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SUBJECT: LIAISON REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ROBERT JAN
(VERBELEN)

- REF: A. [] 32175 9343128
- B. STATE 194715, 16 JUNE 1988
- C. STATE 190181, 14 JUNE 1988
- D. STATE 195431, 17 JUNE 1988
- E. BRUSSELS EMBTEL 08464, 20 JUNE 1988

1. HQS REFERS [] TO REFS B-E FOR HELP IN ANSWERING
[] REQUEST FOR INFO ON THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REPORT ON SUBJECT CASE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF
REPORT AND WILL POUCH AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. HQS CONFIRMS
THAT THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO PNWORLD CONTACT WITH ROBERT JAN
VERBELEN AT ANY TIME.

2. FOLLOWING FOR [] INFORMATION ONLY IS A FILE
REVIEW ON SUBJECT PREPARED 28 DECEMBER 1983 WHICH WAS
OCCASIONED BY A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ENTITLED "BELGIAN NAZI
TIED TO U.S. ARMY." WE WILL CABLE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO AS SOON
AS ALL RECORDS ARE IN HAND AND HAVE BEEN REVIEWED:

3. ROBERT JEAN VERBELEN [] AKA RICHARD BECKER,
PETER MEYER, VAN MARTENS VERBELEN, ERICH DIEL, HERBERT
CHARPENTIER, JOSEPH POLLACK AND ALFRED H. SCHWAB. BORN 5 APRIL
1911 IN GERENT (NEAR LOEWEN), BELGIUM. VERBELEN WAS A MEMBER
OF THE FLEMISH SS AND HELD THE RANK OF OBERSTURMFUEHRER. HE
WAS ALSO THE LEADER OF THE DEVLG SICHERHEITSKORP ESTABLISHED
TO COMBAT THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN BELGIUM. VERBELEN FLED TO
VIENNA AT THE END OF THE WAR LEAVING HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN
BEHIND WHO WERE REPORTEDLY MURDERED BY THE RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT. ON 14 OCTOBER 1947 HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN
ABSSENTIA BY THE BELGIANS WHO ACCUSED HIM OF TAKING PART IN OR
DIRECTING POLITICAL MURDERS DURING THE WAR.

4. TWO UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS ALLEGE THAT VERBELEN WAS
THE LEADER OF A TRAINING CENTER FOR SOVIET AGENTS LOCATED AT
SCHNEIDERMUEHL, DDR, AT THE END OF THE WAR, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY
"SOVIET CENSORSHIP" IN 1946.

5. VERBELEN WAS IN CONTACT WITH CIC AND/OR CID IN AUSTRIA
FROM 1946 TO 1956 UNDER THE ALIAS ALFRED SCHWAB. CIC CONTACT
WAS APPARENTLY BROKEN IN 1956 DUE TO LACK OF ACCESS.

6. IN APRIL 1962 VERBELEN WAS ARRESTED BY AUSTRIAN
AUTHORITIES FOR HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES. HE WAS HELD FOR THREE
YEARS BEFORE HIS TRIAL IN DECEMBER 1965. THE CASE RECEIVED

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