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SUBJECT: °TRACE REPLY ON MOHAMED ((LEBJAOUI))
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   1.   PER REF A REQUEST, FOLLOWING ARE HQS TRACES ON MOHAMED ((LEBJAOUI))

   2.   IN AN APR 1965 REPORT (OSM 6729), A SPANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL MENTIONED MOHAMED ((LEBJAUI)) AS ONE OF BEN BELLA'S REPS AND CHIEF OF THE ALGERIAN SPECIAL SERVICES (SIC).   THIS LEBJAUI MAY BE IDENTICAL TO MOHAMED LEBJAOUI.

   3.   MOHAMED ((LEBJAOUI)) IS IDENTICAL TO MOHAMED ((LEBDJAOUI)), SUBJECT OF [   ] AND ENCRYPTED IDENTITY.   FOLLOWING IS A 1969 [   ]REPORT ON LEBDJAOUI:

      "ONE OF AHMED BEN BELLA'S CLOSEST ADVISORS DURING THE LATTER'S REIGN AS ALGERIAN PRESIDENT AND A LEADER OF THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE, LEBDJAOUI REPORTEDLY HAS SUPPORT FROM THE BERBER POPULATION, FROM THE CITY OF ALGIERS, AND FROM ALGERIANS IN FRANCE.

      "A DEFINITE SOCIALIST, LEBDJAOUI HAS, DURING THE PAST, PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION AND MARXISM.   HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE A COMMUNIST.   HE CLAIMS HE IS DETERMINED TO BRING DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES BACK TO ALGERIA AND TO DO AWAY WITH THE POWER OF THE ARMY.

      MOHAMED LEBDJAOUI WAS BORN ON 20 FEBRUARY 1926 IN THE ALGIERS CASBAH.   HE BECAME INTERESTED IN POLITICS AT AN EARLY AGE AND WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF PARTISANS FOR UNION WHICH, IN 1947, ATTEMPTED TO BRING TOGETHER THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ALGERIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND VARIOUS ALGERIAN NATIONAL AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.   HE WAS ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FLN) DURING THE REVOLUTION AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTION (CNRA) AT THE CLANDESTINE SOUMMAM CONGRESS IN 1956.   HE WAS THEN SENT TO FRANCE TO

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DEVELOP THE FLN FEDERATION THERE, BUT, AFTER ORGANIZING A STRIKE OF
ALGERIAN WORKERS, HE WAS ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY 1957 AND SPENT THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS IN FRENCH JAILS. IT WAS DURING THIS PERIOD THAT MOHAMED
LEBDJAOUI MET BEN BELLA, WHO WAS ALSO A FRENCH PRISONER. AFTER THE
CEASE-FIRE IN 1962, HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND BECAME AN ACTIVE
SUPPORTER OF BEN BELLA IN THE LATTER'S SUCCESSFUL BID FOR POWER.
AFTER INDEPENDENCE, LEBDJAOUI WAS NOT POLITICALLY PROMINENT, AT LEAST
NOT PUBLICLY, AND IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE OCCUPIED ANY IMPORTANT
POSITIONS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OR PARTY. HE DID, HOWEVER,
BECOME A POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT AND HE WAS SENT ON
SEVERAL MISSIONS BY BEN BELLA. BOUMEDIENE'S COUP OF JUNE 1965
AGAINST BEN BELLA FORCED LEBDJAOUI COMPLETELY OUT OF THE POLITICAL
SCENE. HE HOPED TO BECOME A RALLYING POINT IN FRANCE FOR FORMER BEN
BELLA OFFICIALS, BUT MOST OF THE ALGERIANS IN FRANCE DID NOT WANT TO
GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS AT THAT TIME. ON 15 APRIL 1966, LEBDJAOUI
ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF THE OCRA AND BEGAN TO TRAVEL AND MEET WITH
OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS.

        "A HARIS PUBLICATION L'ALGERIAN, IN JANUARY 1964, REPORTED
THAT MOHAMED LEBDJAOUI'S FRIENDS CALL HIM "MAO" IN PRIVATE LIFE."

        A. IN 1972 LEBDJAOUI'S ADDRESS IN GENEVA WAS 23 GRETS DE
CHAMPEL AND HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS 46 32 66.Z

        B. A 1972 QUOTE FROM ALLSTAIR HORNE'S BOOK, "A SAVAGE WAR OF
PEACE," READS: STANDING FOR A REGIME OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY COMBINED
WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, LEBJAOUI LIVES IN GENEVA PROTECTED BY A
POWERFUL WATCHDOG -- 'JUST IN CASE.'"

        C. IN AN AUG 1978 [   ] REPORT, LEBDJAOUI IS REFERRED TO
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE'S FORCES AND ARMY FOR DEMOCRACY
AND THE UNITY OF THE ARAB MAGHREB (LOCATION UNKNOWN).

        5. FOR AN OPERATIONAL SUMMARY ON LEBDJAOUI, PLEASE SEE THE
IDEN CABLE.

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