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1. ON 19 SEP 86, [ ] MET WITH SUBJECT AT HIS REQUEST. WITH TIME TO SPARE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE ON 3 OCT 86, SUBJECT WANTED TO INQUIRE INTO HIS STATUS VIS-A-VIS PNREADY. WE PARAPHRASED NATURE OF PNREADY INTEREST FROM REF, POINTING OUT LACK OF INTEREST IF HE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SOME CONCRETE INFO ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 OF REF. HE FELT THESE WERE REASONABLE AND INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS AND AGREED THAT ANSWER TO THEM OR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM WAS ESSENTIAL. EVER OPTIMISTIC, HE HOPED TO HAVE SOME ANSWERS ON HIS RETURN. AT PRESENT, HE HAS STRONG ASSUMPTIONS RE SOME (E.G., GENOUD IS PAYMASTER); NO INFO RE OTHERS (GROUPS ON PAYROLL).

2. NATURE OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE HAD REASON TO EXPECT. UNBEKNOWN TO US, HE RECENTLY DROPPED JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AS HIS CLIENTS IN BARBIE CASE. REASON, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS INSISTENCE BY THESE GROUPS TO PROSECUTE BARBIE PRIMARILY AS MURDERER OF JEWS; THIS CREATED CONFLICT WITH GROUPS OF FORMER RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, ESPECIALLY IN FRANCE, WHO EMPHASIZED RESISTANCE ALONG WITH JEWS AS AGGRIEVED PARTIES. SUBJECT SYMPATHIZES WITH SURVIVORS OF RESISTANCE. HIS STANDING IN FORTHCOMING BARBIE TRIAL IS RATHER UNCLEAR TO US, ALTHOUGH HE ASSURED US HE HAD A ROLE TO PLAY. HE VIEWS BARBIE CASE AS CONTINUING BASIS FOR PURSUING WHAT HE CALLS GENOUD CASE.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES SUBJECT WILL NOT VISIT LYON AS HE DID PREVIOUSLY. INSTEAD, HE WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS IN BRUSSELS ONLY. HE WILL AGAIN STAY AT HOTEL PRESIDENT CENTRE, 160 RUE ROYALE, 1000 BRUSSELS, PHONE 219-0065. HE STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT HE COULD BE CONTACTED THERE BY PNREADY REP IF THAT WAS DESIRED.

4. WHILE WE WERE VISITING SUBJECT AT HIS NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT, PHONE CALL CAME IN FROM FRANCOIS ((GENOUD)). CONVERSATION WAS IN FRENCH. AFTER AGREEING TO MEETING WITH SUBJECT IN EUROPE, GENOUD ACCEPTED SUBJECT'S CLAIM THAT HE

COULD NOT EASILY TRAVEL AROUND FOR HEALTH REASONS. SUBJECT EXPLAINED TO US THAT HE PREFERRED BRUSSELS BECAUSE THIS WAS PRACTICALLY HOME GROUND FOR HIM. IN PREVIOUS CALL PLACED BY SUBJECT GENOUD INDICATED AWARENESS OF SUBJECT'S INQUIRIES INTO HIS PAST AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING TO ATTEMPT TO FIND MIDDLE GROUND. GENOUD SAID ((VERGES)) HAD DESCRIBED SUBJECT AS LEGAL OPPONENT BUT REASONABLE. GENOUD, ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, HAD GIVEN VARIOUS VERSIONS CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH VERGES, DESCRIBING FREQUENCY OF CONTACT ON ONE OCCASION AS FREQUENT AND OTHER TIME AS RARE. HE HAD, HOWEVER, NEVER DENIED FAIRLY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH VERGES. MEETING IN BRUSSELS IS PROJECTED TO COMMENCE AFTERNOON OF 4 OCTOBER AND CONTINUE THROUGHOUT 5 OCTOBER. SUBJECT HAS DISAVOWED IDENTITY OF VIEWS WITH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS VIS-A-VIS VERGES AND IS VERY HOPEFUL TO DRAW OUT GENOUD ON SOME QUESTIONS RAISED BY REF. AS EXPERIENCED LAWYER, HE FEELS PARTICULARLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS SELF APPOINTED TASK.

5. SUBJECT CLAIMS TO KNOW THAT VERGES HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN DEFENSE OF GEORGE IBRAHIM ((ABDALLAH)). HE IS CURIOUS TO LEARN HOW VERGES ACQUIRES HIS CLIENTS, SPECIFICALLY ALSO WHAT ROLE GENOUD

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PLAYS. IN REMARK NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO TERRORISM IN FRANCE, GENOUD TOLD SUBJECT THAT PLO WAS IN ANY CASE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM THAN MOSSAAD. OF COURSE, SUBJECT WILL ATTEMPT TO USE SUCH REMARKS AS JUMPING OFF POINT FOR GENOUD'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH ARAB TERRORIST GROUPS. HE IS PARTICULARLY EAGER TO PURSUE ISSUE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TERRORISTS.

6. WE LEARNED FOR FIRST TIME THAT SUBJECT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO BRUSSELS BY BRIGITTE ((DE BACKER)), A 32 YEAR OLD BELGIAN NATIONAL OF FLEMISH RURAL BACKGROUND WHO IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY BELGIAN CONSULATE IN NEW YORK. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR U.S. MULTINATIONALS IN BRUSSELS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH AND SYMPATHETIC TO SUBJECT'S ANTI-TERRORIST CAUSES. SUBJECT KNEW HER FOR A FEW YEARS IN BELGIUM AND HAS BEEN OF HELP TO HER IN NEW YORK. HE STATES SHE PAYS HER OWN WAY ON TRIP ALTHOUGH SHE ASSISTS HIM PHYSICALLY AND DOES SOME TYPING FOR HIM. HE WOULD HAVE LIKED HER TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH GENOUD, BUT LATTER INSISTED ON "HOMME A HOMME" (MAN TO MAN) DISCUSSIONS. SUBJECT CLAIMS MISS DE BACKER HAS KNOWN OF HIS CONTACTS WITH SUCH U.S. OFFICIALS AS AMBASSADOR

HANK COHEN, BUT IS UNWITTING OF HIS PREADY CONTACT. VERGES IS AWARE OF PLANS FOR MEETING BETWEEN GENOUD AND SUBJECT BUT NOT OF DATE OR DETAILS, ACCORDING TO GENOUD.

7. SUBJECT WILL MAKE FULL DISCLOSURES OF ALL OF HIS PERTINENT CONTACTS TO US IF HE IS ABLE TO MAKE SOME HEADWAY TOWARD MEETING OUR REQUIREMENTS. AT PRESENT, THESE CONTACTS APPEAR TO BE SPARSE AND OF NO PARTICULAR INTEREST. SUBJECT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PHILIPPE ((GOLUB)), SWISS FREE LANCE JOURNALIST, PETERED OUT BECAUSE GOLUB PROVED UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO STICK TO COMMITMENTS, PARTICULARLY DEADLINES. SUBJECT OBTAINED SWISS GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO GENOUD FROM (FNU) ((HAFFNER)), A PROMINENT SWISS CALVINIST LAWYER WHOSE SON MARRIED RICHARD HELMS' DAUGHTER. HAFFNER HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF SWISS-JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR LAST TWO YEARS. FOR THE MOMENT, SUBJECT SEEMS TO COUNT MOSTLY ON ELICITING GOOD INFO FROM GENOUD DIRECTLY.

8. SUBJECT PROFESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR PREADY POSITION THAT THERE IS NO INTEREST IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH HIM UNLESS HE CAN PRODUCE FACTUAL INFO RE PRESENT DAY TERRORISM. HE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME   CONTACTS AND WOULD FIND USEFUL NAME AND CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONE OFFICER IN   AT THIS TIME. (WE ASSUME THAT   CONTACT WOULD BE EQUALLY WELCOME.) HE ALSO DECLARED HIMSELF READY TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY FOR   OFFICERS AND USEFUL SOURCES. OUR VIEW IS THAT FORTHCOMING SHUKI TRIP TO EUROPE MIGHT BE TAKEN AS TEST OF HIS ABILITY TO PRODUCE HARD DATA, AND ANY FIELD CONTACT IS PREMATURE.

9. REQUEST HQS SEND OBLIGATION REFERENCE NUMBER (ORN) FOR \$480 TO COVER COST OF SUBJECT'S TWO WAY TRIP TO BRUSSELS.

10. BY TM NO. 573276 WE ARE FORWARDING SUBJECT'S STOCK TAKING MEMO OF 15 AUG 86, IN WHICH HQS EXPRESSED INTEREST PER FIRST SENTENCE, PARA 2 OF REF. IN SECTION 11 2 OF MEMO, SUBJECT STATES   "RAISED THE QUESTION OF A 'BUDGET'. IN FACT, HE HAD VERBALLY RAISED THIS ISSUE FIRST, AND   SUGGESTED HE PUT HIS THOUGHTS OR REQUEST IN WRITING.

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