TO PAY ARREARAGES.

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HE AND ITALIAN SUBSIDIARY REPRESENTATIVE DE BODINI HAD
SUGGESTED AN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER MEETING WITH PTT MINISTER
IN ITALY TO DISCUSS PROJECT AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.
MINISTER HAS NOT YET RESPONDED. EDGAR IS ALSO SEEKING
APPOINTMENT WITH EMPEROR BOKASSA IN FRANCE IN ORDER TO
DISCUSS BOKASSA'S CONCEPTION OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM AND HOW GT&E PROJECT FITS IN, INCLUDING WHAT
MUST BE DONE TO RESUSCITATE THE PROJECT.
4. EDGAR NOT SANGUINE THAT GT&E CAN DO MUCH FOR MAXIM
FROM THIS END. HE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE
EMBASSY MIGHT PROVIDE.
5. MR. COOKE AGREED THAT GT&E'S FINANCIAL AND PROJECT
PROBLEMS ARE RIPE FOR DISCUSSION WITH GOCAE. HE ENCOURAGED EDGAR TO PRESS FOR MEETINGS WITH EMPEROR AND PTT
MINISTER. THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE STATED THAT THE
EMBASSY IN BANGUI WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO URGE THAT MAXIM BE PERMITTED TO DEPART.
HE STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
REFUSING DEPARTURE PERMISSION TO INDIVIDUAL ON ACCOUNT
OF A COMMERCIAL DISPUTE WITH THEIR EMPLOYER WAS AN
UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICE WHICH WOULD WORSEN THE CAE'S
ALREADY POOR INVESTMENT/BUSINESS CLIMATE. HE PROMISED
TO DISCUSS THESE CONCERNS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER SOON
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