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Kurt LEIN and Tunisian Police Training in Germany

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ACTION REQUIRED: As requested in Para. 5.

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1. Driss GHIGA, Tunisian Director of National Security told a KUBARK officer, recently in Tunisia as a member of an OSWIFE group, that the Tunisian Government had sent letters of inquiry to a number of embassies requesting information as to the facilities in the various countries available for police training, tuition fees, the cost of living, etc.

2. The reply allegedly received from West Germany extended what was interpreted by the Tunisian Government as an 'embarrassingly good offer' to train twenty Tunisian police officers in Germany for a period of one year, cost free. According to GHIGA, a major deterrent in accepting this offer is the language barrier since few, if any, Tunisians speak or understand German.

3. Although France is the logical country for schooling purposes since Tunisians are familiar with both French police methods and with the language, the existing political tensions would preclude acceptance of a French offer.

4. GHIGA has therefore concluded that he would rather have his police trained in the United States if an offer is made, and with this in view, thirty Tunisian police officers are presently studying English under the sponsorship of USIA.

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5. Source was unable to identify the West German group making the training offer. In the event you are able to determine its identity, we would appreciate being informed. Any further data received by Headquarters will be forwarded.

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