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COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF); UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

SUBJ: SOLUTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) [REDACTED] ADVISES

PEACEFUL CHANGE IS POSSIBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA IF ALL
PARTIES CONCERNED COME TOGETHER IN GOOD FAITH AND THE
RIGHTS OF MINORITIES ARE GUARANTEED. RADICAL STEPS
BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD ONLY ENCOURAGE
THOSE PROMOTING DISORDER.

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATIONS OF
THE WORLD HAVE LONG SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL
CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE GENUINE CHANGES THAT
ARE TAKING PLACE AND THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS
MERELY GIVE SUPPORT TO MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS THAT
SEEK VIOLENT CHANGE. DESTRUCTION OF THE CURRENT
GOVERNMENT WOULD RESULT IN AN INSTABLE SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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2. (U) [REDACTED] THE UNITED STATES APPROACH TO
THE PROBLEM MUST BE ONE THAT ENCOURAGES ALL CONCERNED
PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATION. REAL CHANGE
IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL COME FROM SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN
PEOPLE, NOT THE APPLICATION OF FORCE AND SANCTIONS BY
FOREIGN POWERS. A MAJOR EXTERNAL CRITICISM IS THE

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SYSTEM OF APARTHEID. THE OUTSIDE WORLD SEES THE ONGOING DISMANTLING OF APARTHEID AS ONLY OF MINOR CONSEQUENCE AND MUCH TOO SLOW. THOSE IN SOUTH AFRICA KNOW THAT IN FACT SOME VERY FUNDAMENTAL LAWS HAVE BEEN SCRAPPED AND THAT DELIBERATE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

3. (U) THERE IS A LOUD CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S (SAG) POLICY IS THAT MANDELA CAN LEAVE PRISON ANY TIME HE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF NORMAL NON-VIOLENT CITIZENSHIP.

4. (U) NUMEROUS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ELEMENTS BELIEVE THAT BLACK POLITICAL RIGHTS ARE NECESSARY. BLACK PARTICIPATION AT LOCAL, REGIONAL, THEN NATIONAL LEVELS IS A LOGICAL PROGRESSION. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT NOTES THIS WAS IN FACT ON THE AGENDA OF THE STATE PRESIDENT - CLEARLY DEFINED IN SEVERAL SPEECHES - UNTIL SANCTIONS WERE IMPOSED AND THE DISSIDENTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA BELIEVED THE WORLD WOULD ASSIST THEM TO BRING DOWN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

5. (U) TIME APPEARS A GREAT ENEMY. THE SAG BELIEVES PEACEFUL CHANGE, WITH ALL MODERATE GROUPS PARTICIPATING, IS POSSIBLE IF THE SAG IS ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH DELIBERATE SPEED. THIS WILL ESPECIALLY BE THE CASE IF THE REST OF THE WORLD EASES ITS HOSTILE ATTITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE STATED GOALS OF THE SAG - SOMETHING THE WORLD HAS NEVER DONE.

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COMMENTS: 1. (U) [REDACTED] GREAT BRITAIN HAS SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THERE IS A CONTINUING AND QUITE VOCAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF MANDELA AND FOR DISINVESTMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS. COSMETIC DISINVESTMENT IS HAVING LITTLE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY. THE OLD FAMILIAR SIGN IS TAKEN DOWN, BUT ANOTHER, SOMETIMES SIMILAR ONE, GOES UP SOON

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