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B. {U} FRANCE: FURTHER BOMBINGS IN PARIS.
{1} {U} ON 3 SEPTEMBER, A BOMB PACKED IN A PRESSURE COOKER
PARTIALLY DETONATED IN A PARIS OUTDOOR MARKET INJURING FOUR
INDIVIDUALS. THE NEXT DAY, FRENCH POLICE DISMANTLED A SECOND

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BOMB WHICH FAILED TO DETONATE. THE 25 KG GAS CANISTER BOMB, SET TO DETONATE ON 3 SEPTEMBER, WAS FOUND IN A PUBLIC TOILET NEAR THE SAME LOCATION AS THE MISFIRED DEVICE AND WAS SET TO DETONATE SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE MARKET IS LOCATED NEAR THE PLACE DE LA BASTILLE, AN AREA COMMONLY CROWDED WITH FOREIGN TOURISTS. THERE WERE NO CREDIBLE CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY REPORTED.

{2} ~~{G}~~ COMMENT: ALGERIA'S ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP {GIA} IS LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE BOMBS, AS WELL AS THREE OTHER RECENT BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS. THOUGH OTHER GROUPS, INCLUDING IRANIAN-BACKED ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS, COULD HAVE CARRIED OUT THE ATTACKS, THE GIA REMAINS THE MOST LIKELY CULPRIT, HAVING CLAIMED THE 25 JULY PARIS METRO BOMBING. THE 17 AUGUST BOMBING NEAR THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE AND THE 26 AUGUST ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF A HIGH SPEED RAIL LINE NEAR LYON ARE LIKELY RELATED AS WELL, GIVEN THE SIMILARITIES IN BOMB CONSTRUCTION AND APPARENT INTENT TO CAUSE INDISCRIMINATE INJURIES. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL SUSPECTED GIA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY FRENCH POLICE AS A DIRECT RESULT THE BOMBING INVESTIGATIONS, NONE HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE ATTACKS. SIMILAR BOMBINGS WILL LIKELY CONTINUE. SUCH ATTACKS REPRESENT A PERIPHERAL THREAT TO US PERSONNEL WHO COULD BECOME VICTIMS OF SUCH INDISCRIMINATE ATTACKS. DIA CONTINUES TO ASSESS THE OVERALL THREAT TO US PERSONNEL, FACILITIES AND INTERESTS IN FRANCE AS LOW.

C. {U} ALGERIA: SURGE IN VIOLENCE.

{1} {U} SINCE 31 AUGUST THERE HAVE BEEN THREE SIZABLE CAR BOMB ATTACKS IN ALGERIA, THREE MORE FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND SEVERAL JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED, A DISTINCT INCREASE IN THE ALREADY-HIGH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM IN ALGERIA. AN ITALIAN TECHNICIAN, WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN ORAN ON 2 SEPTEMBER, AND A FRENCHWOMAN AND MALTESE CITIZEN, BOTH NUNS, WERE MURDERED IN ALGIERS ON 3 SEPTEMBER. THEY ARE THE LATEST OF OVER 100 FOREIGNERS KILLED SINCE ALGERIA'S ISLAMIC RADICALS BEGAN A CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE AGAINST FOREIGNERS IN 1992. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS HAVE ALSO BEEN KILLED, THE MOST RECENT BEING A FEMALE RADIO JOURNALIST IN ALGIERS ON 3 SEPTEMBER.

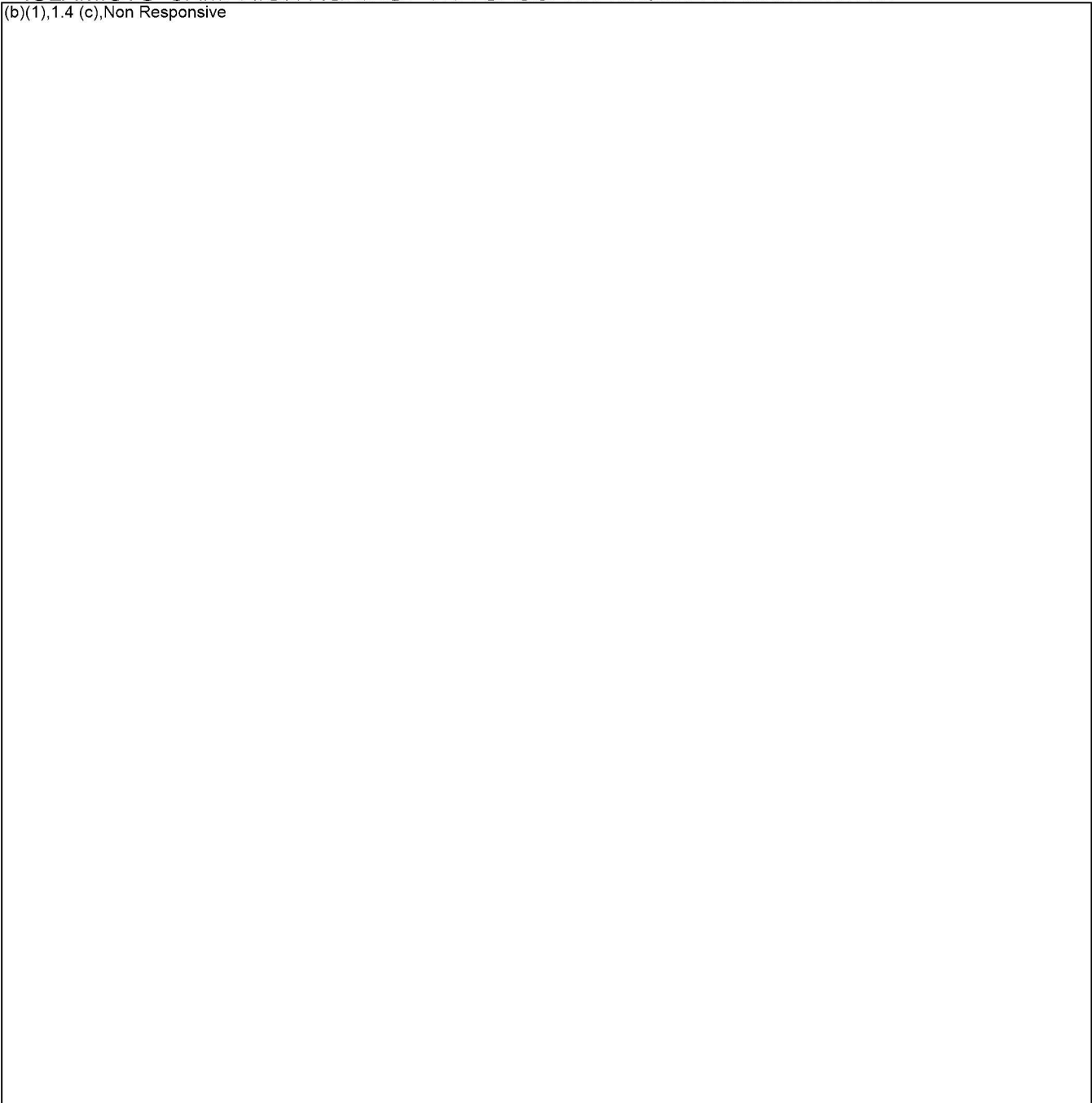
{2} {U} THE LATEST CAR BOMBINGS WERE ON 2 SEPTEMBER IN THE CENTER OF MEFTAH, 12 MILES SOUTH OF ALGIERS, AND ON 4 SEPTEMBER NEAR MUNICIPAL OFFICES IN THE ALGIERS SUBURB OF BIRKHADEM. THE 2 SEPTEMBER BLAST KILLED FOUR AND INJURED MORE THAN 80, AND THE 4 SEPTEMBER INCIDENT RESULTED IN SEVERAL INJURIES BUT NO KNOWN DEATHS AS YET. THE MEFTAH BOMB REPORTEDLY CONTAINED AS MUCH AS 200 KG OF TNT EXPLOSIVE.

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{3} ~~{S}~~ COMMENT: THIS UPSWING IN VIOLENCE IS CONSISTENT WITH RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT ALGERIAN ISLAMIST RADICALS, PARTICULARLY THE ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP {GIA}, ARE INDEED ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BY USING TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE. ALTHOUGH VIOLENCE HAS BEEN THE NORM IN ALGERIA FOR THE PAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS, THE INCREASING USE OF LARGE CAR BOMBS AND THE APPARENT RETURN TO ASSASSINATING FOREIGNERS, WHICH HAD DROPPED OFF IN RECENT MONTHS, SUGGESTS A RENEWAL OF THE ISLAMISTS' CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SECULAR REGIME IS UNDERWAY.

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