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1. FOLLOWING ON FRANCOIS GENOUD SENT INFO 5 MARCH 71 (DIRECTOR 118612):

A. FRANCOIS GEORGES ALBERT GENOUD DPOB 26 OCTOBER 1915, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, IS EMPLOYED BY ARAB COMMERCIAL BANK, GENEVA, AND BELIEVED TO RESIDE IN LAUSANNE. IN SEPTEMBER 70 UNILATERAL ASSET REPORTED SUBJECT MADE REGULAR MONTHLY VISITS TO THREE PALESTINIAN HIJACKERS JAILED IN ZURICH. SUBJECT TOLD THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO BEIRUT WHERE HE HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH HABBASH GROUP. FILES INDICATE SUBJECT HAS BEEN INVOLVED FOR SOME TIME WITH ARAB EXTREMISTS AND HAD ATTRACTED ATTENTION INBREEDS.

B. SUBJECT WAS ABWEHRER AGENT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE ALSO

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HELPED CARAVEL, BKHERALD CONTACT IN SWITZERLAND IN 1940'S, ESCAPED INTO SWITZERLAND AFTER CARAVEL'S DEFECTION FROM ABWEHR IN BELGIUM DURING WORLD WAR II. 1953 INFORMATION INDICATES SUBJECT WAS **██████** SWISS LITERARY AGENT WHO SOLD "HITLER'S TABLE CONVERSATIONS" TO FLAMMARION PUBLISHING COMPANY IN PARIS HAVING ACQUIRED POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM BORMANN EXECUTORS. HE HAS ALSO BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE "ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES AMIS DU MONDE ARABE LIBRE".

C. SUBJECT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH HANS RECHENBERG, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN 1960'S, WHO IS KNOWN TO WORK FOR CAWHISPER AND BELIEVED TO WORK FOR ALGERIAN INTELLIGENCE. IN AUGUST 62 GENOUD APPROACHED ^H_A CARAVEL, WHO IN PARIS FOR INTERPOL MEETING, ON BEHALF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSE UNOFFICIAL SOUNDINGS RE LIKELY GERMAN GOVERNMENT REACTION REQUEST TRAIN SENIOR ALGERIAN POLICE OFFICERS, STRESSING TRAINING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH KNOWLEDGE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. SUBJECT WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF MUHAMMAD KHIDIR, ALGERIAN POLITICAN WHO FLED ALGERIA WITH LARGE SUM OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT MONEY. GENOUD, SUSPECTED OF HAVING AIDED KHIDIR, WAS JAILED IN 1964 AND DEPORTED FROM ALGERIA IN 1965. HE

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WAS PERIPHERALLY INVOLVED IN CE CASE INVOLVING SECURITY OF U.S. EMBASSY ALGIERS.4

2. ARTICLE CONCERNING GENOUD AND ARAB TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE APPEARED IN ITALIAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE "GENTE" SEPT 70. GIST OF ARTICLE AS REPORTED BERN 11271, 12 MARCH 71, AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEFENSE OF THREE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED EL-AL AIRCRAFT IN ZURICH AND WHO ON TRIAL IN ZURICH WAS ORGANIZED COMPLETELY BY UNION OF ARAB LAWYERS WHO UTILIZED ASSISTANCE OF BANKER OF GENEVA, FRANCOIS GENOUD, WHO ADMINISTRATOR OF ARAB COMMERCIAL BANK OF GENEVA AND WHO HELD IN GREAT TRUST BY PFLP.4

B. GENOUD OWNED BAR "OASIS" IN LAUSANNE DURING WWII WHICH SERVED AS LETTER-DROP FOR NAZI INTELLIGENCE. AFTER WAR, GENOUD REAPPEARED AFTER PERIOD OF SILENCE IN FRANKFURT WHERE DIRECTED PUBLISHING HOUSE OF NEO-NAZI SYMPATHIES. GENOUD HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN VERY CLOSE TO NAZI CIRCLES AND MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH NUMBER OF EX-OFFICIALS WHO HAVE MOVED TO EGYPT AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF ARAB WORLD. THESE ACQUAINTANCES OBTAINED FOR HIM NECESSARY INTRODUCTIONS INTO HIGH CIRCLES OF ARAB WORLD. HE PLACED HIMSELF AT SERVICE OF

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ALGERIAN FLN AND FOR PERIOD OF TIME WAS ALSO INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN BEN BELLA AND NASSER. WORKING WITH EX-CAPTAIN OF SS, HANS REICHERBERG, HE FOUNDED IMPORT/EXPORT FIRM IN MUNICH CALLED "ARABO-AFRIKA". SOMETIME LATER, REICHERBERG BECAME ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR OF PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA AND GENOUD BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF ARAB COMMERCIAL BANK IN GENEVA, WHICH ALREADY CONSIDERED EGYPTIAN GATHERING POINT FOR ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.4

C. EMIR OF KUWAIT MADE DEPOSIT OF 500,000 POUNDS STERLING TO GENOUD'S BANK FOR ORPHANS OF WAR OF ALGERIAN LIBERATION. SUM DISAPPEARED. ACCUSED OF HAVING USED IT FOR PFLP, GENOUD REJECTED ACCUSATION AND ANNOUNCED HE HAD TRANSFERRED MONEY TO ARAB PEOPLES' BANK OF ALGERIA, BUT THIS BANK SAID IT NEVER RECEIVED THE MONEY.4

D. GENOUD APPEARED IN ZURICH AT TIME OF TRIAL OF TERRORISTS AS OFFICIAL SUPPORTER AND AID OF PFLP. HE ACCOMPANIED ARAB LAWYERS, OBTAINED AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT OF COURT, AND COMPLETELY SUCCEEDED IN PARTICIPATING AS "COUNSELOR" IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN LAWYERS AND PRISONERS.4

3. IN ADDITION, [] OF 10 MARCH 1971 REPORTS THAT MARC

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BLOCH, GENEVA, WAS RESPONSIBLE SALE 11 MILLION SWISS FRANCS VALUE KUGELFISCHER BEARINGS TO CHINA IMPORT AND EXPORT OF EAST BERLIN WITH FINANCIAL BACKING AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF UNION BANQUE SUISSE. BLOCH ACTIVE COLLABORATORS THIS TRANSACTION INCLUDED ONE FRANCOIS GENOUD OF SUISSE AND PARIS AND HANS RECHENBERG OF GERMANY. ALSO, IN SEPTEMBER 65 ONE NILS ANDERSSON REPORTED THAT GENOUD WAS AGAIN IN ALGERIA, RUNNING BANQUE POPULAIRE D'ALGER. DESPITE OVERT NAZI CONNECTIONS, ACCORDING ANDERSSON, GENOUD HAD MANY TIES WITH SO-CALLED LEFT IN ALGERIA. HE ORIGINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH ALGERIANS THROUGH NASSER, AND HAD VERY STRONG CONNECTIONS THERE.

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