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SUBJECT: "FIGARO" ARTICLE ON CIA REQUEST TO INTERVIEW KLAUS BARBIE

1. 27 MAY 1983 ARTICLE IN "LE FIGARO" REPORTS THAT CIA HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO INTERROGATE KLAUS BARBIE. IT REPORTS THAT THE QUESTIONING COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IMPOSED BY THE AMERICANS IN 1947 WHEN THE FRENCH WANTED TO INTERVIEW BARBIE: (1) THAT A LIST OF THIRTY QUESTIONS BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE; (2) THAT THE INTERROGATION TAKE PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH ENGLISH SPEAKER WHO WOULD INTERVENE IF THE QUESTIONS VEERED FROM THOSE SUBMITTED. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT CIA INTERESTED IN INTERROGATING BARBIE BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN ILLEGAL DRUG AND ARMS TRAFFIC IN LATIN AMERICA. EMBASSY IS REPORTING SUMMARY OF ARTICLE, INFO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND PROVIDING MORE DETAILS.

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