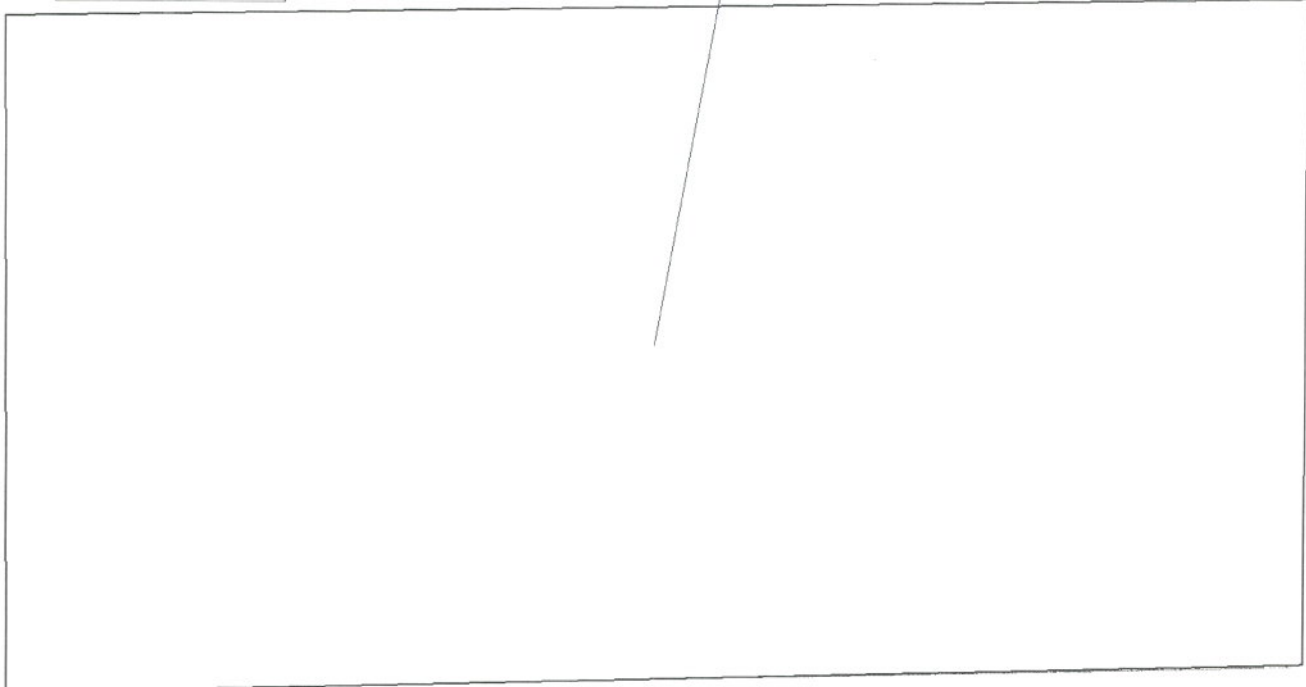


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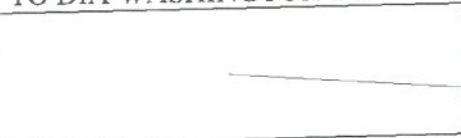
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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1.-(C/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. Graca ((MACHEL's)) enmity toward Zimbabwean President Robert ((MUGABE)) is allegedly more motivated by his refusal to marry her than outrage over his handling of Zimbabwean affairs. Her service as one of the "The Elders" gave her the perfect opportunity to get her revenge. Nelson ((MANDELA)) married Graca, although not keen on the idea, at the request of regional leaders due to a sense of obligation.

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Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe is not entirely motivated by her morale outrage over his handling of Zimbabwean affairs or the Zimbabwean government's refusal to allow her and "The Elders" to visit. Much of her enmity comes from his refusal to marry her when previously asked.

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3. ~~(C)~~ [redacted] Conversations took place several years ago among regional leaders on what to do with Graca? Graca, as the deceased Mozambican President Samora ((MACHEL's)) widow, was considered the most important widow in the region and it was considered an obligation that someone at her level take her on. Regional leaders originally proposed that Mugabe marry her, but Mugabe adamantly refused and made disparaging remarks about her that made it to Graca. Since then Graca has had it in for Mugabe and her service as one of "The Elders," and the Zimbabwean government's refusal to grant "The Elders" permission to visit Zimbabwe gave her the perfect opportunity to get her revenge.

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4. ~~(C)~~ [redacted] After Mugabe turned Graca down the regional leaders approached the then South African President Nelson ((MANDELA)), who begrudgingly accepted the proposal. Mandela was not keen on the idea, but acquiesced due to a sense of obligation.

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