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SUBJ: (U) [redacted] SOUTH AFRICA--FORMATION OF SELF DEFENSE UNITS AND THE REACTION OF THE SAP.

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(U), JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA 910414, IN ENGLISH.
B. (U) //OPEN//DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS DAY" (U), JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 910417, IN ENGLISH.
C. (U) //OPEN//DAILY NEWSPAPER, "PRETORIA NEWS" (U), PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, 910516, IN ENGLISH.

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TEXT: 1. (U) IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "DEFIANT ANC

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FORM DEFENSE UNITS," SOURCE A STATES ANC DEPUTY PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)) CALLED ON BLACKS TO FORM DEFENSE UNITS IN STRIFE-TORN TOWNSHIPS. MR MANDELA SAID THE DEFENSE UNITS WOULD NOT CARRY OUT ARMED ACTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS, BUT WOULD PROTECT THE PEOPLE. HE SAID THE ANC WOULD IGNORE PROTESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OVER THEIR FORMATION, AND WENT ON TO ACCUSE THE SAG OF "WORKING WITH CRIMINALS TO PREVENT THE ARRIVAL OF DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY". "IF IT IS OK FOR WHITES TO HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHES AND CIVILIAN GUARDS IT SHOULD BE EQUALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR BLACKS TO HAVE THEIR OWN DEFENSE UNITS," MR MANDELA SAID. HE SAID THE ANC WOULD HONOR ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO TRAIN UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK) MEMBERS INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT PROHIBITING THE ANC FROM FORMING UNITS TO DEFEND ITS PEOPLE.

2. (U) SOURCE B, DISCUSSES THE ANC'S DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMATION OF TOWNSHIP SELF-DEFENSE UNITS. ACCORDING TO COSATU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY SYDNEY ((MAFUMADI)), THE PROPOSALS--MADE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 16 APR IN A BOOKLET ENTITLED "FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LIVES - GUIDELINES FOR THE FORMATION OF PEOPLE'S SELF DEFENSE UNITS"--WERE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE ANC AND ITS ALLIES IN NOV 90. MAFUMADI, CHAIRMAN OF THE ANC-COSATU-SACP TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE'S WORKING COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE, SAID THE COMMITTEE (WHICH INCLUDES COSATU VICE PRESIDENT CHRIS ((DLAMINI)), TRADE UNIONIST AND CIVIC LEADER MOSES ((MAYEKISO)), AND ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MATTHEW ((PHOSA)) AND AZIZ ((PAHAD))) HAD COMMISSIONED THE BOOKLET, THAT IT HAD BEEN PRODUCED BY THE ANC AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTS OF SOUTH AFRICA WHERE THE ALLIANCE HAD AN ORGANIZED PRESENCE. THE DOCUMENT ENVISAGES PARAMILITARY TOWNSHIP DEFENSE STRUCTURES OPERATING UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE ANC'S ARMED WING UMKHONTO WE SIZWE AND "IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION AROUND THE ISSUE OF SELF-DEFENSE.". ACCORDING TO MAFUMADI THE DOCUMENT WAS STILL BEING EXAMINED BY THE NEC AND BY TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES, AND WAS STILL CONSIDERED TO BE IN DRAFT FORM. HE SAID THE

GOVERNMENT'S DOUBLE AGENDA - NEGOTIATION AND DISRUPTION OF ITS OPPONENTS - MADE SELF-DEFENSE UNITS NECESSARY. "THE THRUST OF THE BOOKLET WAS AIMED AT GIVING PEOPLE IDEAS ON HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES." SUGGESTIONS IN THE BOOKLET WOULD HAVE TO BE ADAPTED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS. "THERE IS NO CALL FOR THE INDISCRIMINATE ARMING OF PEOPLE IN THE

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TOWNSHIPS. THE DOCUMENT ARGUES THAT DEFENSE COMMITTEES SHOULD BE LED BY RELIABLE AND DECISIVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ORGANIZE AND COMMAND WITHOUT BEING DICTATORIAL."

3. (U) [REDACTED] THE RIGHT WING IS PLANNING TO FORM A "VOLK" SECURITY NETWORK (VOLKSBEVEILIGINGS NETWERK) TO COUNTER THE ANC'S SELF-DEFENSE UNITS. THE BOERE-VRYHEIDSBEWEGING SAID IT HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO ESTABLISH SUCH A NETWORK BECAUSE OF THE ANC DEMAND OF ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE, THE UNITED FRONT BETWEEN THE ANC AND PAC, THE ANC'S SELF-DEFENSE UNITS AND THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT A TRANSFER OF POWER. THE MOVEMENT'S CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR ALKMAAR ((SWART)), SAID "THE BOERE-VRYHEIDSBEWEGING HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT, IN LIGHT OF THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION, TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE THE 'VOLK' READY FOR ACTION BY HELPING TO DEVELOP A DISCIPLINED AND UNITED 'VOLK' SECURITY NETWORK."

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4. (U) SOURCE C STATED THAT THE WHITE AND CONSERVATIVE TRANSSAAL AGRICULTURAL UNION (TAU) HAS INVITED "ALL FARMERS, FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND DISTRICT UNIONS" TO A CONFERENCE WHERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL SELF-DEFENSE UNITS, THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND REFORMS AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN AGRICULTURE WILL BE DISCUSSED. LTGEN GEORG ((MEIRING)), CHIEF OF THE SA ARMY, WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE FARMERS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "AREA DEFENSE UNITS" LED BY THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL UNIONS.

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[REDACTED] THE UNITS, WHICH HAD BECOME NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE ESCALATING CRIME IN RURAL AREAS, WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE SA DEFENSE FORCE IN COMBATING CRIME.

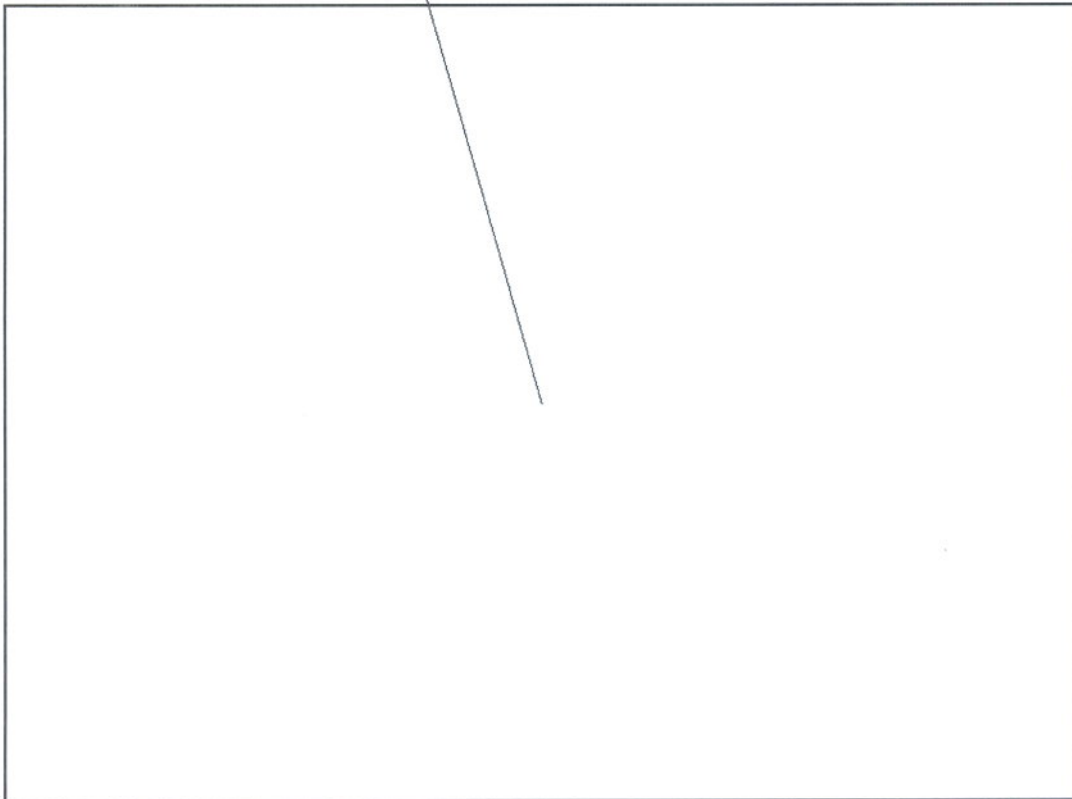
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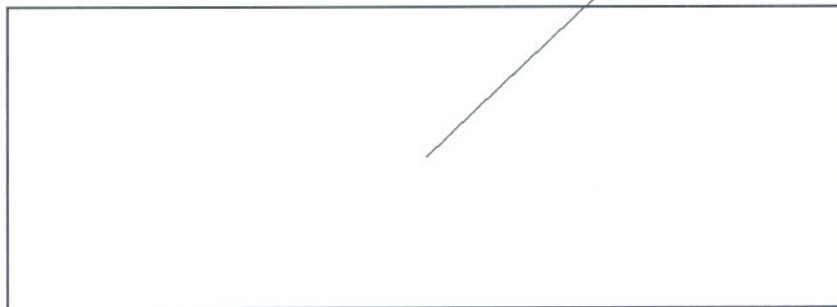
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