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JOHN P. DIMMER [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD NO
 KNOWLEDGE OF TRANSACTIONS WITH SWISS BANKS AS MENTIONED IN REBUCAB
 AND ADDED HE THOUGHT ALLEGATION SOUNDED EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL.
 CHARLES W. BASS, ECONOMICS SECTION, EMBASSY, STATED HE HAD NEVER
 HEARD OF SUCH LOANS MADE BY SWISS BANKS AND CLAIMED THEY SOUNDED
 HIGHLY UNLIKELY. HE POINTED OUT THAT IF AN AFRICAN LOAN WERE
 UNDERWRITTEN AGAINST DEFAULT BY U.S., THEN THE AFRICAN COUNTRY
 COULD EASILY BORROW MONEY IN SWITZERLAND AT 5 OR 6 PER CENT INTER-
 EST INSTEAD OF 15. BASS STATED U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE
 UNDERWRITES INVESTMENT AND EXPORT RISKS FOR AMERICANS DEALING WITH
 UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES BUT HE REGARDED U.S. UNDERWRITING OF
 AFRICAN BONDS NOT LIKELY AND AN INVITATION TO FRAUD. HE SUGGESTED
 THAT INFO ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM U.S. TREASURY
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