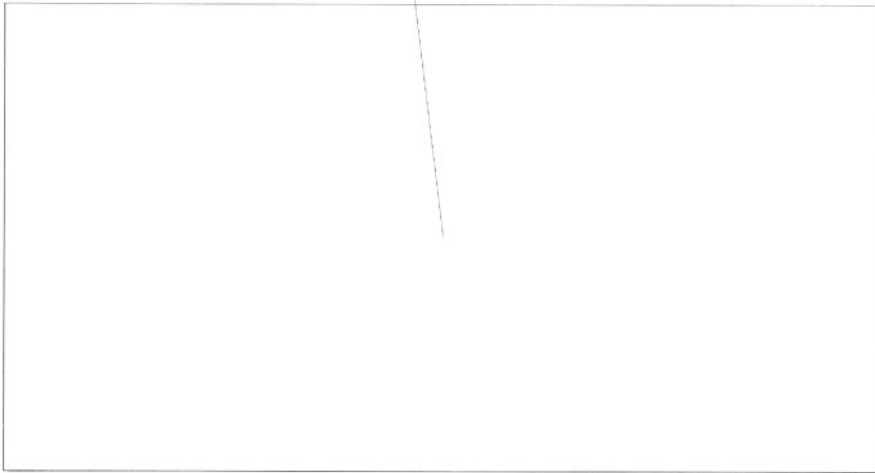


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B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "THE ISLAND," COLOMBO, SRI
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C. (U) WEBSITE, "TAMIL NET," OPEN INTERNET WEBSITE,
980303-980309, (U), IN ENGLISH. WEBSITE IS INDEPENDENT
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D. (U) DAILY NEWS RELEASE, "NEWSWATCH: SRI LANKA
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ENGLISH. INDEPENDENT SUBSCRIBER FACSIMILED NEWS
SERVICE THAT TRANSLATES NEWS STORIES FROM LOCAL
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E. (U) WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, "MIDWEEK MIRROR," COLOMBO,
SRI LANKA, 980304, (U), IN ENGLISH. NEUTRAL NEWSPAPER
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F. (U) WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, "THE SUNDAY LEADER,"
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, 980308, (U), IN ENGLISH. PAPER IS
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INSURGENCY IN SRI LANKA BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND SEPARATIST LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE).

TEXT: 1. (U) OPERATION "JAYA SIKURUI (JS)"

A. (U) SOURCE A REPORTED 980305 THAT AN SLA LANDROVER HIT A LANDMINE AT OLAMADU AT 1200 HOURS ON 980304. TWO SLA TROOPS WERE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED, INCLUDING JAYALATH ((JAYASURIYA)), 563 BDE COMMANDER.

B. (U) SOURCE A REPORTED 980306 THAT SLA TROOPS KILLED EIGHT LTTE CADRES AT OLUMADU IN THE MORNING OF 980305.

C. (U) SOURCE F REPORTED 980308 THAT LTTE CADRES EXPLODED A CLAYMORE MINE AT AN SLN TRACTOR TRAVELLING BETWEEN PERIYAMADHU AND NAINAMADHU, KILLING NINE SLN PERSONNEL.

D. (U) SOURCE A REPORTED 980309 THAT SLA TROOPS KILLED FOUR LTTE CADRES SOUTHWEST OF OLUMADU ON 980308.

E. (C) THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. LATEST JS CASUALTY FIGURES: 2,162 LTTE KILLED, 1,820 WOUNDED; 872 SECURITY FORCES KILLED, 5,540 WOUNDED, 82 MISSING. SECURITY FORCES WOUNDED: P1 - 629, P2 - 922, P3 - 3990. 80 PERCENT OF SECURITY FORCES WOUNDED IN JS ARE DUE TO MORTAR FIRE. ESTIMATE OF LTTE CADRES: 6,500 TOTAL WITH 750 IN MANKULAM. DURING THE LATEST AMNESTY, 4,000 DESERTERS RETURNED TO THE SLA. 300-400 SLA TROOPS HELP PROVIDE SECURITY IN COLOMBO.

2. (U) IN THE NORTH. SOURCE A REPORTED 980309 THAT LTTE SEA TIGERS IN FIVE BOATS ATTACKED SLN TROOPS AT KILALI. SLN NAVAL GUNS AND MORTAR FIRE REPULSED THE ATTACK. SIX SLN PERSONNEL WERE INJURED.

3. (U) IN THE EAST:

A. (U) SOURCE B REPORTED 980304 THAT THE LTTE OPENED FIRE ON SLA TROOPS GUARDING FARMERS NEAR ARALAGANWILA ON 980302, KILLING THREE AND WOUNDING ONE. ONE SLA TROOP IS MISSING.

B. (U) SOURCES A AND B REPORTED 980305 THAT A GROUP OF LTTE ATTACKED SLA TROOPS PROVIDING PROTECTION TO PADDY FARMERS AT 0800 HOURS ON 980303 WEST OF BATTICALOA. THREE SLA PERSONNEL WERE KILLED, ONE WOUNDED AND ONE MISSING.

4. (U) REPORTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ONGOING INSURGENCY:

A. (U) SOURCE A REPORTED 980303 THAT DR. KAMAL ((KARUNADASA)) AND K.T. SARATH ((DEVANANDA)) WARNED IN A PRESS BRIEFING OF A POSSIBLE THIRD JANATHA VIMUKTHI PERAMUNA (JVP) INSURGENCY SOON "SINCE THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP OF THE JVP HAS NO DIRECT CONTROL OVER ITS FOLLOWERS." KARUNADASA SERVED AS A HIGH-RANKING LEADER OF THE JVP DURING THE SECOND JVP INSURGENCY 1987-1989 AND CURRENTLY IS PRESIDENT OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED PEOPLE'S LIBERATION SOLIDARITY FRONT (JVSP). DEVANANDA

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SERVED AS COORDINATING SECRETARY OF THE JVP FOR THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE AND LEADER OF HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT AND CURRENTLY IS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE JVSP. KARUNADASA AND DEVANANDA ADDED THAT THE JVSP WOULD "NEVER USE ARMS TO PLANT OUR IDEOLOGY."

B. (U) SOURCES A, B AND E REPORTED 980304 THAT AIR MARSHAL OLIVER M. ((RANASINGHE)) RELINQUISHED DUTIES AS COMMANDER OF THE SLAF EFFECTIVE 980305. PRESIDENT ((KUMARATUNGA)) APPOINTED CURRENT SLAF CHIEF OF STAFF AIR VICE MARSHAL J. ((WEERAKKODY)) AS THE NEW SLAF COMMANDER. SOURCE B REPORTED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF AIR VICE MARSHAL (AVM) JAYALATH ((WEERAKKODY)), RECENTLY NAMED HEAD OF THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE (SLAF), ON 980310. AVM WEERAKKODY GRADUATED DHARMASOKA COLLEGE IN SRI LANKA. HE EXCELLS IN SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS. HE JOINED THE SLAF IN 1972 AND WAS COMMISSIONED AS A PILOT OFFICER IN 1973, RECEIVING THE BEST PILOT AWARD. HE COMMANDED THE NUMBER FOUR HELICOPTER SQUADRON AND SLAF BASE AT ANURADHAPURA, NORTHERN ZONE COMMAND, AND HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AT SLAF HEADQUARTERS AND AS CHIEF OF STAFF AT SLAF HEADQUARTERS

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HE GRADUATED THE COMMAND AND AIR STAFF COLLEGE AT MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA, AND NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE IN NEW DELHI.

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C. (U) SOURCE B REPORTED 980305 THAT THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TURNED DOWN A REQUEST FROM THE LTTE TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN PRETORIA. SRI LANKA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND OPENED A HIGH COMMISSION IN PRETORIA ON 971001. NELSON MANDELA WILL VISIT SRI LANKA DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 980315.

D. (U) SOURCE F REPORTED 980308 THAT ACCORDING TO SRI LANKA'S NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, 23 LTTE BLACK TIGERS ARE IN COLOMBO TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS ON KEY GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS AND VIP'S.

5. (U) PROVIDED BELOW ARE THE GEOCOORDS FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS NOTED ABOVE:

ANURADHAPURA
ARALAGANWILA
BATTICALOA
KILALI
NAINAMADHU
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