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PRO-AIDEED BUYERS WERE PURCHASING UNUSUALLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF
AMMUNITION. AIDEED'S MEN WERE BUYING SUCH LARGE NUMBERS OF 80 MM (SIC) AND 120 MM MORTAR ROUNDS
THAT NO MORE ROUNDS WERE AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET. SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER, THE BUYERS HAD FOCUSED

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ON THE MORTAR BOMBS, AS WELL AS ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE (RPG-7) ROUNDS, WHICH HAD CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN THE PRICES FOR THIS AMMUNITION IN THE MARKET. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] (b)(1) PRO-AIDEED FIGHTERS WITH NEW RPG-7'S IN MID-NOVEMBER. AIDEED'S FIGHTERS WERE SEEN SHOWING OFF (b)(3) FOUR NEW WEAPONS IN THE BAR UBAX (6-DMA 359275) AND THE HOTEL AL-BAKARA AREAS, AS WELL AS NEAR THE "ITCO" BUILDING NEAR THE BAKARA MARKET.

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(S//NF) 4. [REDACTED] SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) MILITIAMEN WHO (b)(1) SERVE AS BODYGUARDS FOR SNA INTERIOR MINISTER ((ABDI)) HASSAN AWALE "QEYBDID" WERE OBSERVED WITH (b)(3) FOUR NEW RUSSIAN-MANUFACTURED SNIPER RIFLES, ONE SHORT M-16 AND ONE SHORT AK-47. RIFLE SCOPES WERE NOT VISIBLE ON THE WEAPONS, AND THE SNIPER RIFLES APPEARED TO BE THE TYPE THAT DO NOT HAVE AN EXTERNAL MAGAZINE.

(S//NF) 5. [REDACTED] (b)(1)
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(S//NF) 6. [REDACTED] STOCKS OF (b)(1) RPG-7'S, RPG-2'S, AK-47'S AND "FAL GRENADE LAUNCHERS" WERE SELLING IN HIGHER VOLUME THAN OTHER (b)(3) WEAPONS. [REDACTED] THE HIGHEST DENSITY OF WEAPONS WAS IN THE AREA BETWEEN KILOMETER (b)(1) (K-5) AND THE ANIMAL MARKET. [REDACTED] IN GENERAL, WEAPONS ARE STORED IN PRIVATE HOMES (b)(3) MORTARS ARE SIMILARLY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE K-5 TO ANIMAL MARKET AREA. (b)(3)

(S//NF) 7. [REDACTED] WEAPONS FROM ETHIOPIA REACH MOGADISHU VIA THE ODDUR- (b)(1) BAYDHABO-AFGOI ROAD THROUGH BAY AND BAKOOL PROVINCES. THE WEAPONS ARE HIDDEN ON TRUCKS (b)(3) CARRYING FOOD, SALT, AND OTHER GOODS TO MOGADISHU. WEAPONS ALSO WERE ARRIVING FROM SUDAN AND ERITREA. WEAPONS FROM SUDAN, INCLUDING UNSPECIFIED MORTARS AND ANTITANK WEAPONS, TRANSIT THE SOMALI PORT OF HOBYO ENROUTE TO THE HABR GEDIR HOMELAND IN CENTRAL SOMALIA. LUKE ((ADAMS)), THE MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF DJIBOUTI, IS A KEY FIGURE IN FINANCING THESE INTERNATIONAL ARMS SHIPMENTS. ADAMS IS A DJIBOUTI CITIZEN BORN IN THE FORMER BRITISH SOMALILAND WHO SUPPORTS THE SECESSION OF NORTHERN SOMALIA. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ADAMS, LIKE MANY SOMALILAND RESIDENTS, (b)(1) WELCOMED AIDEED'S SUPPORT FOR SOMALILAND'S SECESSION FROM SOMALIA, IN CONTRAST TO PROVISIONAL (b)(3) SOMALI PRESIDENT ((ALI MAHDI)) MOHAMED'S OPPOSITION TO THE SECESSION DRIVE. CONSEQUENTLY, MANY SOMALILAND RESIDENTS SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE FROM SOMALIA ARE WILLING TO ASSIST AIDEED AGAINST ALI MAHDI.)

(S//NF) 8. [REDACTED] PRICES FOR THE WEAPONS AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET IN EARLY (b)(1) NOVEMBER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALL PRICES ARE IN SOMALI SHILLINGS (SOSH). PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE BECAUSE (b)(3) THEY FLUCTUATE ACCORDING TO SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND THE BARGAINING ABILITIES OF BUYER AND SELLER (b)(3) ONE U.S. DOLLAR EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 4,000 SOSH.) ITEM PRICE A. PKM (RUSSIAN) 6,000,000 B. AK-47 TYPE ASSAULT RIFLE (LIBYAN) 1,000,000 C. AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE WITH FOLDING 900,000 STOCK (RUSSIAN) D. G-3 ASSAULT RIFLE (GERMAN) 800,000 E. AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE (RUSSIAN) 700,000 F. RPG-7 LAUNCHER (RUSSIAN/KOREAN) 700,000 G. RPG-7 GRENADE 250,000 H. RPG-2 LAUNCHER (RUSSIAN/KOREAN) 600,000 I. RPG-2 GRENADE 60,000 J. BROWNING 30-CAL MACHINEGUN (U.S.) 500,000 K. SAR-80 H&K SNIPER RIFLE 500,000- 600,000 L. M-16 ASSAULT RIFLE (U.S.) 500,000- 600,000 M. FAL ASSAULT RIFLE (ITALIAN) 400,000 [REDACTED] (b)(1)

(S//NF) 9. [REDACTED] (b)(1)
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(S//NF) 10. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS WERE FOR SALE AT THE PRICES LISTED BELOW IN (b)(1) MOGADISHU ARMS MARKETS. ITEM PRICE A. M-16 ASSAULT RIFLE: 1,400,000 B. G-3 ASSAULT RIFLE: 1,500,000 C. A (b)(3) 47 ASSAULT RIFLE (RUSSIAN MADE): NEW: 1,000,000 USED: 450,000- 600,000 D. AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE (NORTH KOREAN MADE): NEW: 1,300,000 USED: 350,000- 500,000 E. AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE (LIBYAN MADE): NEW: 1,000,000 USED: 300,000- 400,000 F. DRAGONOV RUSSIAN SNIPER RIFLE: NEW: 8,000,000 USED: 3,500,000 G. RPD MACHINE GUN: NEW: 1,500,000 USED: 700,000

(S//NF) H. RPK MACHINE GUN: NEW: 2,500,000 USED: 1,500,000 I. RPG-7: NEW: 4,000,000 USED: 2,000,000 J. RPG-2: NEW: 3,500,000 USED: 1,500,000 K. PISTOLS (U.S., FRENCH, BELGIAN, AND SPANISH MADE): NEW: 1,500,000 USED: 600,000- 800,000 BROWNING .30 CALIBER AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, DSHKA HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, "GRENOS", "SEKAUS", HAND GRENADES, AND A VARIETY OF MINES WERE ALSO FOR SALE IN MOGADISHU WEAPONS MARKETS. [REDACTED] (b)(1)
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