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SERIAL: (U) [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF); MALAYSIA (MY).

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] MALAYSIA MIGHT SOON SIGN ARMS
DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA (U)

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SOURCE: (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS TIMES", JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA, 10 SEPTEMBER 2000 (U), ENGLISH, INDEPENDENT
DAILY DEALING WITH BUSINESS AND CORPORATE ISSUES.

SUMMARY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA IS WITHIN MONTHS OF SIGNING MAJOR
ARMS SALES CONTRACTS WITH MALAYSIA. ARTILLERY, UAV'S, AND THE
'ROOIVALK' ATTACK HELICOPTER ARE INCLUDED.

TEXT: 1. (U) SOURCE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT MALAYSIA WISHES TO
PURCHASE 22 'G-5' ARTILLERY SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS KENTRON'S
'SEEKER' UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE MALAYSIAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS "SHOWN AN INTEREST IN THE 'ROOIKAT'
COMBAT VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY VICKERS-OMC".

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[REDACTED] MALAYSIA HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS CONSIDERING
PLACING THE 'ROOIVALK' ATTACK HELICOPTER BACK ON ITS
ACQUISITION PROGRAM. THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT ROOIVALK'S IS
BELIEVED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT'S
PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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[REDACTED] THE MALAYSIAN
GOVERNMENT WAS LOBBIED HEAVILY BY FORMER SA PRESIDENT NELSON
((MANDELA)) ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO MALAYSIA IN SUPPORT OF THE
DEALS.

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