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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR, [HBB] INFO [HBB]

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE EX-S.S. OFFICER IN BUENOS AIRES

1. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAGRAPH THREE.

2. ON 11 JUNE, U.S. MARSHALL WHO IS IN SAO PAULO IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION/EXAMINATION OF THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL JOSEF MENGELE, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING TO [ ] U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIAL NEAL SHER, ALSO IN SAO PAULO, HAS BEEN ADVISING, VIA TELEPHONE, THE ISRAELI PROSECUTOR (NFI, PRESUMABLY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL) IN ISRAEL ON THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE ISRAELI PROSECUTOR, WITHOUT SOURCING HIS INFORMATION, TOLD THE JUSTICE OFFICIAL THAT AN ALLEGED EX-S.S. OFFICER CURRENTLY LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES WAS AT ONE TIME IN CONTACT WITH WOLFGANG GERHARD, THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE IDENTITY MENGELE IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSUMED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS (MENGELE'S) DEATH. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS EX-S.S. OFFICER WAS IN CONTACT WITH GERHARD/MENGELE OR THE ACTUAL GERHARD, WHO REPORTEDLY TRAVELLED TO GERMANY IN THE SEVENTIES AND DIED THERE IN 1978.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE U.S. MARSHALL HAS REQUESTED TRACES ON THE ALLEGED EX-S.S. OFFICIAL: WILLIAM (SASSEN)) (SPELLING PHONETIC), ADDRESS: LOMAS DE SAN ISIDRO, LAS LOMAS 563, BUENOS AIRES; TELEPHONE: 747-0994 RPT 747-0994. PER THE ISRAELI PROSECUTOR, SASSEN WAS CONVICTED IN ABSENTIA IN THE NETHERLANDS AND WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED WITH THE ADOLF EICHMANN TRIAL. REQUEST DIRECTOR AND [ ] TRACES. LIAISON MAY BE QUERIED. IF POSSIBLE, A CHECK OF THE [ ] WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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