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TEXT: 1. (C) (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

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AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) LEADER, NELSON MANDELA, WILL NOT BE FREED BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DESPITE SPECULATION THAT THE RELEASE OF

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GOVAN MBEKI FROM POLLSMOOR PRISON WAS A TRIAL RUN FOR MANDELA'S
RELEASE.

2. ~~(C)~~ MBEKI, WHO SPENT 23 YEARS IN PRISON, WAS RELEASED ON 5
NOVEMBER, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER BLACKS JAILED UNDER SOUTH AFRICA'S
SECURITY LAWS. SINCE GAINING HIS FREEDOM, HE HAS REAFFIRMED HIS
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANC AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. IF
REACTION TO MBEKI'S RELEASE IS FAVORABLE, BOTH FROM THE BLACK AND
THE WHITE COMMUNITIES, PRETORIA MAY FREE MANDELA. THE BOTHA
GOVERNMENT IS UNLIKELY TO MOVE QUICKLY, BUT FREEDOM BY NEXT SPRING
IS A POSSIBILITY.

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