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JOINED BY A RADIOLOGIST FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE IN LOS ANGELES, WHO WILL BRING X-RAYS, AND BY AN ISRAELI PATHOLOGIST. ISRAELI CONSUL, HOWEVER, DENIED THAT RUSSEK HAD CARRIED ANY EVIDENCE, SAYING HE WAS HERE STRICTLY AS AN OBSERVER. THE CONSUL ALSO REFUSED TO CONFIRM THE PATHOLOGIST'S ARRIVAL.

4. INITIAL VISIT TO IML BY U.S. ANTHROPOLOGIST AND ODONTOLOGIST WENT SMOOTHLY AS EXPECTED. DR. WILHAM TEIXEIRA, WHO KNOWS BOTH ODONTOLOGIST LEVINE AND ANTHROPOLOGIST KERLEY (NOTE CORRECT SPELLING) FROM PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY RUBENS MALUF, IML DIRECTOR, TO COORDINATE WORK WITH FOREIGN EXPERTS. ALL AGREED RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION, WHICH THEY ESTIMATED WOULD RUN AT LEAST THROUGH JUNE 21, WOULD BE PRESENTED IN A JOINT REPORT OF U.S., BRAZILIAN, AND GERMAN EXPERTS. BRAZILIANS ADDED THAT THE FIRST STEP -- PROVING ALL THE REMAINS EXHUMED IN EMBU COME FROM A SINGLE BODY -- MAY HAVE ALREADY HIT A SNAG: ACCORDING TO WHAT THE BRAZILIANS STRESSED WERE EXTREMELY PRELIMINARY TESTS, THERE MAY BE AN AGE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE SKULL AND THE REST OF THE SKELETON.

5. TRI-PARTITE SESSIONS OF EXPERTS WILL CONTINUE OVER THE JUNE 15-16 WEEKEND. WEST GERMAN CONSUL HAS PROPOSED A MEETING FOR LATE JUNE 14 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF TWO MORE GERMANS -- LIKE THE U.S., EXPERTS. A FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST AND A FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST -- EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. MEETING OF ALL EXPERTS, INCLUDING THE GERMANS, IS SET FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN WORK SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE ESTABLISHED. ANTHROPOLOGICAL/MEDICAL EXPERTS PLAN TO USE THE WEEKEND TO REVIEW MENGELE'S HEALTH RECORDS AND WILL BEGIN ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF BONES ON JUNE 17. IF THEY CAN DETERMINE THAT THE REMAINS ARE FROM A SINGLE BODY, THEY WILL THEN PROCEED TO 1) PROVING THE BONES ARE GERHARDT'S AND 2) PROVING GERHARDT WAS MENGELE.

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#### 6. COMMENT:

GIVEN OFTEN CONTRADICTORY REPORTS OF ALLEGED ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN EXPERTS: IT SEEMS USEFUL TO REVIEW WHO'S ON FIRST. OFFICIAL U.S. TEAM CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF SIX TECHNICAL EXPERTS -- AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, AN ODONTOLOGIST, A PATHOLOGIST, AN INK AND DOCUMENTS SPECIALIST, AND TWO HANDWRITING ANALYSIS -- IN ADDITION TO TWO U.S. MARSHALS AND OSI DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOLF -- A TOTAL OF NINE. BY NOON SATURDAY, GERMANS WILL HAVE IN PLACE FIVE PEOPLE: AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, AN ODONTOLOGIST, A POLICE INVESTIGATOR, AND TWO FINGERPRINT EXPERTS. SO FAR, RUSSEK IS THE ONLY ISRAELI WHOSE PRESENCE WE CAN CONFIRM. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST ONE AND PERHAPS TWO PEOPLE FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE ARE EXPECTED. THE UPSHOT IS THAT, AFTER INITIAL MEETINGS IN WHICH TUMA STRESSED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS A BRAZILIAN MATTER AND THAT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WAS NEITHER WELCOMED NOR NEEDED, HE IS NOW ACCOMMODATING AT LEAST 15 OFFICIAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES, OVER HALF OF THEM FROM THE U.S. WE ARE EMPHASIZING WITH TEAM HERE THE CONTINUING NEED TO RESPECT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE AND TO ALLOW TUMA AND COMPANY TO HANDLE ALL MEDIA CONTACTS.

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