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SUBJECT: TRACES ON GENOUD

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1. FRANCOIS ((GENOUD)), A LAWYER, PUBLISHER, AND BUSINESSMAN, WAS BORN 25 OCT 1915 IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, AND IS THE SUBJECT OF [] HE HAS BEEN AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BANQUE COMMERCIAL ARABE OF GENEVA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS OTHER BUSINESS DEALS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. IN THE 1960S AND 1970S GENOUD HE WAS INVOLVED IN RIGHT-WING AND PRO-ARAB ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FINANCING ADOLPH EICHMANN'S DEFENSE AND HEADING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE ARAB WORLD. HE ALSO PROVIDED LEGAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST, SUCH AS BRUNO ((BREGUET)). HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AS ACTIVE IN RECENT YEARS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF HIS TIES TO TERRORISTS AND NAZIS. GENOUD HAS DENIED MOST OF THE ALLEGATIONS AND USUALLY SUED FOR LIBEL.

2. GENOUD AND JACQUES ((VERGES)) BOTH LIVED IN ALGIERS IN THE EARLY 1960S. THEY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED OFF AND ON SINCE THEN, AND ONE OF THE PRESS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GENOUD HAS BEEN THAT HE ARRANGED FOR VERGES TO DEFEND KLAUS ((BARBIE)). ✓

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