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COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF).

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SUBJ: (U) SOUTH AFRICA--MAGNUS SPEAKS
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USC 3024(i)(U) ~~C~~//OPEN//DAILY NEWSPAPER, "THE PRETORIA NEWS",
PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, IN ENGLISH, 9 JUL 90.SUMMARY: (U) REPORTS ON RECENT PUBLIC ATTACKS ON ANC BY
MIN DEF MALAN. SAG NON-REACTION MAY BE PL AYING TO RIGHT
WING WHILE HOPING ANC RESPONDS WITH AN "OFF LINE"
STATEMENT ON PRE-NEGOTIATION ISSUES--OR, MALAN MAY SIMPLY
BE "GOING DOWN SWINGING".

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TEXT: 1. ~~C~~ AT SADF 78TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE ON 30 JUN
90, MINISTER OF DEFENSE MAGNUS ((MALAN)) MADE A WHAT LOCAL
PRESS HAVE CALLED "A SCATHING ATTACK" ON THE ANC AND THE
"GLOBE TROTTING" ANC LEADER MR. NELSON ((MANDELA)).

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2. (U) AFTER (FOR MALAN) A MODERATE START, IN WHICH HE
STATED HE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT DIFFERENT "POPULATION
GROUPS" WERE REPRESENTED IN THE PARADE AND THAT "WHAT
COUNTS IN THE DEFENSE FORCE IS THE SOLDIERS LOYALTY TO HIS
COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE. HE DOES HIS DUTY TO THE BEST OF
HIS ABILITY WHATEVER THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN." MALAN WENT
ON TO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION IN NATAL. REFERRING TO THE
IMPORTANCE OF TH E MILITARY'S ROLE THERE HE SAID THAT "IT
IS, HOWEVER, NOT THE TASK OF THE DEFENSE FORCE TO ASSIST

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ONE GROUP AGAINST OTHERS. FURTHERMORE IT IS NOT THE DEFENSE FORCE'S TASK TO MAKE POLITICAL PEACE--THIS IS PURELY A POLITICAL INITIATIVE. THE DEFENSE FORCE CAN TRY TO STABILIZE A CONFLICT SITUATION SO THAT IT BECOMES CONDUCTIVE TO TALKS AMONGST LEADERS OF VARIOUS GROUPS. LEADERS HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS REGARD, AND SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE."

"IN THIS CONNECTION A FEW WORDS TO MR. MANDELA WHO TROTS THE GLOBE".

"IN THE GROOTE SCHUUR MINUTE OF THE 4TH OF MAY HE AND HIS ANC AGREED ON A COMMON COMMITMENT TOWARDS RESOLVING THE EXISTING CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION AS WELL AS TO WORK FOR STABILITY AND THEREFORE A CLIMATE FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. YET MR. MANDELA IS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. AT THIS POINT IN TIME HE IS THE MOST OVER-PUBLICISED POLITICIAN IN WORLD MEDIA. HIS STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND HIS ADHERENCE TO THE SO-CALLED STRUGGLE, BE IT ARMED OR IN WHATEVER FORM, CONTRADICTS THE SPIRIT AND CONTENTS OF THE GROOTE SCHUUR MINUTE. I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME FOR MR. MANDELA AND THE ANC TO COME TO TERMS WITH REALITY. THE GOVERNMENT KEEPS ITS WORD AND ACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GROOT SCHUUR MINUTE. ON THE OTHER HAND ONE WONDERS WHETHER THE ANC IS REALLY SERIOUS IN ITS APPROACH TO EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. TWO QUESTIONS COME TO THE MINDS OF THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO FAVOR A PEACEFUL PROCESS. FIRSTLY IT IS PERHAPS A CASE OF USING THE PROCESS TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS AS A CONTINUATION OF THE SO-CALLED ARMED STRUGGLE; AND SECONDLY, IS IT THE OBJECTIVE TO USE NEGOTIATIONS AS A CLOAK TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ORDER BY AN ANC REGIME. THESE ARE VITAL QUESTIONS AND CLEAR ANSWERS WOULD CERTAINLY BRING CLARITY, IN WHICHEVER DIRECTION."

"HERE ON HOME GROUND, CHRIS ((HANI)) CHIEF OF STAFF OF UMKHONTO WE SIZWE OR MK, TOLD A NEWSPAPER ON SUNDAY LAST, AND I QUOTE: 'WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THE TRAINING AS WELL AS RECRUITMENT OF MK. NATURALLY OUR OPERATIONS DO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW TALKING TO THE ANC, HENCE WE ARE BRIEFING OUR UNITS TO ONLY CARRY OUT OPERATIONS THAT MUST FULLY REFLECT THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION'. UNQUOTE. THESE ARE STRANGE AND DANGEROUS WORDS, COMING FROM A MAN WHOSE FELLOW-LEADERS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO CREATE A PEACEFUL CLIMATE."

"THE ANC HAS UP TO NOW INSISTED THAT OBSTACLES BE REMOVED BEFORE TALKS CAN GET UNDER WAY. LET ME MAKE IT VERY CLEAR TODAY: THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS SUCH AN OBSTACLE. WE REJECT TERRORISM BY RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS, BUT INDEED, ALSO TERRORISM BY LEFT-WINGERS. WE WANT AN END TO BOTH. AND THE SOONER IT HAPPENS, THE SOONER WE CAN EXPAND OUR DEMOCRACY IN AN ORDERLY AND PROPER WAY. AN EXPANDED DEMOCRACY IS ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA.

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"A LAST POINT IN THIS REGARD. WHILE MR MANDELA TRAVELS ABROAD VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN NATAL AMONG BLACKS. THE PRESENCE OF OUR TROOPS HAS CAUSED A DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, THE CONFLICT POTENTIAL REMAINS TENSE. ONLY THE ANC AND ITS SUPPORTERS ARE STILL SHOUTING 'TROOPS OUT'. THE FACT IS THE SADF REPRESENTS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF AN ANC BACKED TAKE-OVER BY FORCE. THE SADF'S SUCCESS IS NOT BECAUSE IT SIDES WITH ANY ONE FACTION, BUT BECAUSE OF ITS DEVOTION TO STABILITY, SOUND MANAGEMENT OF THE SITUATION AND GOOD HUMAN RELATIONS."

"THE SADF IS IMPARTIAL. IT ADDRESSES THE BASIC NEEDS OF PEOPLE, WHO WANT SECURITY, SAFETY, EMPLOYMENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD A NORMAL LIVE. AT THIS STAGE THE ANC ADVOCATES STAY-AWAYS WHICH DAMAGE PEOPLES INTERESTS AND NEEDS. IT IS THEREFORE AGAINST THE PEOPLE. WITH THEIR FURTHER DEMANDS THEY TRANSGRESS THE BOUNDARIES OF DEMOCRATIC BEHAVIOUR. TO ALL REASONABLE PEOPLE THIS IS A DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT, WHICH BODES ILL FOR STABILITY, PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT."

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2. (C) AUDIENCE REACTION [REDACTED] WAS CONFINED TO A MIRTHFUL OUTBURST AT MALAN'S "MANDELA WHO TROTS THE GLOBE" REMARK, FOLLOWED BY A SOMEWHAT STUNNED SILENCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPEECH. APPLAUSE WAS RESTRAINED AND SEVERAL GUESTS COMMENTED [REDACTED] ON THE "INAPPROPRIATENESS" OF MALAN'S REMARKS. THE CONSERVATIVE PRESS, ON THE OTHER HAND TOOK GREAT GLEE IN "MAGNUS LASHES OUT" AND "MALAN SLAMS ANC" TYPE ARTICLES. DR ANDRIES ((TRUERNICHT)) WAS QUOTED AS "(FINDING) IT ENCOURAGING THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE CABINET MINISTER WHO DARED TO ATTACK THE ANC". TRUERNICHT SAID THAT THE CP HAD SENT AN ENQUIRY TO THE STATE PRESIDENT TO FIND OUT IF MALAN'S POSITION WAS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT; AND THAT "ANYONE WHO TRIED TO CLAIM THAT (THE) SPEECH WAS MADE FOR THEIR POLITICAL INTERESTS MISSED THE POINT." DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPOKESMEN CHARACTERIZED MALAN'S REMARKS AS "IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CONFLICT POLITICS AND NOT THAT OF NEGOTIATIONS". NO COMMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE BY NATIONAL PARTY OR SAG REPRESENTATIVES.

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3. (U) PERHAPS ENCOURAGED BY THE ATTENTION AND LACK OF RESPONSE FROM THE DE KLERK GOVERNMENT MALAN AGAIN TOOK UP THE CUDGELS ON 8 JULY. AS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE 20TH ANNUAL MOTH NATIONAL BOWLS TOURNAMENT [REDACTED]

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MALAN DELIVERED ANOTHER "WARNING TIRADE" AGAINST THE ANC.

[REDACTED] "THE ANC CANNOT CLAIM TO BE THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE FACT THAT MILLIONS DID NOT HEED THE ANC'S (STAYAWAY) CALL DESPITE VICIOUS PRESSURE" WAS REASON TO PRAISE THE "OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF OUR BLACK PEOPLE". "THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT AND PROTECTION AGAINST INTIMIDATION AND

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ABUSE. IF THE ANC IS REALLY SERIOUS IN CONTRIBUTING TO A NEW AND JUST DEMOCRATIC ORDER IN SOUTH AFRICA, ALL ITS LEADERS SHOULD PUT THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTHS ARE." MALAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT NO ONE DENIED THE ANC THEIR OWN VIEWPOINT BUT THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT VIEWPOINTS ADVANCE A PEACEFUL PROCESS RATHER THAN HAMPER IT. HE ADDED THAT "THE SOONER THE ANC COMES TO TERMS WITH REALITY, THE BETTER THE OUTLOOK FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS." [REDACTED] M ALAN'S USE OF A SPORTING FORUM TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE WAS CRITICISED BY SOME ATTENDEES.

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