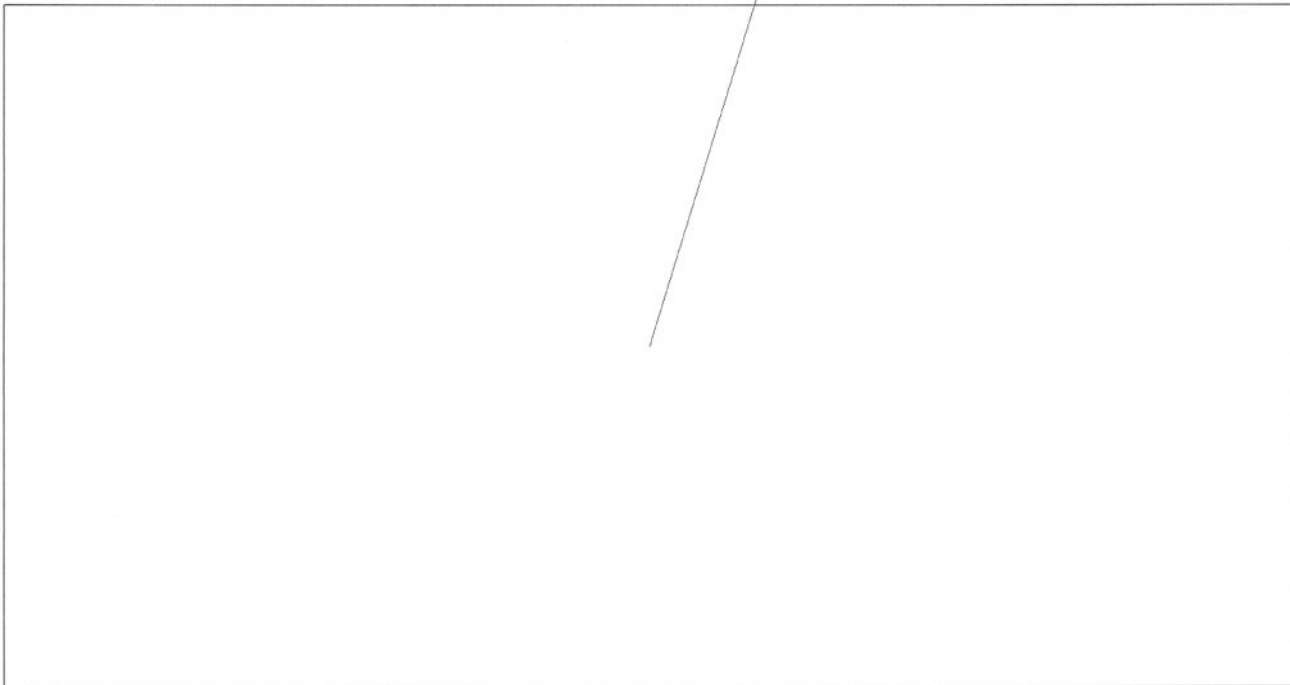


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SUBJ: (U) [Redacted] UMKHONTO WE SIZWE, THE MILITARY WING OF THE ANC, OFFERS TO MEET WITH SADF CHIEFS (U).

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS DAY," JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 900301 (U), IN ENGLISH.

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SUMMARY: (U) JOHANNESBURG NEWSPAPER REPORTS CHRIS ((HANI)), THE SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE ANC MILITARY WING, (UMKHONTO WE SIZWE), WANTS TO MEET SADF MILITARY CHIEFS. (U) TEXT: 1. (U) SOURCE REPORTS THAT UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK) SECOND IN COMMAND CHRIS ((HANI)) STATED IN LUSAKA ON 28 FEB THAT THE MK WANTS TO MEET SADF CHIEFS SOON. THOUGH NO FORMAL APPROACHES HAVE YET BEEN MADE, HANI SAID "WE BELIEVE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS STAGE FOR CONTACT. VIOLENCE CAN ONLY COME TO AN END IF THE ARMIES SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND SAY VIOLENCE MUST END." HANI WENT ON TO STATE THE ANC ENVISIONED THE NEXT STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AS THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, THEN A CEASEFIRE. "WE WILL BE PART OF THE FUTURE SECURITY FORCE OF SOUTH AFRICA, SO IT IS ABOUT TIME WE SAT DOWN AND LOOKED AT THESE ISSUES." HANI SAID HE THOUGHT AN INTEGRATED ARMY WOULD NOT BE EASY, "BUT IT IS THE IDEAL WE SHOULD STRUGGLE FOR." THERE WOULD NOT BE AN ARMY DOMINATED BY BLACKS. IT WOULD BE AN INTEGRATED ARMY, HE SAID. "WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE FEARS OF THE WHITE OFFICER, THE CAREER OFFICER" HE SAID. WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH JUST 200,000 WHITES LIKE ZIMBABWE. "WE

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ARE DEALING WITH MILLIONS OF WHITES WHO HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO." HANI SAID THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE "SOUTH AFRICANS WHO WILL BE IN A FUTURE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY." HE SAID HE DID NOT ENVISION CONSCRIPTION IN A FUTURE SOUTH AFRICA.

2. (U) IN SOUTH AFRICA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STATED THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT COMMENT UNTIL HE READ A VERBATIM ACCOUNT OF WHAT HANI SAID. THE SADF HAD NOT COMMENTED PRIOR TO THE SOURCE'S PRESS TIME.

3. (CONF) INTERESTINGLY, DATT DISCUSSED HYPOTHETICAL REACTION OF SADF TO POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF ANC/MK MEMBERS IN THE ARMED FORCES WITH SOURCE B ON 28 FEB. SOURCE REPLIED "NO PROBLEM, WE DO WHAT WE ARE TOLD." HE DID STRESS THE REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL PROFICIENCY AND ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS IN PERSONNEL SELECTED TO SADF. SOURCE FELT SAID INTEGRATION WOULD WORK AND THAT "WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS," MK PERSONNEL WOULD PROBABLY ENTER THE SADF AT THE JUNIOR OFFICER/NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER LEVEL.

COMMENTS: 1. (CONF) THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT BY AN MK OFFICIAL WHICH ATTEMPTS TO ENVISION WHAT A POST RECONCILIATION SADF MIGHT LOOK LIKE. IT IS INTERESTING IN THAT:

- A. IT SUGGESTS DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN MK AND THE SADF FOR THE FIRST TIME;
- B. IT ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL MISGIVINGS OF THE SADF IN GENERAL AND WHITE OFFICERS IN PARTICULAR;
- C. THE MK ASSUMES AS AN INITIAL BARGAINING POSITION THAT A POST-RECONCILIATION ARMED FORCE WOULD NOT BE DOMINATED BY BLACKS, BUT WOULD BE INTEGRATED;
- D. ASSUMES THAT A POST-RECONCILIATION SADF WOULD NOT BE A CONSCRIPT FORCE.

2. (CONF) IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SADF A LITTLE WHILE TO COME UP WITH A RESPONSE TO HANI'S PROPOSAL FOR MK-SADF TALKS. NOW THAT SOME OF THE INITIAL EUPHORIA OF PRESIDENT DEKLERK'S HISTORIC 2 FEB SPEECH AND THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA HAS WORN OFF, THE GOVERNMENT AND SADF RESPONSES, WHEN THEY COME, COULD TELL A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE FUTURE TALKS OF ALL KINDS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN.

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