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 PLANS FOR THE BURIAL OF DR. JOHN GARANG AND ON THE HELICOPTER CRASH
 LEADING TO HIS DEATH; KENYA'S INITIAL ASSISTANCE TO GARANG'S FAMILY.

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(b)(3)CONTEXT A: ~~(S//NF)~~ See below.~~(S//NF)~~ 1 [REDACTED](b)(1)
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~~(S//NF)~~ 2. AS OF 1 AUGUST 2005, THE FAMILY AND CLAN MEMBERS OF DECEASED CHAIRMAN OF THE
 SUDANESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT/ARMY AND SUDANESE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT DR.
 JOHN GARANG WERE MEETING IN THE LAVINGTON AREA OF NAIROBI, KENYA, TO SORT OUT THE
 LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL OF GARANG. GARANG HAD LEFT A LAST WILL AND
 TESTAMENT REQUESTING HE BE BURIED IN THE VILLAGE OF WANGULEI IN BOTH COUNTY, SUDAN.
 COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN WANGULEI TO SUPPORT A FUNERAL (b)(1)
 THAT WOULD BE ATTENDED BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, MEMBERS OF THE SPLM/A AND THE HIGH (b)(3)
 NUMBERS OF SOUTHERN SUDANESE WHO WOULD FLOCK TO THE FUNERAL.) SOME SENIOR
 MEMBERS OF THE SPLM/A WANTED TO INFLUENCE GARANG'S FAMILY TO HAVE HIM BURIED IN
 ANOTHER LOCATION BETTER SUITED TO CREATING A MEMORIAL FOR GARANG. AS OF 1 AUGUST,
 GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN INPUT INTO THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY
 SPLM/A, HOWEVER, GIVEN GARANG'S RECENT APPOINTMENT AS SUDAN'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT,
 SOME MEMBERS OF THE SPLM/A ANTICIPATED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM KHARTOUM
 WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNERAL.

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(S//NF) 3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SPLM/A COMMANDER SALVA ((KIIR)), WHO WAS IN NAIROBI ON 30 JULY AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OF GARANG'S HELICOPTER, BRIEFED KENYAN PRESIDENT MWAI ((KIBAKI)) LATE IN THE AFTERNOON ON 31 JULY ON THE SITUATION. THE KENYA GOVERNMENT (GOK) RESPONDED BY ALLOCATING THREE AIRCRAFT TO CONVEY KIIR AND MEMBERS OF GARANG'S FAMILY TO SOUTH SUDAN. THE GOK DONATED COFFINS FOR THE FIVE SPLM/A MEMBERS WHO WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH. ONE OF THOSE KILLED WAS MAJOR AMAD ((MAJER)), PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO GARANG. TECHNICIANS FROM LEE'S FUNERAL HOME IN NAIROBI WERE ALSO CONVEYED ON THE GOK-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT TO PREPARE THE BODIES OF GARANG AND THE OTHER DECEASED SPLM/A MEMBERS FOR BURIAL. [REDACTED] (b)(1)

[REDACTED] SOME OF THE BODIES WERE BURNED BUT GARANG'S BODY WAS IDENTIFIABLE. (b)(3)

(S//NF) 4. [REDACTED] THE SPLM/A OFFICER WHO LED (b)(1)
THE SEARCH PARTY FOR THE CRASH SITE REPORTED 17 BODIES WERE FOUND, HOWEVER, THE (b)(3)
UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAD REPORTED ONLY 14 PEOPLE ON BOARD THE HELICOPTER. MEMBERS
OF THE SPLM/A ASSESSED THAT ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS MAY HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN ENTEBBE
OR GULU, UGANDA. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE SPLM/A, GARANG'S HELICOPTER
LEFT UGANDAN PRESIDENT ((MUSEVENI))'S RANCH AT APPROXIMATELY 1530 HOURS ON 30 JULY.
THE HELICOPTER STOPPED AT ENTEBBE TO REFUEL AND CONTINUED ON TO GULU, WHERE IT
LANDED AND THEN DEPARTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS. THE HELICOPTER WAS SEEN
OVERHEAD AT NEW CUSH, SUDAN, WHERE [REDACTED] IT HAD EITHER (b)(1)
LANDED OR ATTEMPTED TO LAND. THE HELICOPTER THEN CHANGED COURSE SUDDENLY HEADING (b)(3)
SOUTHEAST AND DISAPPEARED. THE PLANE WAS SEEN OVER NEW CUSH BY TOPOSA CATTLE
KEEPERS WHO LATER (NFI) SAW SMOKE ON THE SLOPES OF MT. ZULIA. THE CATTLE KEEPERS
INFORMED THE SPLM/A ABOUT A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER CRASH. THE SPLM/A BECAME CONCERNED
WHEN IT ATTEMPTED TO REACH GARANG'S PARTY BY CALLING MAJER'S SATELLITE PHONE,
HOWEVER, THE PHONE WOULD RING AND IMMEDIATELY DIVERT TO VOICE MAIL WHICH WAS NOT
CUSTOMARY. SPLM/A COMMANDER JACOB ((MALITH)) HAD REPORTED TO NONGOVERNMENTAL
WORKERS IN KOBOKO, NORTHERN UGANDA, AS EARLY AS THE MORNING OF 31 JULY THAT GARANG
HAD DIED DUE TO THE INFORMATION FROM THE TOPOSA CATTLE KEEPERS.

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