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BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION - MIDDLE EAST; ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS THREE LOCATIONS IN VICINITY ISRAELI FACILITIES, NEW YORK CITY.
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BEGINNING AT 7:15 P.M. ON MARCH 6, 1973, SEARCHES BY SPECIAL AGENTS (SAS) OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE (NYO) OF THE FBI WERE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYCPD) BOMB SQUAD:

- 1) FIRST ISRAELI BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, 47TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN;
- 2) ISRAELI DISCOUNT BANK, 43RD STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN;
- 3) EL AL AIRLINE WAREHOUSE FACILITY AT JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 132ND STREET AND 149TH AVENUE, QUEENS.

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SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED TO LOCATE POSSIBLE ABANDONED PARKED AUTOMOBILES IN PROXIMITY TO THESE ISRAELI ESTABLISHMENTS.

AT LOCATION TWO, INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT A VEHICLE, NEW YORK LICENSE 219Z 14, REGISTERED TO OLIN RENTAL COMPANY, NYC, HAD BEEN FOUND IN ABANDONED CONDITION AT 43RD STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, AND TOWED TO THE NYCPD IMPOUND LOT ON MARCH 5, 1973. THIS VEHICLE WAS SEARCHED BY OFFICERS OF THE NYCPD BOMB SQUAD, IN THE PRESENCE OF SAS OF THE NYO, IN THE LATE EVENING OF MARCH 6, 1973, AT THE NYCPD IMPOUND LOT, 59TH STREET AND TWELFTH AVENUE, MANHATTAN. THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE WAS OPENED, REVEALING THE PLACEMENT OF A HIGH ORDER PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WITH TIMER, WHICH HAD MALFUNCTIONED.

RECORDS OF OLIN RENTAL COMPANY AT NYC, SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKED, REFLECT THIS VEHICLE HAD BEEN RENTED BY ONE AID Y. SHAHIN, DATE OF BIRTH - JULY 1, 1945, PASSPORT NUMBER 170631, BUSINESS ADDRESS - ASHRAFIA COMPANY, BEIRUT, LEBANON, HOME ADDRESS - NJC SUMMITT AVENUE, BEIRUT. THIS INDIVIDUAL FURNISHED HIS LOCAL ADDRESS TO OLIN AS THE HOLLAND HOTEL, 351 WEST 42ND STREET, ROOM 1003, NYC.

SAS OF THE NYO, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 ^{PM} P.M. ON MARCH 7, 1973, LOCATED A SECOND RENTAL VEHICLE AT THE NYCPD IMPOUND LOT, 59TH STREET AND TWELFTH AVENUE, NYC, WHICH VEHICLE HAD BEEN TOWED TO THE LOT ON MARCH 5, 1973, FROM AN ABANDONED LOCATION AT 47TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE, NYC. THIS LOCATION WAS IN PROXIMITY TO LOCATION ONE SET FORTH ABOVE, THE FIRST ISRAELI BANK AND TRUST COMPANY. THE TRUNK OF THIS RENTAL VEHICLE WAS OPENED BY PERSONNEL OF THE NYCPD BOMB SQUAD IN THE PRESENCE OF SAS OF THE NYO AND A SIMILAR HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS LOCATED. THIS RENTAL VEHICLE BORE LICENSE 47Z391, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ASA RENTAL CAR FROM HERTZ CORPORATION, 641 FIRST AVENUE, NYC.

AT 2:40 A.M., ON MARCH 7, 1973, SAS OF THE NYO LOCATED A THIRD RENTAL VEHICLE ABANDONED AT 132ND STREET AND 149TH AVENUE, QUEENS, IN PROXIMITY TO THE EL AL WAREHOUSE FACILITY WHICH IS LOCATION THREE LISTED ABOVE. THIS VEHICLE, WHICH BORE NEW YORK LICENSE 39Z248, REGISTERED TO AVIS RENT-A-CAR, REGO PARK, QUEENS, WAS SEARCHED BY OFFICERS OF THE NYCPD BOMB SQUAD IN THE PRESENCE OF SAS OF THE NYO. A SIMILAR HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THIS VEHICLE.

THE HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE DEVICES LOCATED IN THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE TENTATIVELY DESCRIBED AS CONSISTING OF A CLOCK TIMING DEVICE CONNECTED BY BATTERY TO A BLASTING CAP DETONATOR FOR A PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE CONTAINED IN A COCA-COLA CAN.

MANUFACTURE. SIMILAR TYPE EXPLOSIVES WERE USED IN LETTER BOMBS MAILED BY ARAB TERRORISTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THE FALL, 1972.

SEARCH OF VEHICLES TO DATE HAS RESULTED IN RECOVERY OF QUANTITY OF EIGHT AND ONE-HALF INCHES BY ELEVEN AND ONE HALF INCHES SHEETS OF PAPER WITH LETTERING, PALESTINIAN BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION.

VEHICLES CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED FOR FINGERPRINTS. ALL VEHICLES AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN CUSTODY OF NYO OF FBI.

INVESTIGATION AT HOLLAND HOTEL HAS REVEALED AID Y. SHAHIN CHECKED OUT MARCH 5, 1973; ARRIVAL TIME UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. HOTEL ROOM PROCESSED FOR FINGERPRINTS AND THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. NOTHING OF EVIDENTIARY VALUE DEVELOPED.

DUE TO PRESENCE OF ISRAELI PREMIER GOLDA MEIR IN NYC, THIS INFORMATION DISSEMINATED THIS DATE TO SECRET SERVICE, NYC. ADDITIONALLY, INFORMATION DISSEMINATED TO NYC HEADQUARTERS, BUREAU ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS.

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