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TO: DIRECTOR INFO PANAMA CITY.

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SUBJECT: JOSEF ((MENGELE))

REF: DIRECTOR 279327 (NSN PANAMA CITY)

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1. AS HQS IS AWARE THOUSANDS OF ARTICLES, ACCUSATIONS AND SPECULATION - MUCH OF IT NONSENSE - HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT JOSEPH MENGELE AND HIS WHEREABOUTS. AS TIME GOES BY IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE QUEST FOR MENGELE WILL NOT CEASE. REF IS BUT THE LATEST MANIFESTATION. IF A SERIOUS, CONCERTED AND SYSTEMATIC EFFORT IS MADE TO LOCALIZE HIM OR AT LEAST ASCERTAIN IF HE IS DEAD OR ALIVE, PNVALUE WILL HAVE TO TRACK HIM DOWN ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS AND MANY MAN-MADE HOURS WILL BE EXPENDED IN THE PROCESS.

2. TO BEGIN WITH, THE NATION WHICH THEORETICALLY HAS PRIME INTEREST IN MENGELE IS ISRAEL (THE U.S. AS BEST CAN BE DETERMINED, DOES NOT EVEN HAVE A COURT CASE PENDING AGAINST HIM). HENCE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ISRAELI LIAISON BE QUERIED AS TO: A) THEIR INTEREST IN MENGELE; AND B) WHAT THEIR FILES CONTAIN ON MENGELE. (RUMORS PERSIST THAT THE ISRAELIS ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP MENGELE MORE OR LESS AT THE TIME OF THE ADOLF EICHMAN AFFAIR. HOWEVER, MENGELE'S REDOUBT, NEAR THE VILLAGE OF HOHENAU IN PARAGUAY, WAS TOO WELL PROTECTED.) IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HAVE THIS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED OR DENIED. ( ) SHOULD ALSO BE INSTRUCTED TO QUERY LIAISON ON WHAT THEIR FILES CONTAIN. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE MENGELE FAMILY IS EXTREMELY WELL OFF. WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO QUERY THEM AS TO SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS? (ANOTHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT A COVENANT WAS MADE SUCH THAT A TRUSTED LAWYER WILL INFORM THE FAMILY IF/WHEN SUBJECT DIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT SINCE CONTROL OF THE FAMILY FORTUNE WOULD THEN PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF MENGELES.) IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE.

3. FROM A PARAGUAYAN PERSPECTIVE, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT IF MENGELE REMAINS IN PARAGUAY HE IS EXTREMELY WELL PROTECTED EITHER BY THE GOVERNMENT OR NAZI SYMPATHIZERS (WHICH ABOUND) OR BOTH. IT FOLLOWS THAT OVERT DEMANDS WILL GET US NOWHERE. ( ) AS ALREADY TASKED AND ASKED ALL OF ITS ASSETS ABOUT MENGELE AND THE ANSWER IS THAT MENGELE DID INDEED LIVE IN PARAGUAY - BUT NO LONGER. WE SHALL, PER REF, ASK AGAIN. THE ANSWER WILL BE THE SAME.

4. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A PERSON OR PERSONS SYMPATHETIC

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TO THE NAZI CAUSE WHO CAN PENETRATE THE GROUPS WHO BEFRIENDED AND ASSISTED MENGELE. CLEARLY THIS IS NO EASY TASK. THUS FAR THEIR LIPS HAVE BEEN HERMETICALLY SEALED. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT A CLUE AS TO SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR IF HE IS EVEN ALIVE.

5. THE ONLY CONTACT THAT [ ] CURRENTLY HAS WHO HAS ACTUALLY SEEN MENGELE'S REDOUBT IN HOHENAU AND WHO SEEMS TO HAVE TALKED AT LENGTH WITH PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM IS IDEN, A SWISS CITIZEN AND VERY CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF [ ] IDEN IS ALSO VERY WELL CONNECTED WITH THE GERMAN COMMUNITY BOTH IN ASUNCION AND IN ENCARNACION (THE CITY CLOSEST TO HOHENAU). UNFORTUNATELY, IDEN IS CLOSING OUT HIS PARAGUAYAN COMPANY AND HAS TENTATIVE PLANS TO MOVE BACK TO SWITZERLAND. NEVERTHELESS, WILL AGAIN QUERY IDEN AS TO WHO HE THINKS MIGHT PROVIDE INSIGHTS ON THOSE WHO MAY HAVE ACCESS TO MENGELE'S PROTECTORS.

6. [ ] WISHES TO REITERATE (AND LOCAL NVENGRAM IS SENDING A PARALLEL AND SIMILAR MESSAGE TO NVABROAD) THAT IF PNVALUE IS SERIOUS ABOUT TRACKING DOWN MENGELE, MORE EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE INCLUDING WITH THE TWO LIAISON SERVICES MENTIONED. TO LIMIT EFFORTS TO ASUNCION ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MENGELE IS ONLY IN PARAGUAY WOULD BE UNREALISTIC AND A LESS THAN SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE ENDEAVOR.

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