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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO PAN AM BOMBING -
ABDALBASIT ALI AL-MAGRAHI AKA 'ABD AL BASIT ALI

1. PER REF REQUEST, C/O [REDACTED] REVIEWED SUBJECT REF, MAS'UD M. ABU ((AQILA)) AKA 'ABD-ALBASIT ALI ((AL-MAGRAHI)), WITH [REDACTED] (P/1) EVENING 16 OCT 89. P/1 IDENTIFIED AL-MAGRAHI AS TRAVELING UNDER ALIAS 'ABD AL BASIT ((ALI)) TO MALTA IN LATE SEP 89 WITH FORMER LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA) MANAGER IN VALLETTA LAMIN ((FIHMA)). THEY MET WITH MALTESE CITIZEN VINCENT ((VASSALLO)) WITH WHOM THEY JOINTLY OWN "MEDTOURIST SERVICES," A TRAVEL AGENCY IN MALTA. AL-MAGRAHI AND FIHMA ALSO MET WITH ESO CHIEF/MALTA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN MEDTOURIST AS WELL (NFI) AND THEN DEPARTED AFTER TWO OR THREE DAYS. P/1 OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM VASSALLO DIRECTLY. NOTE THAT P/1 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT VASSALLO WHO WORKS AT THE LUQA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAFETERIA WAS RECRUITED BY THE LAA STATION MANAGER (NFI) TO ASSIST THE ESO IN SPOTTING POTENTIAL RECRUITMENT TARGETS.

2. P/1 HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING AL-MAGRAHI. P/1 BELIEVES FIHMA WAS A REGULAR LAA EMPLOYEE WHILE IN MALTA WHO ALSO SERVED AS AN ESO COOPTEE.

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