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SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION - NO. 5

REF: SAO PAULO 1432, 1462, 1476, AND 1491

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2. SUMMARY:
U.S., GERMAN, AND BRAZILIAN TECHNICAL EXPERTS CONTINUE THEIR WORK IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION. FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST AND ODONTOLOGIST WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH TUMA AND MEDICAL EXPERTS AFTERNOON OF JUNE 12. U.S. PATHOLOGIST IS NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE JUNE 14, AND THREE GERMAN COUNTERPARTS PLAN JUNE 15 ARRIVAL. ACCORDING TO TUMA, MENACHEM RUSSEK, SENIOR ISRAELI POLICE INVESTIGATOR, IS IN RIO DE JANEIRO ENROUTE TO SAO PAULO, WHERE HE WILL BE MET BY A DR. COOPER OF THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES, WHO IS REPORTEDLY CARRYING DOCUMENTS TO ASSIST IN THE HANDWRITING ANALYSIS. IN THE OPINION OF FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST LOWELL LEVINE, HOWEVER, MATERIALS HE KNOWS TO BE AVAILABLE TO WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE EXPERTS' WORK. END SUMMARY.

3. TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM ALL SIDES ARE PLEASED WITH SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION SURROUNDING EXAMINATION OF MENGELE EVIDENCE. WHILE DOCUMENT AND HANDWRITING EXPERTS CONTINUE THEIR WORK AT FEDERAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, U.S. FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST ELLIS KURLIE AND FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST LOWELL LEVINE WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE STATE POLICE MEDICAL-LEGAL INSTITUTE (IML) ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 13, TO FACILITATE INITIAL

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CONTACTS AT IML, SAO PAULO FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA HAS OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY U.S. EXPERTS ON THEIR CALL. (NOTE: LEVINE HAS WORKED PREVIOUSLY WITH ONE OF THE IML DOCTORS INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND EXPECTS U.S. SIDE WILL HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN COOPERATING WITH BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS.)

4. U.S. PATHOLOGIST, NOW IDENTIFIED AS ALI HAMELI, WILL ARRIVE IN SAO PAULO ON JUNE 14. ACCORDING TO U.S. MARSHALS, HAMELI IS THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE, ON CONTRACT TO DOJ. TEAM HERE HAS NO REPEAT NO PLANS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE U.S. THREE GERMAN PATHOLOGISTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SAO PAULO JUNE 15 TO COMPLETE THEIR TEAM.

5. IN JUNE 13 TRI-PARTITE MEETING, TUMA REPORTED THAT MENACHEM RUSSEK, SENIOR ISRAELI POLICE INVESTIGATOR, HAD ARRIVED IN RIO DE JANEIRO EN ROUTE TO SAO PAULO. TUMA ADDED THAT RUSSEK WILL BE MET IN SAO PAULO BY DR. COOPER (FNU), FROM THE SIMON WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE IN LOS ANGELES. ACCORDING TO TUMA, COOPER IS CARRYING DOCUMENTS WHICH PROPERLY INCLUDE SAMPLES OF MENGELE'S HANDWRITING FROM THE 1950'S. SUCH EVIDENCE COULD FILL IN THE DOCUMENTARY GAP THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS BETWEEN GERMAN AND U.S. - SUPPLIED DOCUMENTS DATING FROM THE WAR YEARS AND BRAZILIAN EVIDENCE FROM THE 1970'S. HOWEVER, LOWELL LEVINE DOUBTS THAT ANY MATERIALS HE KNOWS TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE THE INVESTIGATION. TUMA ALSO REPORTED THAT HE EXPECTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM PARAGUAY. (NOTE: ISRAELI COUNSEL MET WITH TUMA BEFORE THE TRI-PARTITE SESSION. INFORMED WHILE IN TUMA'S OFFICE OF THE PRESENCE OF POLOFF AND U.S. OFFICIALS. THE ISRAELI MADE WHAT CAN ONLY BE TERMED A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO AVOID U.S. TEAM.)

6. TUMA ALSO REPORTED THAT POLICE ARE EXAMINING BRAZILIAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS FOR EVIDENCE OF VISITS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS BY INDIVIDUALS GIVING THEIR NAME AS MENGELE OR GEARHART (THE GERMAN EXPERTS NOTE THAT MENGELE IS NOT A COMMON NAME). SO FAR POLICE HAVE TURNED UP EIGHT SUCH PERSONS.

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7. U.S. MEDIA PRESENCE SEEMS TO HAVE DIMINISHED OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS. NO PRESS APPEARED AT NEAL SHER'S JUNE 12 DEPARTURE, AND NONE ACCOMPANIED ARRIVAL OF NEW EXPERTS THE NEXT DAY. PRESS CONTINGENT AT TUMA'S OFFICE APPEARS LIMITED TO BRAZILIANS. CONSULATE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PRESS CALLS, HOWEVER, INCLUDING ONE FROM CBS NEWS WHICH WANTS U.S. EXPERTS TO APPEAR ON A "FACE THE NATION" SEGMENT.

8. COMMENT:

DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS, TUMA PERSONALLY HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE U.S. TEAM, EVEN CALLING POLOFF AT HOME LATE AT NIGHT TO REPORT ON PLANS FOR IML MEETINGS. IN ALL CASES THE BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF FRATERNAL COLLABORATION.

9. REQUEST DEPART ENSURE THAT REFTELS ARE PASSED TO DOJ, ALSO FOR U.S. MARSHAL SERVICE.

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