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SERIAL: DODID 150-8A

**BODY**

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: MANDELA'S HEALTH. ~~(C/NF)~~

DOI: 29 MAY 90 (AS OF 1430 EDT)

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ NELSON MANDELA'S PLANNED TRIP TO  
EUROPE HAS BEEN  
POSTPONED BY 1 DAY TO EASE HIS CONVALESCENCE FROM POSSIBLE PROSTATE  
SURGERY.

2. ~~(C/NF)~~  
(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

ANC INTERNAL LEADER

WALTER SISULU LATER CLAIMED THAT MANDELA UNDERWENT A PROSTATE OPERATION, AND HE WAS REPORTEDLY IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION ON THE 29TH. DESPITE INITIAL CLAIMS THAT THE HOSPITALIZATION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ANC LEADER'S TRAVELS TO EUROPE, MANDELA'S DEPARTURE HAS BEEN DELAYED BY 1 DAY TO 4 JUNE.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ COMMENT: MANDELA, WHO IS OF ADVANCED YEARS, HAS TRAVELED ALMOST CONSTANTLY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MID-FEBRUARY, HEIGHTENING CONCERNS ABOUT HIS HEALTH. WHILE IN PRISON, HE REPORTEDLY HAD PROSTATE SURGERY IN 1985 AND WAS TREATED FOR TUBERCULOSIS IN 1988. DESPITE ANY CURRENT HEALTH PROBLEMS, HE APPARENTLY INTENDS TO VISIT EUROPE FROM 4 TO 14 OR 15 JUNE

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(d)

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