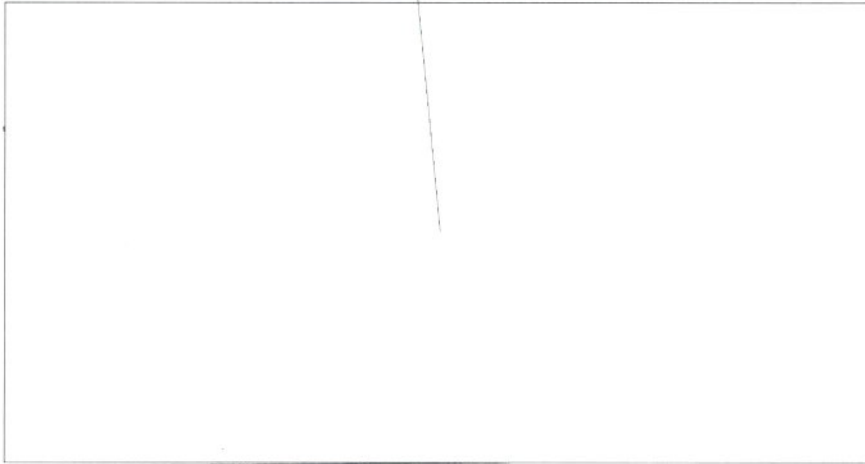


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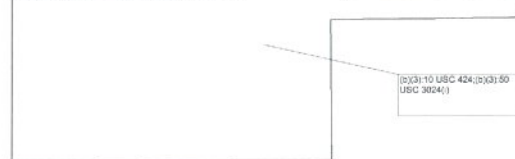
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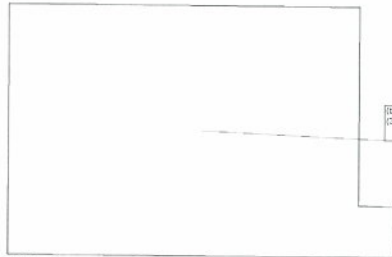


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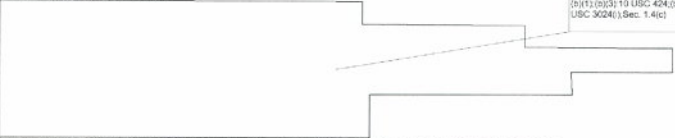
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SUMMARY: (S) THE GHANA ARMED FORCES HAS BEGUN PLANNING TO POTENTIALLY DEPLOY A UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. SEVERAL KEY DEFENSE OFFICIALS ARE MAKING AN URGENT TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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TEXT: 1. (S) AS OF LATE FEBRUARY 2001, SENIOR GHANA ARMED FORCES (GAF) LEADERS BEGAN DRAWING UP PLANS FOR POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE FOR BURUNDI. THE GAF LEADERS' ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY THE REPORTED STRONG DESIRE OF FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT AND CURRENT MEDIATOR FOR THE BURUNDI CRISIS, NELSON ((MANDELA)), FOR GHANA TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A FORCE.

2. (S) ON 27 FEBRUARY, STAFF OFFICERS AT GAF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED ORDERS TO BEGIN COORDINATING AN IMMINENT TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA BY GHANAIAI MINISTER FOR

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THE GAF REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SECOND BATTALION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE (UNAMSIL) AS SOON AS LOGISTICS CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. (SOURCE A COMMENTS. EQUIPMENT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE EXECUTION ORDER, TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE U.S.-SPONSORED OPERATION FOCUS RELIEF INITIATIVE WILL GO A LONG WAY TO MEETING GAF LOGISTICS CONCERNS.) PLANS TO SEND A MEDICAL UNIT TO SIERRA LEONE HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED BECAUSE SWEDEN WILL NOT PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AS THE GAF HAD EXPECTED. THE GAF IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE LOGISTICAL FEASIBILITY OF DEPLOYING AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY TO THE UN MISSION IN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA (UNMEE), THOUGH PROSPECTS DON'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT.

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