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SUBJECT: SURETE REQUEST FOR INFO ON RAOUL WALLENBERG

REF: [] (92 9990936)

TEXT:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. ACTION REQUIRED: COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS.

2. AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF CE DIVISION FILES BY CE
DIVISION OFFICERS AND CHECKING WITH EURA AND OSE (FORMERLY
SOVA) ANALYSTS, THE DESK WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION
THAT ADDS TO OR CLARIFIES WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN REGARDING THE
FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG.

3. AN ANALYST IN OSE, HOWEVER, PROVIDED THE DESK WITH
SEVERAL RECENT OPEN SOURCE UNCLASSIFIED FBIS CABLES DESCRIBING
RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT REVEALING "NEW"
INFORMATION ON THE WALLENBERG CASE, AS WELL AS OTHER FBIS
CABLES DESCRIBING THE EC'S INTEREST IN WALLENBERG AND PRESS
REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG WAS SEEN ALIVE IN 1950 BY POLISH
SURVIVORS OF A SOVIET LABOR CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE BELGIAN SURETE
PROBABLY ALREADY HAS THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED TEARLINE
INFORMATION ON WALLENBERG, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION ON
WHETHER PASSING THE TEARLINE TO LIAISON WILL BENEFIT THE
[] RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SURETE. THE TEARLINE HAS BEEN
CLEARED BY PCS AND OGC LEGAL ADVISORS.

-----TEARLINE-----

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT ADDS TO OR CLARIFIES
WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT THE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG.
ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTING, THE RUSSIANS RECENTLY
RELEASED DOCUMENTS FROM THE KGB ARCHIVES DETAILING FOR THE
FIRST TIME THE NAMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE
WALLENBERG CASE.

THE DOCUMENTS DON'T CHANGE THE RUSSIANS' ORIGINAL
EXPLANATION OR SHED ANY NEW LIGHT ON THE DISPOSITION OF RAOUL
WALLENBERG. THE RUSSIANS STATE THAT WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED IN
BUDAPEST IN 1945 CHARGED AS A SOVIET SPY AND TAKEN IN THE
ESCORT OF SOVIET OFFICERS TO THE KGB'S LUBYANKA PRISON FOR
QUESTIONING IN JANUARY 1945. WHILE IN PRISON, WALLENBERG DIED
OF A HEART ATTACK ON 27 JULY 1947 AND WAS CREMATED WITHOUT A
POSTMORTUM. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM THE SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT, THIS INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE KREMLIN IN
1957.

ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS ACCOUNTS, THERE WERE LIVE
SIGHTINGS OF WALLENBERG THREE YEARS AFTER HIS ALLEGED DEATH BY
POLISH PRISONERS IMPRISONED WITH WALLENBERG IN SOVIET LABOR
CAMPS. THE POLISH SURVIVORS WERE PREVIOUSLY AFRAID TO TALK
PUBLICLY ABOUT THEIR TIME IN THE GULAG FEARING COMMUNIST
REPRISALS AND ONLY CAME FORWARD AFTER THE FALL OF COMMUNISM IN
1989.

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4. THE ONLY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
UNCOVER ON WALLENBERG IS DERIVED FROM CLASSIFIED STATE CABLES

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DATED 1992 WHICH DETAIL INTERVIEWS BY STATE OFFICERS OF THE JOINT RUSSIAN/U.S. POW/MIA COMMISSION WITH RUSSIANS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE REMEMBERED AND SEEN WALLEMBERG DURING THEIR TIME IN RUSSIAN GULAGS AFTER THE WAR AND BEFORE 1947. THE CABLES DON'T REVEAL ANYTHING NEW ON WALLEMBERG'S FATE AND OBTAINING CLEARANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PASS THE INFORMATION WOULD NOT ALLOW HQS TO MEET [C]] 6 NOVEMBER DEADLINE. COS MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO REFER LIAISON TO STATE FOR ANY INFORMATION IT MAY POSSIBLY HAVE.

5. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT WALLEMBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN AND ACCORDING TO OGC, ALL PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS AND LAWS THAT APPLY IN DEALING WITH U.S. PERSONS ALSO APPLY TO HONORARY U.S. CITIZENS. THE TEARLINE INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE IS APPROVED FOR PASSAGE TO LIAISON BECAUSE IT WAS DERIVED FROM OPEN SOURCES.

6. FOR [C]] INFORMATION, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, EC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER FRANS ANDRIESSEN TOLD RUSSIAN FM ANDREI KOZYREV DURING HIS VISIT TO BRUSSELS IN MARCH 1992 THAT THE EC WANTED THE WALLEMBERG CASE CLEARED UP NOW THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE NO LONGER IN POWER IN RUSSIA. WE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY TRAFFIC DESCRIBING THE RUSSIAN'S FM'S RESPONSE.

7. ALSO, ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1992, SIMONE LUCKI, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN COMMITTEE FOR RAOUL WALLEMBERG, MET WITH POLITICAL OFFICERS FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS TO REQUEST PRESIDENT BUSH'S SUPPORT FOR WALLEMBERG'S NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CANDIDACY. LUCKI STATED THAT WALLEMBERG HAD BEEN NOMINATED IN ABSENTIA TO RECOGNIZE THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT FOR HIS VALIANT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HUNGARIAN JEWS AND TO FORCE RUSSIA TO TELL THE TRUTH CONCERNING HIS INCARCERATION AND ALLEGED DEATH IN 1947. WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRESIDENT BUSH TOOK ANY ACTION ON THE REQUEST.

8. WE HOPE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS USEFUL. SINCE THE WALLEMBERG CASE CONTINUES TO DRAW INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION, [C]] IS ENCOURAGED TO REITERATE TO LIAISON THAT THE TEARLINE INFORMATION IS DERIVED FROM OPEN SOURCES AND NOT FROM AGENCY FILES. BEST REGARDS.

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