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COUNTRY: (U) PHILIPPINES (RP).

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 /NPA CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS (U)

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REQS: [REDACTED]

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

SUMMARY: ~~(S//NF//NF)~~ NPA DEVELOPING CAPABILITY TO REMOTELY  
DETONATE BOMBS USING HAND-HELD RADIO. NPA MAY BE PLANNING A  
MAJOR OPERATION IN MANILA. THE THREAT TO AMERICANS WILL  
INCREASE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BASES TREATY REJECTION.

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

TEXT: 1. ~~(S//NF//NF)~~ ON 25 SEP 91 (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c)  
CONCERNING THE CAPABILITY OF THE COMMUNIST NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY  
(NPA) TO EMPLOY IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED'S). [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INFORMATION RECENTLY OBTAINED BY THE ARMED  
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) INDICATES THAT THE NPA IS  
DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITY TO REMOTELY DETONATE ONE OR MORE IED'S  
USING ICOM HAND-HELD RADIO TRANSMITTERS. (b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] ICOM  
IS THE BRAND NAME OF A COMMERCIALY PRODUCED JAPANESE HAND-HELD  
RADIO.) THE NPA IS ALSO TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO USE A RADIO  
REPEATER SO THAT SEVERAL WIDELY SEPARATED IED'S COULD BE  
DETONATED SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE REPEATER WOULD NOT NECESSARILY  
BELONG TO THE NPA, BUT COULD BELONG TO AN UNWITTING OWNER.

2. ~~(S//NF//NF)~~ (b)(1);Sec.1.4(c) [REDACTED] THE ONLY TECHNICAL  
PROBLEM REMAINING IN DEVELOPING THIS CAPABILITY IS THAT OF  
RANDOM INTERFERENCE OR UNRELATED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS PREMATURELY  
DETONATING THE IED'S. TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM THE NPA IS  
EXPERIMENTING WITH USING A CODE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE  
TRANSMITTED BY THE ICOM TRANSCIEVER TO TRIGGER THE DEVICE. A  
SINGLE CODE, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY HASK'T PROVIDED ENOUGH  
SECURITY, AND THE NPA IS CURRENTLY TESTING THE FEASIBILITY OF  
USING A SEQUENCE OF TWO OR THREE SEPARATE CODE GROUPS TO TRIGGER  
THE IED'S.

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

3. ~~(S//NF//NF)~~ WITH REGARD TO NPA INTENTIONS IN MANILA, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE NPA IS PLANNING SOMETHING "VERY BIG". THE  
REASON THAT SO FEW SPARROW UNIT ASSASSINATIONS HAVE OCCURED IN  
1992 WHEN COMPARED TO 1990 IS THAT THE NPA DOESN'T WANT TO  
ATTRACT ATTENTION TO ITS PERSONNEL AND POSSIBLY COMPROMISE THIS  
MORE IMPORTANT OPERATION. [REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED] NOW THAT IT APPEARS  
LIKELY THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY LEAVE SUBIC BAY NAVAL  
FACILITY, DESPITE THE REJECTION BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE OF THE  
BASES TREATY, THE NPA MAY TARGET AN AMERICAN TO SHOW ITS

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DISPLEASURE.

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COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF/NN)~~ [REDACTED] AT LEAST SINCE THE FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT TO MINE THE RANGE ROAD AT CLARK AB IN 1989, INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED POINTING TO THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) DEVELOPING A SOPHISTICATED CAPABILITY TO EMPLOY IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED'S). [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] SUCH A SOPHISTICATED CAPABILITY HAS BEEN, DR IS CLOSE TO BEING, REALIZED. THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY RAISE THE THREAT POSED BY THE NPA TO BOTH PHILIPPINE AND AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

2. ~~(S/NF/NN)~~ IT IS PLAUSIBLE THAT THE NPA IS PLANNING A LARGE, SPECIAL OPERATION IN MANILA. WHILE THE RECENT ARRESTS OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE NPA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS CERTAINLY HAD A MAJOR EFFECT ON THE NPA IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE NUMBER OF SPARROW ASSASSINATIONS WAS LOW EVEN BEFORE THE ARRESTS. [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] THE NPA HAS BEEN "LYING LOW" WHILE PREPARING FOR A MAJOR OPERATION MAY THEREFORE HAVE SOME VALIDITY. WHETHER OR NOT THIS SPECIFIC OPERATION, IF IT EXISTS, IS DIRECTED AGAINST AN AMERICAN, THE THREAT TO AMERICANS IN THE PHILIPPINES WILL INCREASE AS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT BE LEAVING SUBIC BAY IMMEDIATELY.

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