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(b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN ISRAEL WEST BANK, GAZA, AND ISRAEL, FROM 1 - 3 FEB 05.

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TEXT: 1. (U) EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HUSNI ((MUBARAK)) INVITED ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL ((SHARON)) AND PA PRESIDENT MAHMUD ((ABBAS)) TO A REGIONAL SUMMIT WITH JORDAN\`S KING ABDULLAH IN SHARM AL SHEIKH ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY. THE SUMMIT WILL CONCLUDE WITH A NEW SECURITY UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PA, THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE RETURN TO ISRAEL OF AMBASSADORS FROM EGYPT AND JORDAN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE SUMMIT INVITATION WAS DELIVERED BY EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OMAR SULAYMAN IN HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SHARON ON WEDNESDAY.

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-- (U) PA SECURITY SERVICES DISCOVERED AND CLOSED AN ARMS SMUGGLING TUNNEL IN RAFAH ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. THE TUNNEL WAS 16 METERS DEEP. THE IDF ARRESTED A WOMAN WHO TRIED TO SMUGGLE 100 BULLETS IN A CRATE OF FRUIT AT THE TUFAH CROSSING BETWEEN KHAN YUNIS AND THE GUSH KATIF SETTLEMENT BLOC ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

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-- (U) THERE IS INCREASED CONCERN WITHIN THE IDF OVER HARASSMENT FOCUSED ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANT COMMANDERS AND RABBIS INVOLVED IN THE EVACUATION OF ILLEGAL OUT POSTS OR INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT BY EXTREME RIGHT WING ACTIVISTS, ACCORDING TO HA'ARETZ. THE HARASSMENT HAS INCLUDED

DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE HOMES, VILIFYING POSTERS, THREATS BY PHONE OR IN PERSON, SUMMONS TO RABBINICAL HEARINGS, BOYCOTTS OF RELATIVE'S BUSINESSES, AND, IN SOME CASES, PHYSICAL ASSAULT.

-- (U) 38 FAMILIES IN THE NISANIT AND ALEI SINAI SETTLEMENTS IN NORTHERN GAZA HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO RELOCATE OUT OF THE GAZA, ACCORDING TO HA\ARETZ.
-- (U) PEACE NOW HEAD, YARIV ((OPPENHEIMER)) CALLED FOR AN INQUIRY, AND INDICTMENT OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTIONS OF ILLEGAL OUTPOSTS, DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE MARKING THE RELEASE OF PEACE NOW\ S 2004 SETTLEMENT/OUTPOST REPORT, ACCORDING TO HA\ARETZ ON THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, 2004 WITNESSED THE EVACUATION OF ONLY TWO OUTPOSTS -- THE GINOT ARYEH AND THE TAL BINYAMIN SYNAGOGUE-YESHIVA; ANOTHER OUTPOST, MITZPEH YITZHAR WAS EVACUATED AND REESTABLISHED; AND THREE NEW POSTS, SOUTH MIGRON, NORTHEAST OFRA AND SOUTHEAST OFRA, ALL IN THE BINYAMIN COUNCIL AREA (AROUND RAMALLAH), WERE ESTABLISHED. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF 12 EXISTING POSTS. SETTLEMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, GREW BY 1,800 DUNAMS; 3,500 HOUSING UNITS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION; AND 962 HOUSING TENDERS WERE ISSUED. LARGE SCALE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY IN MORE THAN 40 DIFFERENT SETTLEMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WITH THE BIGGEST OPERATIONS TAKING PLACE IN MA\ALEH ADUMIM, BETAR ILIT, MODI\IN ILIT, ALFEI MENASHE, ADAM, AND HAR GILO. TWO NEW ROADS -- JERUSALEM TO NOKDIM, AND THE NILI-OFARIM -- ARE BEING PAVED IN THE WEST BANK, AND THERE HAVE BEEN EXPANSIONS OF THE TRANS-SAMARIA HIGHWAY (HWY 60), AND THE JERUSALEM-JERICO HIGHWAY (HWY 1).

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