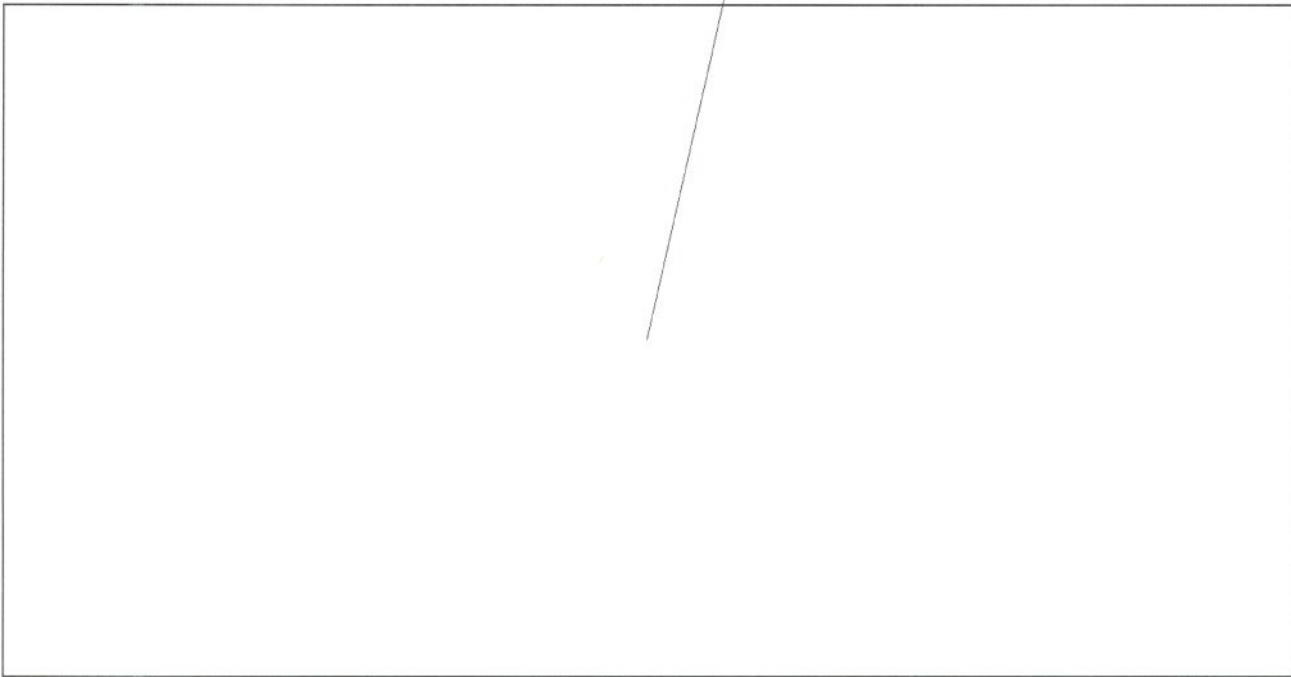


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AREA: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF), TAIWAN (TW), CHINA BODY=(CH).

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THE RSA EMBASSY WAS [REDACTED] ADVISED 10 MINUTES BEFORE PRESIDENT MANDELA'S OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS TO RECOGNIZE PRC BY 970100. RSA AMBASSADOR NO LONGER PLANS TO EXTEND TOUR ON TAIWAN.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c);Sec. 1.4(d)

TEXT: 1. SHOCK AT THE RSA EMBASSY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RSA PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)) HAD JUST ANNOUNCED THE SCHEDULED RECOGNITION OF THE PRC, AND THE DOWNGRADING OF RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c);Sec. 1.4(d)

[REDACTED] AMBASSADOR AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY STAFF IN TAIWAN WAS [REDACTED] JUST TEN (10) MINUTES BEFORE THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA IN PRETORIA, SF THE NIGHT OF 27 NOV 96. THE SHOCK WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE LACK OF PRIOR COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THE RSA EMBASSY.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

2. THE PRESIDENT CHANGED HIS MIND. LIKE MANY PEOPLE IN TAIWAN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT MANDELA HAD ON 26 AUG 96 PUBLICLY STATED, "CANCELLING RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WOULD BE AN IMMORAL ACT. I WILL NOT BE GUILTY OF THAT." THUS, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RECOGNITION OF BEIJING AT THIS TIME WAS A BIG SURPRISE.

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3. THE ATTACHE WAS THE LAST TO KNOW. [REDACTED]

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DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO TURN AGAINST TAIWAN, BUT THAT THERE WERE FORCES (POLITICAL GROUPS) IN THE RSA THAT FELT THAT THEY WANTED HIGHER STATUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND SIDING WITH MANY OF THE SMALLER NATIONS THAT RECOGNIZED TAIWAN WAS PREVENTING THE RSA FROM INCREASING IT'SINTERNATIONAL STATURE.

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[Redacted] THE RSA IS NOT AN AUTHORITARIAN STATE, SO NELSON MANDELA CAN NOT SIMPLY DO AS HE WISHES.

[Redacted] THE RSA IS A NEW STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE VERY INEXPERIENCED AND DON'T YET HAVE THE MATURITY TO ACT APPROPRIATELY ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

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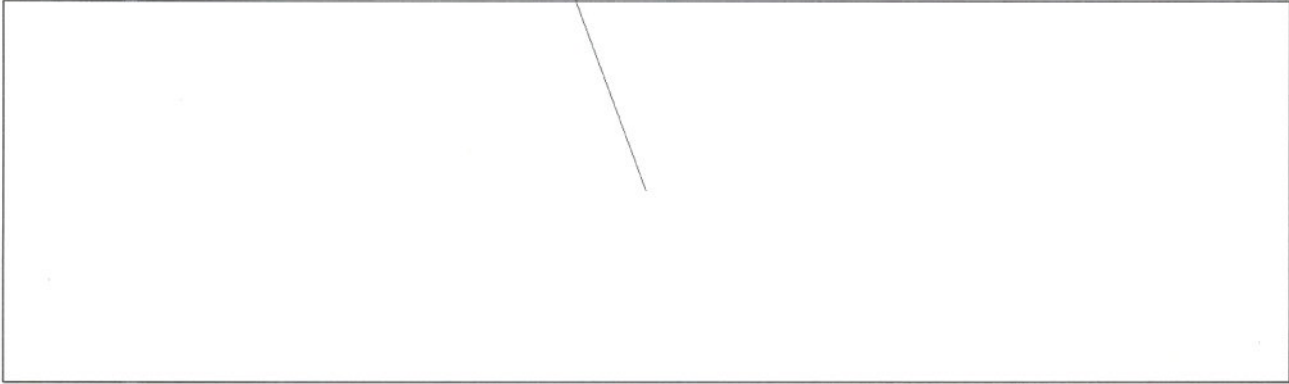
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