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COUNTRY: (U) BURMA (BM).

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 IMPRESSMENT OF PORTERS AND
KAYAH STATE FIGHTING (U)

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SUMMARY: (C/NF) BLATANT IMPRESSMENT OF CIVILIANS FOR
MILITARY PORTER DUTY IS NOW TAKING PLACE IN KALAW,
SHAN STATE, AND LOIKAW, KAYAH STATE. YOUTHS ARE BEING
CONSCRIPTED OFF THE STREETS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND
INCLUDE PALAUNG, PA-O, KAREN, AND KARENNI INSURGENTS.
THE VARIOUS INSURGENT GROUPS HAVE VIRTUALLY SURROUNDED
THE CITY OF LOIKAW AND MOVEMENT FAR OUTSIDE THE CITY

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HAD BEEN MONOPOLIZED BY THE BA TO FLY MANY CASUALTIES
FROM FIGHTING THROUGHOUT KAYAH STATE TO HOSPITALS IN

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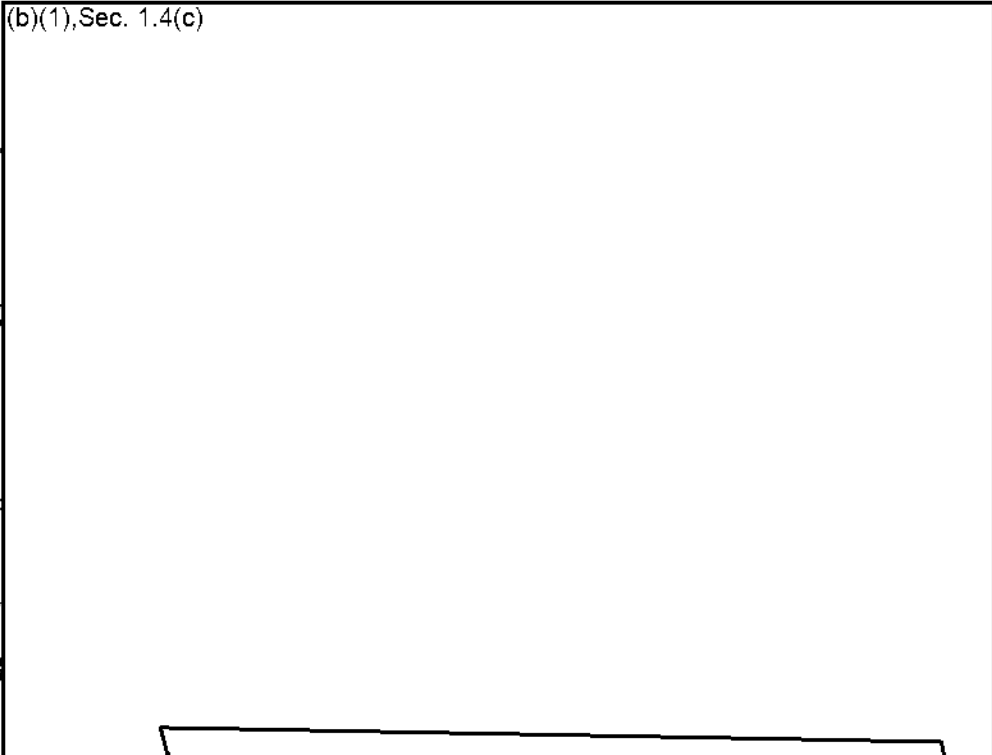
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RANGOON. NO SUCH ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS USED PRESS CONFERENCES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO TRUMPET SUCCESSFUL BA OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KAREN NATIONAL UNION (KNU) IN MARCH AND APRIL.

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