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SUBJ: LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE INFLUENCE WITH MALTESE
IMMIGRATION AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS

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TEXT: 1. THE LIBYAN EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION (ESO) HAS DEVELOPED SEVERAL RECRUITED ASSETS AND COOPTEES IN MALTESE IMMIGRATION AND AMONG LUQA AIRPORT PERSONNEL TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES AND PRESENCE OF LIBYANS ON THE ISLAND AND TO ASSIST IN THE DISCREET ONWARD TRAVEL OF ESO CONTACTS TO LIBYA.

2. TWO MALTESE OFFICIALS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IN FACILITATING THE NON-TRACEABLE TRAVEL TO LIBYA OF ESO CONTACTS TRANSITING MALTA ARE IMMIGRATION POLICE OFFICER, JOHNNY ((BRIFA)), AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE CLERK, SERGEANT MARIO (LNU). THE LATTER IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO THE ESO IN MONITORING THE TRAVEL TO MALTA OF SUSPECTED LIBYAN OPPOSITIONISTS SINCE HE HAS SUSTAINED ACCESS TO MALTESE IMMIGRATION RECORDS. BRIFA'S

DUTIES INCLUDE SHIFT WORK AT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTURE DESK AT LUQA AIRPORT, PROCESSING PASSPORTS, EMBARCATION AND BOARDING CARDS OF PASSENGERS DEPARTING MALTA. IN EXCHANGE FOR FAVORS AND GIFTS FROM ESO PERSONNEL, BRIFA OCCASSIONALLY OVERLOOKS PLACING DEPARTURE STAMPS IN PASSPORTS OF ESO CONTACTS BOUND FOR TRIPOLI ON LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA). SEPARATE SHEETS ARE STAMPED WITH THE MALTA EXIT CACHET. AT THE END OF HIS SHIFT, BRIFA SUBSTITUES THE ESO CONTACT'S EMBARCATION CARD WITH ONE BEARING A DIFFERENT NAME SO THAT THE DEPARTURE FOR LIBYA IS NOT ENTERED INTO MALTESE IMMIGRATION RECORDS. A SUBSTITUTE CARD IS ALSO NECESSARY SO THAT A PASSENGER COUNT BASED ON THESE CARDS

WILL MATCH THE NUMBER LISTED ON THE LAA FLIGHT'S MANIFEST. CONTACTS OF THE ESO RECEIVING THIS SPECIAL TREATMENT HAVE INCLUDED FORMER MEMBERS OF LIBYAN OPPOSITION GROUPS AS WELL AS FOREIGN REVOLUTIONARIES SUCH AS MEMBERS OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WHO NEED TO CONCEAL THEIR TRAVEL TO LIBYA. NEITHER BRIFA NOR SERGEANT MARIO RECEIVES A MONTHLY AGENT SALARY FROM THE ESOBUT BOTH RECEIVE REGULAR GIF REMUNERATION FOR THEIR SERVICES.

3. THE DUTY OFFICER OF MALTESE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, ODOLON ((MANJON)), RECEIVES REGULAR MONETARY COMPENSATION FROM SENIOR ESO COLONEL NASIR ((ASHUR)) IN RETURN FOR POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE ON MALTESE AVIATION MATTERS AND INTERNAL POLITICS. MANJON IS NORMALLY DEBRIEFED AND HANDLED BY ESO CUTOUT ON MALTA, MUSTAFA ((HASUNI)), WHO OPERATES A COMPANY DEALING IN AGRICULTURAL PUMPING EQUIPMENT, "ROTOS ZIRIYIA". HASUNI IS ALSO UTILIZED BY ESO OFFICER ASHUR AS A CONDUIT TO MALTESE LABOR UNION LEADERS AND INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE MALTESE NATIONALIST PARTY.

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