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SUBJECT: KLAUS BARBIE UPDATE -- APPEAL OF RELEASE REQUEST 1. BARBIE'S LAWYER, JACQUES VERGES, TODAY APPEARED BEFORE THE LYON "CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION" TO APPEAL LAST MONTH'S RULING BY LYON JUDGE CHRISTIAN RISS NOT TO RELEASE BARBIE. ACCEVUHORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, VERGES CALLED FOR BARBIE'S RELEASE BECAUSE OF IRREGULARITIES SURROUNDING HIS TRANSFER FROM BOLIVIA TO FRANCE, ARGUMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE DENIED BY JUDGE RISS IN JUNE.

2. THE LYON COURT HAS UNTIL JULY 8 TO DECIDE THIS APPEAL. BARBIE'S LAWYER HAS SAID THAT IF THIS APPEAL IS DENIED HE WILL CONTINUE THE APPEAL BEFORE THE NATIONAL COUR DE CASSATION, FRANCE'S EQUIVALENT OF THE US SUPREME COURT. GALBRAITH

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