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~~(S)~~ [redacted] 1. [redacted] SEYCHELLES NATIONAL MOVEMENT (SNM) [redacted] AND THE POPULAR

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RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (MPR) ARE TWO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH DIFFERENT TASKS. THE GROUPS, HOWEVER, SHARE THE SAME OBJECTIVE -- TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH A PRO-WEST DEMOCRACY.

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[redacted] BOTH THE SNM AND THE MPR, WITH OVERLAPPING MEMBERSHIP, ARE CONSIDERED EQUAL PARTNERS AND THE COOPERATION IS EXCELLENT.

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] 2. [redacted] THE 29 NOVEMBER 1985 ASSASSINATION OF SNM PRESIDENT GERARD C.A. ((HOARAU)) LED TO A HEATED DEBATE WITHIN THE SNM TO DETERMINE WHO WOULD SUCCEED THE LATE PRESIDENT. SEVERAL MEMBERS WANTED TO SEE THE LATE SNM PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, RALPH ((HOARAU)), NOMINATED TO THE KEY POSITION.

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[redacted] THIS ARGUMENT LASTED SEVERAL MONTHS AND THE HOARAU FAMILY EVENTUALLY DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF ANOTHER PERSON WAS SELECTED. THIS LED THE SNM LEADERSHIP TO ASK GABRIEL ((HOARAU)), WHO IS NOT RELATED TO THE LATE SNM PRESIDENT, TO ASSUME THE OFFICE. [redacted] THIS INTERNAL DISPUTE WAS THE REASON WHY THE LATE SNM PRESIDENT'S BURIAL WAS POSTPONED UNTIL 6 MAY 1986.

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] 3. SNM PRESIDENT GABRIEL HOARAU, KNOWN AS "GABY," RETAINS HIS POSITION AS SNM CHAIRMAN IN BRUSSELS BUT OFTEN TRAVELS TO LONDON WHERE THE SNM MAINTAINS ITS MAIN OFFICE. SNM VICE PRESIDENT EDMOND ((CAMILLE)) AND SECRETARY GENERAL CHOW BOTH RESIDE IN LONDON. THESE THREE OFFICIALS ARE AT THE TOP OF THE SNM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES THE LATE PRESIDENT'S BROTHERS RALPH AND EDWARD WHO RESIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] SOMETIMES LONDON. OTHER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE RAUL ((GERMAIN)), CHAIRMAN OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES, AND ROBERT ((FINCH)), CHAIRMAN OF THE SNM CHAPTER IN AUSTRALIA. THERE ARE ALSO SNM MEMBERS LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES (U.S.)

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[redacted] MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OTHER SNM PERSONNEL COMMUNICATE REGULARLY. [redacted] THE PRESENCE OF UNIDENTIFIED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE SEYCHELLES.

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[redacted] PRESIDENT HOARAU ENJOYS A GOOD COMMAND OF THE ORGANIZATION AND IS RESPECTED AMONG SEYCHELLOIS ABROAD.

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] 4. [redacted] THE SNM HAS THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES. FIRST, THE ORGANIZATION IS TO SERVE AS A RALLYING POINT FOR ALL SEYCHELLOIS WHO OPPOSE THE CURRENT VICTORIA GOVERNMENT. SECOND, THE SNM IS CHARGED WITH OBTAINING FUNDS FOR ITSELF AND FOR THE MPR. FINALLY, [redacted] THE SNM IS TASKED WITH OBTAINING EXTERNAL SUPPORT FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES.

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] 5. [redacted] THE MPR, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GATHERING INTELLIGENCE, PREPARING ACTUAL OPERATIONAL SCENARIOS FOR THE TAKEOVER OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND EXECUTING THESE PLANS. [redacted] ALMOST

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ALL MEMBERS OF THE MPR ARE IN THE

(S) [redacted] SEYCHELLES, INCLUDING THE UNIDENTIFIED MPR LEADER. [redacted]

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