1. CONFIDENTIAL--ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON MAY 18, POLOFF SPOKE WITH JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL DAYS IN MOGADISHU.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITIES IN MOGADISHU HAVE IMPOUNDED A BOEING 707 BELONGING TO AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (AIA). AIA HAS, FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, BEEN FLYING KENYA AIRWAYS'
OLD SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE BETWEEN NAIROBI AND
MOGADISHU (REPTEL). THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITIES HAVE
ALSO, SAYS, IMPOUNDED TWO CESSNA 402 KHAT
TRANSPORTERS.

4. THE PLANES WERE IMPOUNDED, SAYS, TO BRING
PRESSURE ON THE GOK TO CHANGE ITS POLICY BANNING
FLIGHTS TO ALL SOMALI DESTINATIONS EXCEPT KISMAYO.
ACCORDING TO , THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITIES
BELIEVE ALL THREE IMPOUNDED PLANES TO BE OWNED BY
HEZIKIAH OYUGI, KENYAN PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL
ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL SECURITY. OYUGI MUST
APPROVE ANY EXCEPTION TO THE FLIGHT BAN.

5. SAYS MOGADISHU'S DIRECTOR OF CIVIL
AVIATION, ABDULLAHI SAID, WILL TRAVEL TO NAIROBI THIS
WEEK TO TRY TO PERSUADE GOK AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING
OYUGI, TO END THE BAN ON FLIGHTS TO MOGADISHU.

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6. COMMENT. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER
OYUGI OWNS THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION, BUT CONTACTS AT
WILSON AIRPORT CLAIM THE PERSEC HAS AN INTEREST IN
NUMEROUS KENYAN-REGISTERED AIRPLANES OPERATING FROM
NAIROBI. OYUGI OWNING PART OR ALL OF THE BOEING 707
MIGHT HELP EXPLAIN WHY AIA IS THE ONLY AIR CARRIER
EXEMPTED FROM THE GOK FLIGHT BAN.

7. COMMENT CONT. CONOCO IS NOT A DISINTERESTED
VIEWER OF THIS MINI-DRAMA. IT HAS BEEN TRYING FOR
SOME TIME TO OBTAIN FLIGHT CLEARANCES FROM THE GOK SO
IT CAN SUPPLY ITS MOGADISHU OFFICE AND CARRY OUT CREW
CHANGES. THE POSSIBILITY OF CONOCO BEING INVOLVED IN
THE IMPOUNDMENTS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED:

HE WILL ACCOMPANY ABDULLAHI SAID TO
NAIROBI THIS WEEK.

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