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1. (C ENTIRE TEXT)
2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE (REF A)
CONCERNING ALLEGED CONTACTS BETWEEN BARBIE AND OSS DURING
WORLD WAR II AND SUGGESTION THIS CONTACT WAS LINKED TO
DEATH OF JEAN MOULIN. HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT LANGUAGE IN
SECOND Q & A SHOULD BE AMENDED. ANY STATEMENT THAT
BARBIE IS CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, LISTING
OF THESE CRIMES, OR COMMENT THAT NONE OF THESE CRIMES
CONCERNS THE FATE OF JEAN MOULIN SHOULD BE MADE BY FRENCH
AUTHORITIES, NOT US. UNDER FRENCH LAW, INDIVIDUAL MURDERS
SUCH AS THAT OF MOULIN DO NOT FALL UNDER THE CRIMES
AGAINST HUMANITY RUBRIC. FURTHERMORE, AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN
THIS RESPONSE COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPLY THAT THE USG DOES
NOT BELIEVE BARBIE IS GUILTY IN THE DEATH OF JEAN MOULIN.
3. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY ANSWER TO
SECOND QUESTION. QUOTE WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THIS FRENCH

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JUDICIAL PROCEEDING EXCEPT TO NOTE THE SATISFACTION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THAT **KLAUS BARBIE** HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO FACE JUSTICE. END QUOTE.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT'S ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, FOLLOWING IS RESULT OF MAY 1983 EMBASSY RESEARCH INTO EXISTING GOF INFORMATION ON BARBIE'S POSITION AND ROLE DURING WORLD WAR II. DURING RENE HARDY'S SECOND TRIAL IN 1950, A SERIES OF THREE DEPOSITIONS BY BARBIE (THEN RESIDING IN GERMANY) WAS PRESENTED TO THE FRENCH COURT. ACCORDING TO THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE APRIL 27 SESSION, FRENCH PROSECUTOR MAURICE GARCON SAID THAT PRIOR TO BARBIE'S ARRIVAL IN LYON IN DECEMBER 1942, HE WAS ON ASSIGNMENT IN DENMARK WHERE HIS WORK CONSISTED OF RECRUITING AGENTS WHO COULD GO TO SWITZERLAND IN ORDER TO MAKE CONTACT WITH GERMAN AGENCIES THERE. IN DECEMBER 1942, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LYON AS AN AIDE TO OLERG, THEN THE HEAD OF THE ST IN LYON, AND SPECIFICALLY HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR RUNNING SECTIONS 4 AND 6 WHICH CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH RESISTANT NETWORKS AND PERSONS SINGLED OUT DUE TO THEIR WORK FOR THE ABWEHR. BARBIE WAS IN CHARGE OF ALL THE MAJOR OPERATIONS AND DECIDED WHICH REPRISALS TO MAKE AGAINST THE FRENCH AND OFTEN PERSONALLY CARRIED OUT THE EXECUTIONS. AFTER THE BOMBING OF MAY 26, 1944 (WHEN BARBIE'S SUPERVISOR WAS KILLED), BARBIE PRACTICALLY BECAME THE CHIEF OF THE ST. GALBRAITH

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