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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, FR, US, LE

SUBJECT: JUDGE'S SESSION WITH LARF LEADER ABDALLAH

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2. SUMMARY: INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE GILLES BOULOUQUE-MET WITH IMPRISONED LEBANESE ARMED REVOLUTIONARY FACTION (LARF). TERRORIST GEORGES IBRAHIM ABDALLAH AND HIS LAWYER JACQUES VERGES ON NOVEMBER 19. HE NOTIFIED THEM FORMALLY THAT ABDALLAH IS NOW ALSO CHARGED WITH THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER USG CONGEN ROBERT HOMME. OUR FRENCH LAWYER HAS PROVIDED US WITH A TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING, SEVERAL ASPECTS OF WHICH REVEAL SOME INSIGHTS INTO HOW VERGES INTENDS TO CONDUCT ABDALLAH'S DEFENSE. ON ANOTHER NOTE, THE MAGISTRATE NEEDS ANOTHER LETTER FROM MRS. RAY STATING HER SATISFACTION WITH THE EXPLOSIVES COMPARISONS CONTAINED IN THE DOSSIER ON HER HUSBAND'S ASSASSINATION (SEE PARAGRAPH 8). (END SUMMARY)

3. BOULOUQUE FORMALLY NOTIFIED ABDALLAH ON NOVEMBER 19 THAT HE WAS BEING CHARGED WITH "COMPLICITY TO ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE" IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOMME INCIDENT OF MARCH 1984. THE MAGISTRATE ALSO INFORMED ABDALLAH OF HIS INTENTION TO ISSUE A NEW "MANDAT DE DEPOT" (HOLDING ORDER) BASED ON THE CONGLOMERATION OF INDICTMENTS AGAINST HIM. BOULOUQUE GRANTED THE LARF LEADER A DELAY OF FIVE DAYS IN WHICH TO PREPARE A DEFENSE AGAINST THIS NEW INDICTMENT AND HOLDING ORDER.

4. ABDALLAH IN GENERAL DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY OF THE MAGISTRATE'S QUESTIONS AND THEN REFUSED TO SIGN THE INDICTMENT NOTICE. HE DID, HOWEVER, MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT HE HAD FIVE DAYS TO REFUTE HIS INDICTMENT: "I DEMAND THAT THE DEBATE BE ORGANIZED IMMEDIATELY IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. VERGES BUT I INDICATE THAT I WILL SIGN NOTHING, CONSIDERING MY CURRENT CONDITIONS OF DETENTION; I CONSIDER MYSELF A HOSTAGE IN THE HANDS OF KIDNAPERS." ABDALLAH, AT THE DIRECTION OF VERGES, ALSO TRIED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME MINOR LEGAL LOOPHOLE BY CLAIMING THAT THE JUDGE HAD FAILED TO CONVOKE VERGES WITH THE AMOUNT OF ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED BY LAW.

5. VERGES THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE MAGISTRATE: "I RISE UP AGAINST THIS NEW INDICTMENT. IT CORRESPONDS TO NOTHING ACTUALLY IN THE DOSSIERS EXCEPT THE INTRUSION OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL PARTY WHOSE MOST EXORBITANT DEMANDS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. I ADD THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MY CLIENT IN THE STRASBOURG AFFAIR. I CONSIDER IT TO BE AN OPERATION OF MANIPULATION. I WOULD LIKE THE AMERICAN CIVIL PARTY TO MAKE KNOWN IF ITS INTENTION IS TO JOIN ALL THE DOSSIERS OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS OMITTED IN FRANCE TO THE DOSSIER OF MY CLIENT FOR THE PURPOSE STRETCHING OUT ITS DEMANDS OVER TIME TO

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GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS THAT DO NOT EXIST. I AM ASTONISHED THAT DOSSIERS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS COMMITTED BY THE MOSSAD IN FRANCE ARE NOT JOINED TO THESE DOSSIERS, NOTABLY THE DOSSIER C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 54419

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CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF MR. HAMCHARI AND MR. BOUDIA, THE PERPETRATORS OF WHICH ARE PERFECTLY KNOWN TO THE FRENCH POLICE, WHICH HAD THEIR ADDRESSES. FRANCE HAS NEVER DEMANDED THEIR EXTRADITION EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE IN DETENTION IN NORWAY. THE STATE PROSECUTOR HAS JUST REFERRED TO A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE BY MY CLIENT CONCERNING THE WRONGS COMMITTED BY THE FRENCH POLICE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN POLICE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM. I WILL DEMAND THAT THE DOSSIER OF THIS INVESTIGATION, IF THERE EVEN WAS AN INVESTIGATION, BE JOINED TO THE DOSSIER OF MY CLIENT. THAT WOULD BE JUSTICE!" (COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE CONTENTS OF ABDALLAH'S LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, BUT OUR LAWYER HOPES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF IT SHORTLY.)

6. VERGES ALSO MADE A SUGGESTION THAT THE DOSSIER SHOULD INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE "REAL ACTIVITY" OF THE VICTIMS IN FRANCE (PRESUMABLY WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT RAY, BARSIMANTOV, AND HOMME WORKED FOR INTELLIGENCE SERVICES).

7. COMMENT: VERGES IS A WELL-KNOWN DEFENDER OF POLITICAL CRIMINALS AND OTHER UNSAVORY CHARACTERS, SUCH AS **KLAUS BARBIE**. HIS STATEMENTS TO THE MAGISTRATE SUGGEST THAT, AS OUR LAWYER HAS PREDICTED, HE INTENDS TO TRANSFORM THE ABDALLAH TRIAL INTO A PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF U.S. ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE, U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND "TERRORIST" ACTIVITIES ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY U.S. AND/OR ISRAELI AGENTS.

8. ON ANOTHER NOTE, MAGISTRATE BOULOUQUE REQUIRES ANOTHER LETTER FROM MRS. RAY IN WHICH SHE DECLARES HERSELF SATISFIED BY THE EXPLOSIVES COMPARISONS CURRENTLY IN THE DOSSIER. THIS LETTER IS ONLY A FORMALITY, BUT A NECESSARY ONE. OUR FRENCH LAWYER HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH A MODEL FOR SUCH A LETTER, WHICH WE WILL SEND AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM DEPARTMENT/MRS. RAY.

9. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. RODGERS

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