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1. THE PICTURE IS AS FOLLOWS. A PLATOON OF DISSIDENT SOLDIERS HEADED BY A 2ND LT OCCUPIED STATE HOUSE EARLIER THIS MORNING. THEIR GRIEVANCE IS PAY AND CONDITIONS AND THE LACK OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AGAINST THE REBELS. THEY HAVE MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT. THE RSLMF IMMEDIATELY TOOK CONTROL OF OTHER KEY LOCATIONS IN FREETOWN INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE AND ARE IN CONTROL THERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY MAY SHORTLY MOUNT A COUNTER-ATTACK ON STATE HOUSE. MOMOH IS SAID TO BE SECURE. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES. NO NEWS OVER THE SL RADIO.
2. WE HAVE ADVISED THE BRITISH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE WARDEN NETWORK TO LIE LOW. THOSE IN THEIR OFFICES TO GO HOME DURING THE PRESENT LULL.
3. THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM ON OUR ACCOUNT.

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1. PRESIDENT MOMOH MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON SIERRA LEONE RADIO AT ABOUT NOON.

MY FELLOW CITIZENS. THIS IS YOUR PRESIDENT, MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH SAIDU MOMOH. I AM SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT EARLY THIS MORNING SOME MALCONTENTS AND MISGUIDED PEOPLE MADE A DESPERATE BID TO DISRUPT THE PUBLIC PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WE KNOW AND HAVE ENJOYED AS A NATION. WITH THE HELP OF LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES, POLICE AND MILITARY COMBINED THE SITUATION IS CONTAINED AND UNDER CONTROL. IN THEIR DESPERATE BID THIS MORNING, THE MALCONTENTS ENTERED STATE HOUSE PREVENTING THE LOCAL WORKERS FROM GAINING ENTRY. STATE HOUSE IS NOW BEING CLEARED AND SOME ARRESTS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED. I WANT TO ADVISE YOU ALL TO REMAIN CALM AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD ALMIGHTY MY GOVERNMENT WILL RETURN THINGS TO NORMALITY. I WANT TO THANK LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE ARMY AND THE POLICE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THWART THE EVIL DESIGNS OF THESE MALCONTENTS. YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. FINANLLY I WANT TO PLEDGE AGAIN THAT NO FORCE WILL DISRUPT OUR PROGRAMME TOWARDS MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY.

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1. A MUTINEERS BROADCAST THIS AFTERNOON MEANS THAT THIS AFFAIR WILL NOW LAST LONGER THAN WE THOUGHT. SUMMARY OF TEXT FOLLOWS.
2. FOR BANJUL. PLEASE ADVISE AIR GAMBIA NOT TO FLY TO FREETOWN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR BEST VERSION OF THE GARBLED BROADCAST BY THE MUTINEERS THIS AFTERNOON :

COLLECTIVE VOICE OF PATRIOTIC OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SIERRA LEONE ARMED FORCES. OFFICERS AND MEN NAMED LIEUTENANT COLONEL YAHYAH KANU THE SPEAKER, CAPTAIN V.E.L. STREASER LIEUTENANT TAMBO, LIEUTENANT C.E.M. BAYOH, 2ND LIEUTENANT MONDEH HAVE COME TOGETHER AND TRIED IN THE INTEREST OF THIS COUNTRY TO CHANGE THE OPPRESSIVE MISRULE OF THIS APC NONSENSE. WE BELIEVE OUR CAUSE IS A JUST ONE. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE DONE THIS IN THE INTEREST OF OUR CHILDREN. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SIERRA LEONEANS HAVE TODAY GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE. TURN TO A NEW CHAPTER AND START A PROCESS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND RECONCILIATION. (OUR COUNTRY HAS ?) LONG BEEN OPPRESSED AND BRUTALISED AND INTIMIDATED AND HARRASSED BY THE ONE PARTY APC GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE APC GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED THE COUNTRY COMPLETELY AND LOST THE RESPECT OF SIERRA LEONEANS. OUR CHILDREN CANNOT GO TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THE APC GOVERNMENT HAS DONE NOTHING. WE HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED. SIERRA LEONEANS HAVE BEEN MADE 2ND CLASS CITIZENS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. WHEN WE GO OUTSIDE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THEY TREAT US AS ECONOMIC REFUGEES. THEY DEPORT US BACK TO OUR COUNTRY AND WE STILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER. OUR GRADUATES WHEN THEY COME OUT FROM THE COLLEGES, THEY HAVE NO JOBS. EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE A JOB THERE IS NO MONEY. INFLATION IS RUNNING AT A HEIGHT THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED. WE CANNOT CONTINUE UNDER THESE SORTS OF POLICIES FOREVER. TO COMPOUND THE PROBLEM THERE IS WHAT HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON US BY BANDITS FROM LIBERIA, CONTROLLED BY ONE WAYWARD MAN C. TAYLOR, BUT WE ARE HAPPY TODAY THAT THE LORD HAS BEEN ON OUR SIDE. WE HAVE SUFFERED THE AGONY TO CONTAIN THE SITUATION A LITTLE. BUT AGAINST A BACKDROP OF PLENTY OF SUFFERING SOLDIERS ARE DYING ON THE FRONT. SOLDIERS ARE WITHOUT FOOD. PARENTS DON'T KNOW IF WE DIE WHERE WE WILL BE BURIED. WHEN WE HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITALS WE HAVE NO MEDICINES. THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN BOAST OF AS SIERRA LEONEANS. SO TODAY THE APC GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN. APC PARTY SECRETARIES AND REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY. ALL APC REPRESENTATIVES, APC

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STEWARTS, APC HEADS, APC PARTY SECRETARIES SHOULD ALL REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY. THE FIRST BATTALLION AND SECOND BATTALLION MUST STAND BY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, THE SSD SHOULD ALSO STANDBY FOR FURTHER DIRECTIVES. WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS CORRECT. WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS RIGHT. PLEASE KEEP BY YOUR RADIO SO THAT YOU WILL FOLLOW VERY CAREFULLY THE DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR BELOVED COUNTRY. FELLOW COUNTRY-MEN AND WOMEN, I THANK YOU ALL. ITS AT THIS HOUR (THIS IS ADDITIONAL TO WHAT WE HAVE JUST BROADCAST) WE WANT TO APPEAL TO OUR FRIENDS IN THIS REGION, PARTICULARLY THE NIGERIANS AND GUINEANS, WE WANT TO TELL THEM THAT THIS IS PURELY AN INTERNAL MATTER. WE WANT THEM TO TRUST US. THAT THE SITUATION WILL BE RESOLVED AND THAT THE SITUATION WILL BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. WE APPEAL TO THE NIGERIAN CONSULATE AND THE GUINEAN CONSULATE TO RESPECT OUR WISHES, TO REPECT OUR DESIRES AND BE PATIENT WITH US. FOR WE BELIEVE WE WILL SUCCEED AND WE BELIEVE THE SITUATION WILL SOON BE RETURNED TO NORMALITY. A MORE DETAILED SPEECH FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF WILL FOLLOW LATER.

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1. THERE WAS CONCENTRATED MACHINE GUN FIRE BY THE RSLMF IN MID AFTERNOON PRESUMABLY AT STATE HOUSE AND PRESUMABLY THE ANTICIPATED COUNTER ATTACK. FREETOWN CENTRE IS NOW RELATIVELY QUIET. THE RSLMF CLEAR PEOPLE FROM THE STREETS AT INTERVALS.
2. THERE ARE REPORTS OF GUNFIRE AT LUNGI AND AN EXPLOSION AT WILBERFORCE.
3. THE MUTINEER'S HEADQUARTERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED AT THE BINTUMANI HOTEL. THEY BROADCAST ON 94 MEGACYCLES.
4. [REDACTED] AND I ARE AT THE HIGH COMMISSION. OTHER UK-BASED STAFF PLUS THE BRITISH COUNCIL DIRECTOR ARE AT THE HIGH COMMISSION COMPOUND. [REDACTED] AND CO, ODA, ARE STILL AT NJALA.

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1. WE HAVE HAD THREE SEPERATE REPORTS IN THE LAST HOUR THAT THE IGP, BAMBAY KAMARA, HAS BEEN ARRESTED.
2. THE TWO BRITISH COUNCIL VISITORS ARE SAFE AT THE HC COMPOUND.
3. WE WILL CLOSE DOWN SHORTLY UNTIL MORNING TO CONSERVE GENERATOR FUEL.

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1. US EMBASSY OFFICIALS SPOKE WITH LEADING MUTINEER CAPT/LT COL STRESSER LAST EVENING OUTSIDE THEIR EMBASSY. THEY THOUGHT HIM INTELLIGENT, FULLY SELF POSSESSED AND AUTHORITATIVE. HE SPOKE OF KEEPING CASUALTIES TO A MINIMUM. RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE ASAP. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A RULING COUNCIL. HOPED THAT THE US AND WEST WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC AND HELPFUL. TRIALS IN COURT OF LEADING APC PEOPLE.

2. A QUIET NIGHT IN FREETOWN. SOLDIERS ON PATROL. SPORADIC GUNFIRE. CIVILIANS COMING OUT ONTO THE STREETS AFTER DAWN.

3. STRESSER IS BROADCASTING NOW. TEXT WILL FOLLOW.

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ATTEMPTED COUP

1. THE MUTINEER'S BROADCASTED THE FOLLOWING SHORT MESSAGE AT 0920 HOURS.

THIS IS A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL COUNCIL IS SUMMONING ALL ARMY AND NAVAL OFFICERS TO REPORT AT THE MAHYOUNG OFFICERS MESS FREETOWN LATEST TODAY THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 1992 AT 1200HRS.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE PRODUCT OF A WALK ABOUT UP TO THE COTTON TREE AND BACK.
2. MUTINEERS SAID TO CONTROL WESTERN AREA FROM JUBA ROUND TO AND BEYOND BINTUMANI. LARGE CONCENTRATIONS AT BINTUMANI HOTEL (RADIO 94 MEGS) AND KISSY DOCKYARD AREA. THEY ARE STILL AT STATE HOUSE. THEY HAVE THE SLBS GODERICH TRANSMITTER. THEY YESTERDAY RELEASED ARMY DESERTERS FROM PADEMBA ROAD PRISON.
3. SSD AND ARMY PERSONNEL ARE ON THE STREETS OF FREETOWN KEEPING ORDER BUT UNDER NO CLEAR AUTHORITY. SEEM TO BE WAITING TO SEE WHICH WAY TO GO. CIVILIANS ALSO ON STREETS, SOME CHEERING PASSING MILITARY VEHICLES.
4. SSD HQ. AND ONE OTHER SOURCE ASSURE ME IGP NOT UNDER ARREST. SECONUD SOURCE SAID HIS WIFE IS SO.
5. ESTIMATED DEAD : MUTINEER SANDY, ONE SSD OFFICER, 3 SOLDIERS AND ONE SSD/ARMY IN VEHICLE CRASH AFTER LOOTING.

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MILITARY COUP

1. THE NPRC BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT 1915 :

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY SITUATION, THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL NPRC HAS DECLARED A DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. ALL PEACEFUL AND LAW ABIDING CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO STAY INDOORS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6PM AND 6AM. ANYONE WHO IS FOUND ON THE STREETS OR ANY PUBLIC PLACES WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT REPEAT SHOT ON SIGHT. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND CLEARANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES AS WELL AS TO WORKERS OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES WHO ARE ON DUTY. THESE WORKERS MUST CARRY THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARDS WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES. CHECK POINTS WILL BE ERECTED AND MANNED AT STRATEGIC POINTS. YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUESTED.

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1. CAPT V. STRESSER BROADCAST AS FOLLOWS AT 1815 ON 30 APRIL.

FELLOW CITIZENS. FOR OVER 23 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN MISRULED BY AN OPPRESSIVE, CURRUPT, EXPLOITATIVE AND TRIBALISTIC BUNCH OF CROOKS AND TRAITORS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE APC GOVERNMENT. THIS REGIME HAS PERPETRATED NEPOTISM, TRIBALISM, GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF OUR ECONOMY, EDUCATION, HEALTH, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. THIS REGIME HAS BROUGHT PERMANENT POVERTY AND A DEPLORABLE LIFE FOR MOST SIERRA LEONEANS. THIS REGIME HAS FAILED US WOEFULLY. FOR SIERRA LEONE THE PAST 23 YRS CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS THE LOST DECADES. IT IS ALL OVER NOW. FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN TODAY MARKS THE END OF APC LEGISLATION FOREVER. TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. WE THE PATRIOTIC OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SIERRA LEONE ARMED FORCES HAVE OVERTHROWN THE DOOMED APC GOVERNMENT. THE TWO CONSTITUTIONS BY WHICH THE TYRANIC APC GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MANIPULATING AND CREATING COMPLETE CHAOS IN OUR COUNTRY HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. A FULL STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE INITIATED THIS CLEAN UP EXERCISE TO ERADICATE FROM OUR COUNTRY THE DESTRUCTIVE, EXPLOITIVE AND AGGRESSIVE REGIME OF THE APC GOVERNMENT. HITHERTO UNDER THE MISGUIDED LEADERSHIP OF THE SO-CALLED MAJOR GENERAL J.S.MOMOH. WE ARE DEPENDING ON ALL OF YOU-MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF OUR BELOVED AND LONG FOR SAKEN SIERRA LEONE, TO COME TOGETHER AND RESURRECT OUR NATION FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR AND WRETCHED EXISTENCE THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN FORCED TO LIVE IN. WE HAVE BEEN MADE TO TAKE THIS LINE OF ACTION IN ORDER TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM THE TOTAL CATASTROPHE THAT WE WERE RAPIDLY HEADING FOR AND FROM PROGRESSIVE DEGENERATION. IN PURSUING THIS LINE OF ACTION WE ARE COMITTED TO TWO MAJOR OBJECTIVES NAMELY :

A) TO ENSURE THAT THE REBEL INCURSION IS BROUGHT TO AN IMMEDIATE END. TO REPATRIATE OUR PEOPLE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES. TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN INTENSIVE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ALL AREAS DESTROYED.

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B) TO SINCERLY PURSUE THE PROCESS OF RETURNING OUR COUNTRY TO TRUE MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OUR SISTER COUNTRIES, MOSTLY GUINEA AND NIGERIA, ARE GIVING US TO HELP FIND A LASTING SOLUTION TO THIS REBEL MENACE. OUR ACTION IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ARE MEANINGFULLY UTILIZED SO THAT THE SACRIFICE THEY ARE MAKING EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF ENDANGERING THE LIFE OF THEIR GALLANT SOLDIERS IS NOT DONE IN VAIN. IT IS EVIDENT TO ALL OF US THAT THE PAST REGIME DID NOT HAVE A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT OUR RETURN TO A MULTI PARTY STATE. AS SOON AS WE PUT THIS REBEL ADVANCE BEHIND US A BROAD BASED COMMITTEE OF DEDICATED AND COMMITTED CITIZENS WILL BE SET UP TO ENSURE THE REALIZATION OF OUR RETURN TO A TRUE MULTI PARTY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. WE WANT ALL FRIENDLY NATIONS TO NOTE THAT THIS IS PURELY AN INTERNAL REPEAT AN INTERNAL MATTER INTENDED TO SOLVE OUR CHRONIC DOMESTIC PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE PARASITIC AND CORRUPT APC BUREAUCRACY. WE ARE ONLY PATRIOTIC SIERRA LEONEANS MOST OF WHOM HAPPEN TO BE SOLDIERS FIGHTING ON THE WAR FRONT AND WHO HAVE DECIDED TO ALTER OUR COUNTRIES DECLINE INTO OBLIVION AND TO SET IN MOTION THE MECHANISM TO REDEEM OUR BELOVED COUNTRY IN THE WHOLE WORLD. AS SOON AS WE ALL PUT OUR HANDS TOGETHER AND SET THIS NATION ON THE RIGHT TRACK TO MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT WE SHALL RETURN TO OUR MILITARY BARRACKS WHERE WE RIGHTFULLY BELONG. FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN FOR HOW LONG WERE WE GOING TO PRESERVE THIS SYSTEM WHICH HAS CAUSED ALL OF US TO LIVE IN PERPETUAL DARKNESS. FOR HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO WATCH OUR HOSPITALS BECOME MERE MORTUARIES AND OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PERMANENT ECONOMIC REFUGEES IN OTHER COUNTRIES ? FOR HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW EDUCATION TO BE AN EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE FOR A SELECTED FEW AND SUBJECT OUR PEOPLE TO MASS POVERTY IN OUR COUNTRY, WHICH CAN BOAST OF A VAST OCEAN OF RESOURCES ? FOR HOW LONG ? SIERRA LEONEANS ARE NO LONGER PREPARED TO MORTGAGE THEIR GOD GIVEN RIGHTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW CORRUPT THUGS. WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO BE REDUCED TO SECOND CLASS CITIZENS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. OUR SOLDIERS CONTINUE TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES ON THE WAR FRONT IN SPITE OF VERY POOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE GOVT WHOSE LEADERSHIP SITS IN FREETOWN AND ENRICHES ITSELF BY GROSS MISAPPROPRIATION OF WAR FUNDS. THE DESTINY OF OUR NATION IS NOW IN OUR HANDS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU COME FROM AND WHICH TRIBE YOU BELONG TO. AFTER 31 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AT LEAST WE CAN GET OUT TODAY OF NEPOTISM, GROSS MISMANAGEMENT, CORRUPTION, INJUSTICE, TRIBALISM AND ECONOMIC DECAY. WE CAN GO OUT AND CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DIGNITY OF SIERRA LEONEANS. WE WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT ALL OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS, ESPECIALLY TO ECOWAS,

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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, IMF AND WORLD BANK WILL BE FULLY HONOURED. ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE SAFE AND WE WILL VERY SOON ADDRESS THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTRY SO THAT THEY WILL BE FULLY AWARE OF OUR INTENTIONS AND GIVE US THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO REBUILD OUR COUNTRY. MEANWHILE ALL OUR BORDERS AND AIRPORTS AND HARBOUR REMAIN CLOSED. ALL OUR MILITARY COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD AND BARRACKS ARE TO STAND BY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. ALL FORMER MINISTERS AND APC EXECUTIVES ARE REQUESTED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY. THE COUNTRY IS NOW RULED BY THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL AND ALL PERMANENT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS AND HEADS OF PARASTATALS WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THIS COUNCIL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. WE SHALL VERY SOON ANNOUNCE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL. FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN WE APPEAL TO ALL PEACEFUL AND PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS TO COME OUT IN BROAD DAY LIGHT AND CELEBRATE THIS GREAT VICTORY WE HAVE ALL SCORED OVER TYRANNY AND MASS CORRUPTION. LET US ALL REJOICE FOR THIS GREAT REDEMPTION. MAY GOD HELP US ALL AS WE GO THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT AND TRYING TIMES IN OUR HISTORY.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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