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SOUTH AFRICAN ARMOR DEPLOYMENT  
 OPERET MILITARY CAMP A BN HQS. NAMIBIA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THIS IS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TANKS IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA SINCE APRIL 1976. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: AT LEAST FIVE OLIPHANT (MODIFIED CENTURION) TANKS WERE OBSERVED [REDACTED] AT OPERET MILITARY CAMP A BN HQS, A MAJOR SOUTH AFRICAN GARRISON APPROXIMATELY 65 NM SOUTH OF THE ANGOLAN-NAMIBIA BORDER. THESE TANKS MAY HAVE BEEN HERE [REDACTED] WHEN 14 HEAVY-LIFT TRANSPORTERS WERE FIRST OBSERVED AT THIS INSTALLATION. OLIPHANT TANKS ARE BASED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ARE NOT NORMALLY DEPLOYED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA. THE ONLY PREVIOUS SIGHTING OF TANKS IN NAMIBIA WAS AT GROOTFONTEIN ARMY CAMP [REDACTED], APPROXIMATELY 100 NM SOUTH OF OPERET IN APRIL 1976. (SWN)

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IN ADDITION TO THE OLIPHANTS, FIVE SOVIET-BUILT T-54/55 TANKS WERE PARKED WITHIN THE INSTALLATION. THESE TANKS WERE PROBABLY CAPTURED BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS DURING THE RECENT LARGE SCALE OPERATION (OPERATION ASKARI) IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO OPEN PRESS REPORTS THE SOUTH AFRICANS ENGAGED ANGOLAN/CUBAN ARMOR DURING OPERATION ASKARI. AS A RESULT, SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT HEAVY ARMOR WOULD BE USED IN FUTURE OPERATIONS IF NECESSARY. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 18-29-31S 017-03-42E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCE: CIA GROUND PHOTO IR 6 8805193-81 (C)

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