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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA-IRELAND-UK: MANDELA VISIT. ~~(C/NF)~~
DOI: 5 JUL 90 (AS OF 1600 EDT)
TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ CONTROVERSY CONTINUES TO FOLLOW
AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS (ANC) DEPUTY PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA DURING HIS 6-WEEK
TOUR.
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(d) MANDELA AND HIS ENTOURAGE FLEW TO
DUBLIN ON 1 JULY, WHERE THE ANC LEADER PUT A CHILL ON HIS WELCOME
WHEN HE APPARENTLY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE ACCEPTED THE

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LEGITIMACY OF THE PROVISIONAL WING OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (IRA). MANDELA CALLED ON LONDON TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IRA, WITHOUT DEMANDING THAT THE GROUP FIRST AGREE TO LAY DOWN ITS ARMS. NONETHELESS, MANDELA WAS THE FIRST FOREIGN LEADER WHO IS NOT A HEAD OF STATE OR PRIME MINISTER TO ADDRESS THE DIAL, THE IRISH PARLIAMENT. IN THAT SPEECH, HE PRAISED IRELAND'S ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT AND ASKED THAT ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SPORT SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA BE MAINTAINED.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE UPROAR OVER MANDELA'S IRA COMMENTS PRECEDED THE ANC OFFICIAL TO LONDON, WHERE HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER ON THE

4TH. BOTH LEADERS, HOWEVER, APPEARED INTENT ON PREVENTING THE CONTROVERSY FROM MARRING THEIR FIRST FACE-TO-FACE MEETING. AFTER 3 HDURS OF TALKS, THE ANC LEADER ADMITTED TO AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, BUT HE ADDED THAT THATCHER WAS SOMEONE WITH WHOM HE COULD DO BUSINESS. THE TWO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND THATCHER STRESSED THE NEED FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN A POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA.

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