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Activities of Dr. Leo Silberman in Somalia

ACTION REQUIRED: None, info only

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Dr. Leo Silberman, a professor of anthropology at Balliol College, Oxford, and Visiting Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago.

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Silberman said he was traveling under a Carnegie Foundation Grant studying "general anthropology" in East Africa, on which he is an expert.

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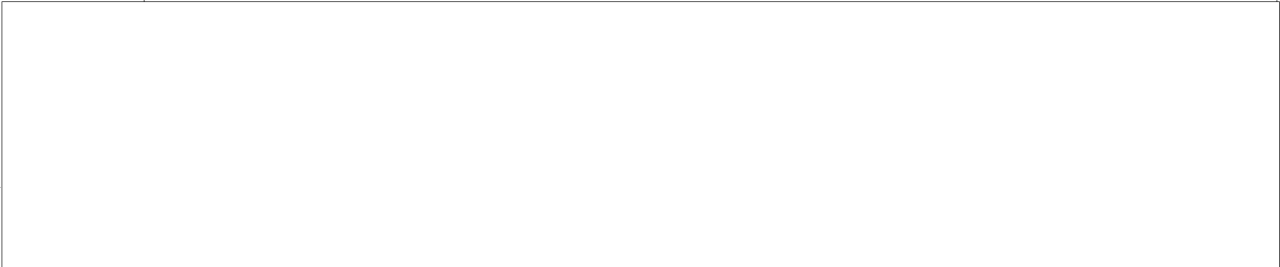


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5. Silberman is a competent, high level observer. He is a slight man weighing about 110 pounds, bald on top of his head, about 5 feet 6 inches tall. He has sharp features, penetrating black eyes and rather nervous mannerisms. He is about 50 years of age (he is of a type whose age is difficult to determine). Born in South Africa, he speaks Afrikaans, Dutch, English, German, French, Italian, Swahili and Somali. He has written a number of learned papers on Africa and a book on the history of the Iasu Island area. He is apparently unmarried.

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would appreciate any background information available on Silberman.

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