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COUNTRY: (U) LIBERIA (LI).

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 FIGHTING UNDERWAY NEAR RIA (U)

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DOI: (U) 900605.

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SUMMARY: (C) FIGHTING BROKE OUT NEAR ROBERTS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WITH REBEL FORCES LOCATED NEAR
HARBEL AND AFL FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF THE FISH CREEK
CHECKPOINT.

TEXT: 1. (C) REBEL FORCES ARRIVED ON THE FAR BANK OF THE
FARMINGTON RIVER, ACROSS FROM THE FIRESTONE TOWN OF
HARBEL, DURING THE NIGHT OF 900604-900605. THE REBELS
REPORTEDLY MADE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN AND REASSURED
FIRESTONE EMPLOYEES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE BOTHERED.
2. (C) ON 900605 AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF FIRESTONE EMPLOYEES CROSSED THE FARMINGTON
RIVER TO JOIN THE INSURGENTS AS NEW RECRUITS. 20-30
MINUTES OF CELEBRATORY WEAPONS FIRING GREETED THEIR

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ARRIVAL. THE ONLY AFL FORCE KNOWN TO BE ON THE
FIRESTONE PLANTATION WAS A TEN MAN OUTPOST (WITH THREE
MACHINE GUNS) LOCATED AT THE NEARBY GATE/CHECKPOINT OF
FISH CREEK (b)(3):10 USC 424

AT AROUND 0930 HOURS THE INSURGENTS FIRED SEVERAL
MORTARS TOWARD THE FISH CREEK CHECKPOINT. THE AFL
RESPONDED BY ATTEMPTING TO DEPLOY TO A POSITION BETWEEN
THE CHECKPOINT AND THE LATEX PLANT IN HARBEL. AFTER
FIVE TO TEN MINUTES, THE INSURGENTS STOPPED THEIR MORTAR
FIRE (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE SMALL AFL
FORCE WAS DRIVEN BACK TOWARD FISH CREEK.

3. (C) AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS, SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS
HEARD IN THE VICINITY OF FISH CREEK. THE INSURGENTS
RECOMMENCED THEIR MORTAR FIRES, WITH IMPACTS HEARD
BEYOND THE FISH CREEK CHECKPOINT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE
STOPPED ONCE AGAIN AT 1030 HOURS.

4. (b)(1),1.4 (c) AS OF 1100
HOURS THE REBELS HAD CROSSED THE FARMINGTON AND
ESTABLISHED A FORCE ON THE PLANTATION IN THE VICINITY OF
HARBEL. PLANTATION OFFICIALS ARE REPORTEDLY CONCERNED
THAT A BLOODBATH MAY OCCUR SHOULD THE AFL MANAGE TO
RECAPTURE THE AREA NOW HELD BY THE INSURGENTS.

5. (C) COL ((WRIGHT)), THE COMMANDER OF THE AFL 1ST BN,
COULD BE HEARD AT AROUND 1015 HOURS ON THE AFL COMMAND
RADIO NET ORDERING TWO (2) PLATOONS FROM CAMP SCHIEFFLIN
TO GO TO THE SUPPORT OF THE AIRPORT DETACHMENT. HE ALSO
CAUTIONED THE SOLDIERS TO BE WARY OF POSSIBLE REBEL
AMBUSHES ALONG THE AIRPORT HIGHWAY. AT APPROXIMATELY
1130 HOURS, WRIGHT WAS ONCE AGAIN ON THE RADIO, ORDERING
HIS UNITS TO DEPLOY FROM THE VICINITY OF UNIFICATION
TOWN TOWARD HARBEL. AT 1155 HOURS, THE 1ST BN ELEMENTS
AT THE AIRPORT REPORTED THAT THEY WERE IN COMPLETE
CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL AND THAT NO INSURGENTS
WERE ON THEIR SIDE OF THE FARMINGTON RIVER IN THE
VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL OR HOTEL COMPLEX.

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