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**BODY**

COUNTRY: (U) INDONESIA (ID).

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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 PRELIMINARY TESTS COMPLETED

- ON THE BULLETS FROM THE SEMANGGI RIOTS (U).

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SOURCE: (U) OPEN SOURCE, "KOMPAS" DAILY NEWSPAPER, JAKARTA, 981201 (U), IN BAHASA INDONESIAN. AN INDEPENDENT, THIS NEWSPAPER IS THE LARGEST NATIONAL DAILY IN INDONESIA. KOMPAS HAS HIGH QUALITY, DOMESTIC REPORTING AND A NATIONWIDE CIRCULATION. THIS IS THE MOST PROFESSIONAL DAILY IN JAKARTA.

SUMMARY: (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PRELIMINARY TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS FORENSIC LABORATORY CENTER (PUSLABFOR) IN JAKARTA ON THE PROJECTILES, BULLETS, AND FRAGMENTS FOUND IN THE VICTIMS DEAD BODIES FROM THE SEMANGGI RIOTS ON 981113. BULLETS WERE ALLEGEDLY FIRED FROM M16-A1 RIFLES WHICH ARE CARRIED BY MEMBERS OF KOSTRAD.

TEXT: 1. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PRELIMINARY TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE FRAGMENTS AND BULLETS FOUND IN THE DEAD BODIES OF STUDENTS KILLED ON 981113 AT SEMANGGI, JAKARTA, INDONESIA. THE BULLETS ARE OF THE MU-5-TJ TYPE WHICH CAN BE FIRED FROM M16-A1 RIFLES. MEMBERS OF KOSTRAD (ARMY STRATEGIC COMMAND) WERE ALLEGEDLY DISPATCHED WITH THE M16-A1 RIFLES AT SEMANGGI ON 981113.

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INVESTIGATION IS STILL ONGOING.

2. ~~(C)~~ SOURCE REPORTS THAT PUSLABFOR COLLECTED ALL THE GUNS USED BY SOLDIERS AND POLICE AT SEMANGGI ON 981113. SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GUNS COLLECTED FOR TESTING BY PUSLABFOR WAS 140 RIFLES ~~(b)(1),1.4 (c)~~ AFTER VIEWING THE SCENES AT SEMANGGI BOTH ON 981113 AND THE MORNING OF 981114, ~~(b)(1),1.4 (c)~~ DOUBTS THAT ALL THE RIFLES USED AT SEMANGGI WERE COLLECTED AS IT APPEARED TO BE MORE THAN 140 RIFLES DEPLOYED). SOURCE REPORTS THAT 65 RIFLES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED WHILE THE 75 REMAINING WILL BE TESTED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SOURCE STATES THAT ONLY TWO (2) TYPES OF RIFLES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND INCLUDE THE FN SSV-1 PRODUCED UNDER LICENSE BY P.T. PINDAD IN BANDUNG AND THE M16-A1 RIFLE PRODUCED IN THE USA. SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE 65 GUNS, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXAMINED, WERE FROM THREE (3) KOSTRAD UNITS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO SEMANGGI ON 981113. THE KOSTRAD UNITS WERE FROM BEKANG (TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES), HEALTH BATTALION, AND BRIGIF (INFANTRY BRIGADE) 303 FROM GARUT, WEST JAVA.

3. (U) SOURCE REPORTS THAT FROM THE FOUR (4) BULLET FRAGMENTS FOUND, THREE (3) WERE BROKEN WHILE THE FOURTH WAS FLAT BUT WHOLE. PUSLABFOR REPORTEDLY MATCHED THE STEEL AND ZINC BULLET FRAGMENTS TO THE MU-5-TJ BULLET, PRODUCED BY P.T. PINDAD. PUSLABFOR IS STILL EXAMINING THE RIFLING MARKS ON THE FRAGMENTS AS WELL AS THE RIFLING FROM THE 140 RIFLES. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

COMMENTS: ~~(b)(1),1.4 (c)~~ 1. ~~(C)~~ WHILE THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL ONGOING AND PROBABLY WILL BE FOR MONTHS, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE TECHNICIANS AT PUSLABFOR HAVE MOVED QUICKLY IN IDENTIFYING THE TYPE OF RIFLE WHICH ALLEGEDLY FIRED LIVE ROUNDS. AFTER IDENTIFYING THE TYPE OF RIFLE AS AN M16-A1 AND ASSUMING THAT PUSLABFOR DOCUMENTED THE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND THE SOLDIERS WHO CARRIED THEM, IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO QUESTION THE SOLDIERS WHO WERE ASSIGNED THESE RIFLES AT SEMANGGI. PUSLABFOR CAN THEN FURTHER RESEARCH THE RIFLING MARKS FOUND ON THE FRAGMENTS WITH THE BORES OF THE M16-A1 RIFLES COLLECTED TO IDENTIFY THE SHOOTER OR SHOOTERS, AS THE CASE MIGHT BE.

2. ~~(C)~~ THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT SOME SOLDIERS, WHO HAVE STOLEN A FEW LIVE ROUNDS DURING EXERCISES OR TARGET PRACTICE, COULD CARRY THEM IN THEIR POCKETS. DURING THE INCIDENT AT

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SEMANGGI, ONE OR MORE SOLDIERS COULD HAVE LOADED A LIVE ROUND INTO THEIR RIFLES DURING THE HEAT OF BATTLE WITHOUT ANY ONE NOTICING THEM. [ ] HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THIS OCCURRED OR THAT LIVE ROUNDS WERE IN FACT FIRED ON 981113 OTHER THAN THE FRAGMENTS RETRIEVED FROM THE BODIES. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE MAY RIOTS AND THE TRI SAKTI SHOOTING, COLLATERAL EVIDENCE OF LIVE ROUNDS FIRED INCLUDED BULLET HOLES THROUGH GLASS WINDOWS AND POT MARKS ON BUILDINGS. [ ] SPENT THE MORNING OF 981114 WALKING THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS OF ATMA JAYA LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE THAT LIVE ROUNDS WERE IN FACT FIRED, NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND. AFTER THE TRI SAKTI SHOOTING IN MAY, COMMANDERS WERE TOLD TO CHECK THEIR SOLDIERS FOR LIVE ROUNDS. [ ] DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS PRACTICE WAS CONTINUED.

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3. (C) THIS REPORT INDICATES THAT BULLETS RECOVERED FROM VICTIMS OF THE SEMANGGI INCIDENT ARE 5.56MM, PROBABLY FIRED FROM U.S.-DESIGN M16-A1 RIFLE(S). INITIAL STATEMENTS FROM SEVERAL SENIOR ABRI OFFICERS [ ] SUGGESTED THE BULLETS WERE NOT STANDARD ABRI AMMUNITION. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, 28,471 M16-A1 RIFLES WERE PROVIDED AS GRANT AID TO THE INDONESIAN MILITARY UNDER MAP BETWEEN 1972 AND 1978. HOWEVER, A LARGER NUMBER OF M16-A1 RIFLES WERE PURCHASED DIRECTLY BY ABRI FROM THE U.S. MANUFACTURER THROUGH COMMERCIAL PURCHASES.

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