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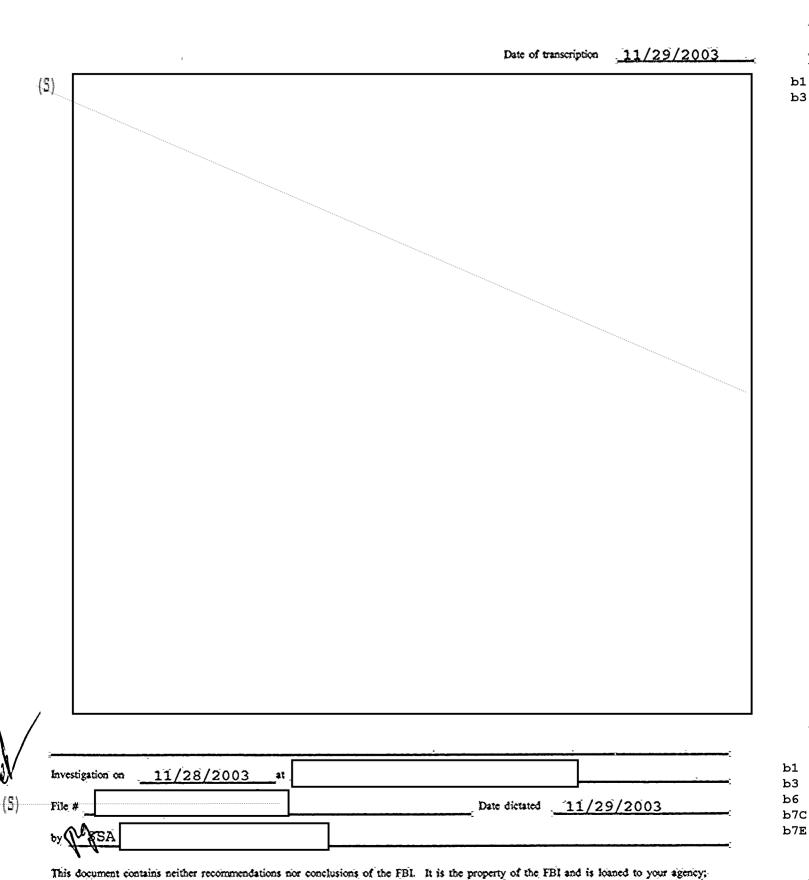
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(I) Based on the above, London is taking no further action in this matter.

(5) (5) London is clearing the lead set forth in Serial

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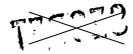
	o: Counterintelligence From: Amman e: (S) 11/17/2004
(S) a	As almost two months have past, and Amman has et to receive any additional information on this matter, Amman ssumes that the lead set forth in serial is no longer elevant. Thus, Amman is administratively covering lead ithout further action.

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	From: G-3.

Details: (8) This investigation was predicated on a 03/14/2003 letter from Senator John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) to FBI Director Mueller requesting that the FBI conduct an investigation regarding whether information provided to the U.S. Government (USG) concerning an alleged deal between Niger and Iraq for uranium (in which Niger would supply uranium to Iraq) was actually a perception management campaign to influence U.S. policy toward Iraq. This letter from Senator Rockefeller is dated exactly one week after International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Director General Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei's public report of the results of the IAEA's analysis

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	of documents which had been provided to the USG in 10/2002, and the IAEA's conclusion that they were not authentic, and that these specific allegations (Iraq attempting to purchase uranium from Niger), were unfounded.
ŧ	(U) Background:
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	In 10/2002, an Italian journalist, went to the U.S. Embassy in Rome and asked if the U.S. Government could authenticate documents she had recently received from a source which indicated that there was a uranium deal between Iraq and Niger.
	(U) Investigation to date:
(S)	provided by to the USG in 10/2002, based on all information to date, were forgeries, and that there was no deal between Iraq and Niger. What has not been established is who created the documents which were provided to in 10/2002, and their motivation for doing so.
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· (S)	writer attempted to send an e-mail message to FBIHQ/CD regarding the above, however, there was a problem with the
(S)	system. Writer left a voice mail message for Unit Chief (UC) advising of the and that writer would be sending a more explanatory e-mail message the following day. On 08/01/2003, writer sent said e-mail message to UC and SSA requesting a decision from FBIHQ as soon as possible.
	(%) On 08/04/2003. SSA telephonically advised writer that
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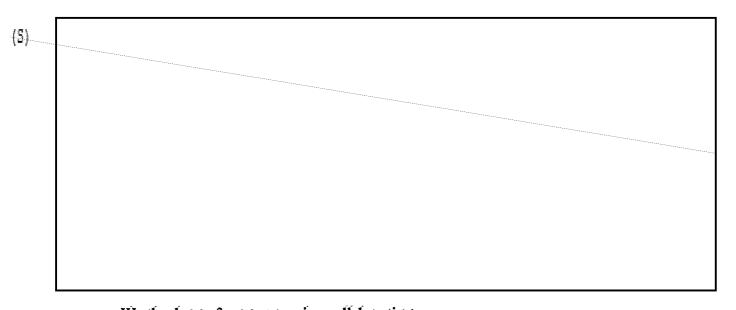
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	As you are probably aware from media coverage
	he Government of Iraq (GOI) and the Government of Niger (GON) may
	have been engaged in negotiations for a Uranium purchase by Iraq.
	At the request of the United States Senate, FBI Director Robert Mueller ordered that a foreign counterintelligence investigation be opened to determine whether or not documents and related items surrounding this alleged deal could have been used in a perception management campaign by a foreign power to influence U.S. Government executive policy makers concerning Iraq.
	Documents surfaced on 9 October 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the
	American Embassy in Rome. These documents purport a GOI agreement with the GON to
	purchase 500 tons of uranium. The documents report travel to Niamey by the then-Iraqi Ambassador Al Zahawie. On 7 March 2003, the Director of the International Atomic Energy
	Agency (IAEA) made a public statement to the United Nations that he believed that the documents were forgeries.
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	From: Paris b3 Contact: b6	
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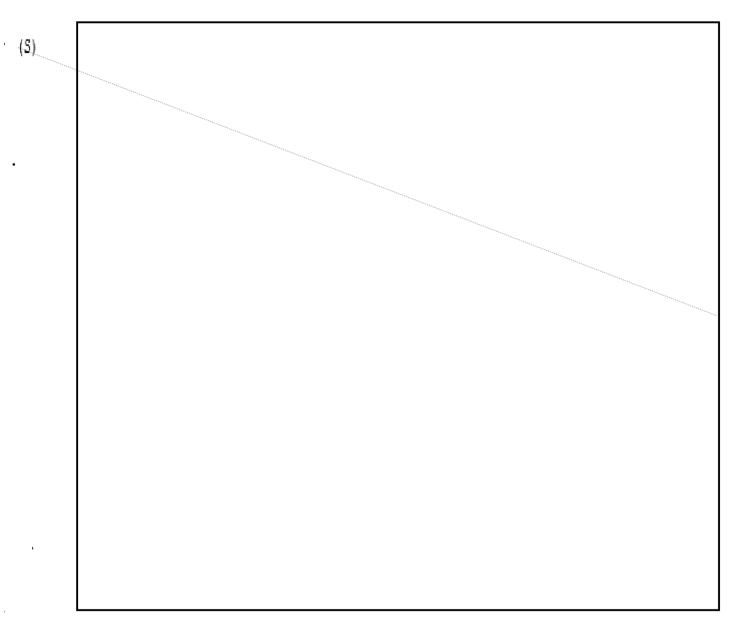
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	(U) On March 3, 2003, the IAEA/INVO provided. U.S. Mission in Vienna with an analysis of the Niger uranium documents the U.S. had provided the previous month. The IAEA/INVO concluded that the documents were forgeries and did not substantiate any assessment that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Niger. Their assessment was based on analysis of the documents and interviews with Iraqi officials.	Ĺ
	(U) On March 4, 2003, the U.S. Government learned that the French had based their initial assessment that Trag had attempted to procure uranium from Niger on the same documents that the U.S. had provided to the INVO.	,·
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	I did not know there is proof of engaged in intel offering my coor intelligence ser about whom a greabout whom we will the hoax began of Embassy source wreliable on previous also wis SISMI aide, pass information. It information incluranium traffic what did I do at it on to the Free	of what I say beligence for may be at leal has be all be talking one day when a who had proven vious occasions ith the collabored on to me a sed on to me a between Niger that juncture	I have been my years, ious g the French, en said and later on Nigerien to be and who had rator of a whole lot of that rences to a and Irag.	

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	which I am in touch and by which I was remunerated. I passed it on also to Panorama (journalist , which assessed it in order to study it, dispatching a reporter to Niger and turning the file over to the U.S. Embassy in Rome for cross-checking.	•
	What happened then?	b6 b7
	The female journalist told me that the trip to Niger had not produced any real confirmation, and also the French confirmed to me that the reports I had passed on to them were groundless. But at that juncture the beans had been spilled. The file was circulating, the reports contained in it were going around the world, and Bush and Blair were talking about those documents, albeit without actually mentioning them. I turned the television on and I did not believe my ears.	•
	The suspicion is that you may have played France's game, opposed as it was to intervention in Iraq and planning to cook up a "poisoned meat ball" to give the lie to the United States and to the United Kingdom, which were hunting around for any kind of excuse to justify the invasion of Iraq: Nigergate.	b6 b7С
	I do not know what you are talking about. These are lunatic ravings, among other reasons because the documents in question originated back in 2000, a year before the attack on the Twin Towers in New York and three years before Bush's decision to proceed with the war against Saddam.	
	Someone may have remembered those documents, picked them up out of the waste basket, and released them back into circulation at the right moment.	

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	Anything is possible. And in any case, I am the victim, the tool used by someone for games much bigger than me.	, b6 '
	When did you realize that you were in trouble?	b7C
	When I read an article in a British newspaper that more or less called me a hardened criminal, pointing the finger of accusation at me as a double-crosser working for the French, who were clearly interested in what we were talking about just now.	
	But you were followed, photographed, and recorded while speaking with French agents:	
	So? I told you, I cooperate with them. And not only with them. But I did not plot against Italy or against the United States.	
	The British 007s think otherwise.	ъ6
	That is their business.	b7C
	You told the Sunday Times in an interview that also the Italian Government and the SISMI were involved in the Nigergate affair. Then you backtracked when talking with Prosecutor the other day. Where does the truth lie?	
	I reached a preliminary agreement with the Sunday Times for an interview that was	1
	never conducted. We talked about this and that, including the SISMI, but only to say that my source on the uranium traffic was the same as the source of an Italian intelligence service aide. As far as I know, the SISMI has nothing to do with it. I never, and I repeat, never said that Forte Braschi (SISMI's Rome headquarters), was involved, and certainly not that the Italian Government was involved.	

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The truth is that I have been duped, manipulated, used. I would like to figure out why they chose me; I do have some idea, but without any evidence one gets nowhere. Whom were you duped, manipulated, used by? If I knew that, I would dash off to report it to the magistracy, to whom indeed I have already handed over important documents and revealed the names of all the players in this murky business.	b6 b7С
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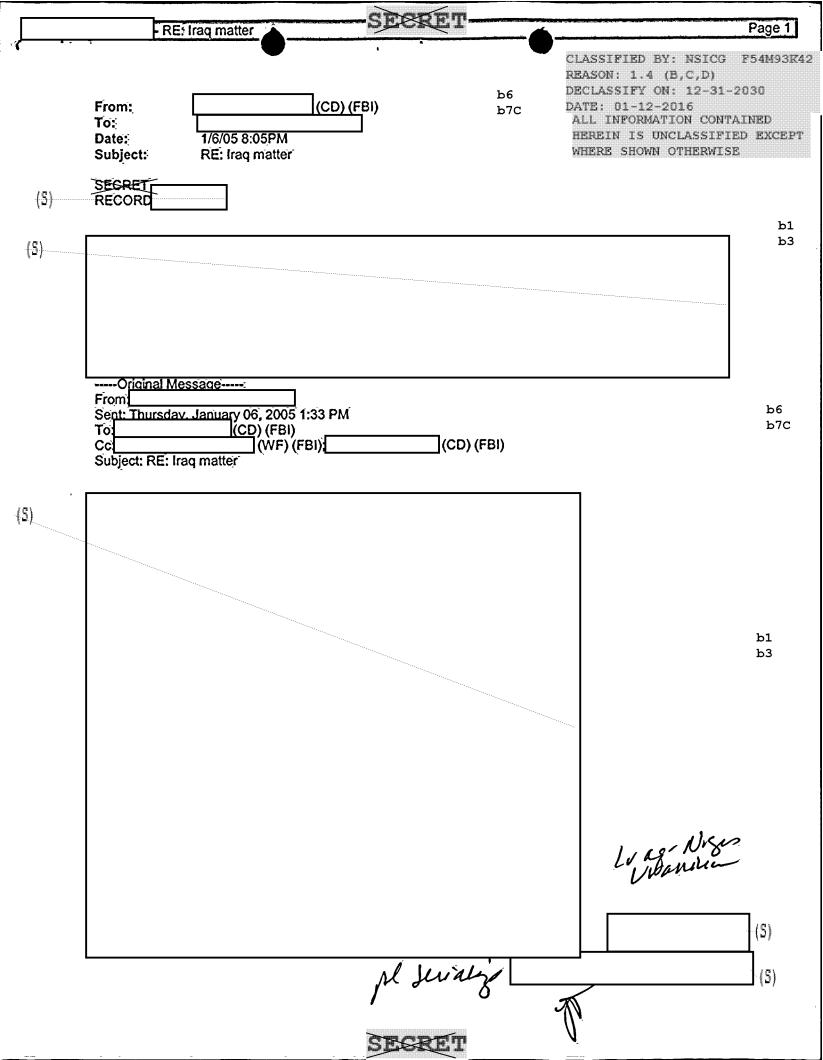
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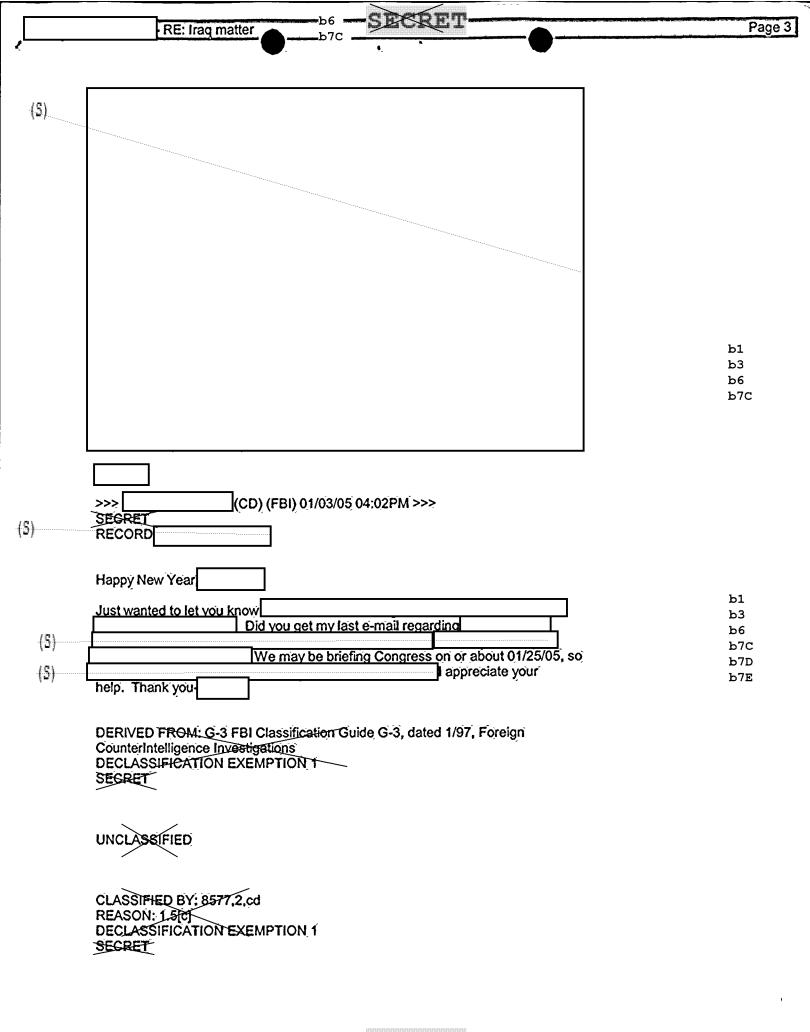
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addition, a summary was prepared by Legat Paris, upon her return to the office. For unknown reasons, this document does not appear in the file or within ACS, thus, this EC is being transmitted with the same information originally provided to clear a lead set by FBIHO in serial on February 19, 2004, three months after being informed of the interview. Legat Paris regrets any difficulties that may have been caused by this.

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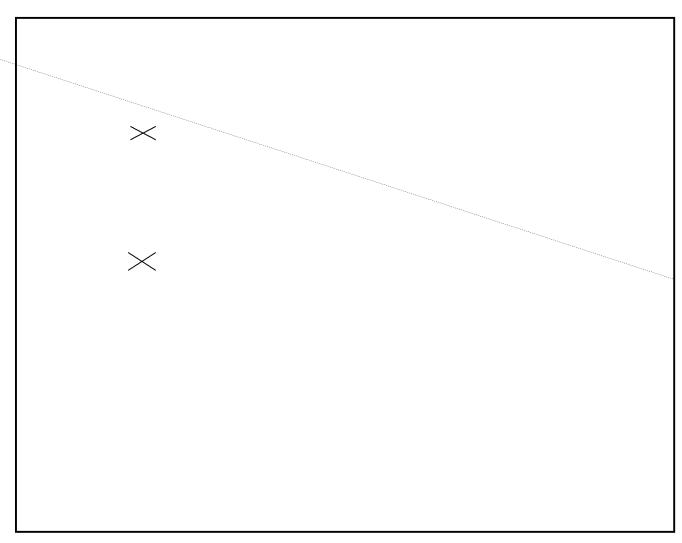
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- Details: (8) Referenced Serial outlined the basic facts of captioned investigation. On 07/07/2004, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) published a report entitled, "Report on the U.S. Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq." Both a classified and unclassified/redacted version of this report was produced. The unclassified/redacted version was made available to the public.
 - (U) The SSCI report included a detailed section on the alleged uranium deal in 2000 between Niger and Iraq. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 69 of the unclassified/redacted SSCI report state:
 - (U) On March 3, 2003, the IAEA/INVO provided ... U.S. Mission in Vienna with an analysis of the Niger uranium documents the U.S. had provided the previous month. The IAEA/INVO concluded that the documents were forgeries and did not substantiate any assessment that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Niger. Their assessment was based on analysis of the documents and interviews with Iraqi officials.
 - (U) On March 4, 2003, the U.S. Government learned that the French had based their initial assessment that Iraq had attempted to procure uranium from Niger on the same documents that the U.S. had provided to the INVO.

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Details: (S) As recipients are aware, captioned investigation was predicated on a 03/14/2003 letter from U.S. Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV, Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to FBI Director Mueller. Below is the text of that letter:

"Dear Director Mueller:

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As you know, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has recently determined that some of the intelligence documents provided to it by the United States are forgeries. These documents were provided to the IAEA as evidence of Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger. I am writing to request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigate this matter.

While U.S. concerns regarding alleged Traqi nuclear weapons development programs have not been based primarily on these forgeries, there is a possibility that the fabrication of these documents may be part of a larger deception campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and foreign policy regarding Traq. Hence, I believe it is important to ascertain the following: the source of the documents; the level of sophistication of the forgeries; the motivation of those responsible for the forgeries; why the Intelligence Community did not recognize the documents were fabricated; and the extent to which these forgeries may be part of a larger disinformation campaign.

A thorough investigation should, at a minimum, help to allay any concerns that the U.S. Intelligence Community, or other elements of the U.S. Government, were involved in the creation of these documents in order to build support for the Administration's policies. I hope to hear from you as expeditiously as possible. I greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, John D. Rockefeller, IV Vice Chairman"

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(U)	The extent to which these forgeries may be part of a larger disinformation campaign
(S) C	theories promoted in the media, the bottom line is that FBI investigation to date has answered all of the questions/issues posed by Senator Rockefeller's letterthe documents were not created as part of a perception management campaign to influence public opinion and foreign policy regarding the invasion of Iraq. In reading the letter,
(U)	answered the Senator's questions as stated in his letter, and WFO believes no purpose will be served by continuing with this investigation. Therefore, WFO is placing the captioned matter in closed status.

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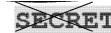
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# How phony Iraq memos left a career spy out in the cold

Journalist didn't buy Mr. Martino's intelligence

By Jay Solomon And Gabriel Kahn

OR MUCH of the past decade, Rocco Martino floated in obscurity on the margins of the global spy game. The silver-haired Italian worked briefly for his country's military-intelligence service, was kicked out, then continued to free-lance with SISMI, as it is known. He scraped together a living selling intelligence tips under an ever-shifting list of aliases to other agencies or journalists.

Then he stumbled across something that, in the charged climate fol-

lowing the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S., he thought could be a hot lead: 17 telexes, memos and letters purporting to show how Saddam Hussein had acquired 500 tons of "yellowcake," a processed ura-nium ore, from the African nation of Niger to build nuclear weapons.

Over dinner at an upscale Roman restaurant in October 2002, Mr. Martino offered them to an Italian journalist for about \$12,000.

He never got paid. The journalist concluded, correctly, that they were fakes. But she ended up unwittingly Please turn to page 2

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# Memos left spy in cold

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Now, the 67-year-old Mr. Martino is at the center of a U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation counterespionage probe, according to a senior FBI official. As they seek to determine whether a foreign country intentionally misled the U.S. intelligence community about Mr. Hussein's activities, agents are trying to answer these questions: Who created the fake intelligence in the first place, and why? Was Mr. Martino actively trying to aid the case for war? Was he a pawnfor others who were?

"Rocco was a set up" for someone else, contends Democratic Rep. Maurice Hinchey of New York, who failed in December to push a resolution through the House of Representatives compelling the White House to release documents related to the Niger case. "We still don't know who [the Italian] was working with."

While Mr. Martino spent much of his career peddling stories to journalists, he now won't talk to the press. He declined repeated interview requests through his Rome lawyer, Giuseppe Placidi. Mr. Placidi says he believes somebody must have forged the documents but that it wasn't Mr. Martino. SISMI has also denied forging or disseminating the dossier.

A native of the southern Italian region of Calabria, Mr. Martino spent the early years of his professional career in the carabinieri, Italy's military-police force. His onagain, off-again relationship with SISMI was revealed by the current head of the agency, Gen. Nicolò Pollari, to a closed Italian parliamentary commission last year, according to Italian Sen. Luigi Malabarba, a member 1992 commission.

Elisabetta Burba, the journalist who met Mr. Martino that night in October 2002, says she has known him for close to a decade and had received solid information from him in the past. For some information, she paid him, a not-uncommon practice among Italian journalists.

His lawyer, Mr. Placidi, says his client has worked recently as a paid operative of France's intelligence service, the Direction Generale dela Securite Exterieure, or DGSE. A spokesperson for the DGSE declined repeated requests for comment.

According to several people who heard Mr. Martino's account, the bogus Niger documents came into his possession after a tip from his long-time handler at SISMI. The handler introduced Mr. Martino to an Italian woman who was working at the Niger Embassy in Rome. Mr. Martino called her "the signora." They had their first meeting in February 2000, according to people familiar with Mr. Martino's account. The purported handler couldn't be reached for comment.

The signora, identified in a report by Rome prosecutors as Laura Montini, began regularly passing on tidbits of information, according to Rome prosecutors and others who discussed the matter with Mr. Martino. Mr. Martino has said the Italian woman eventually began providing telexes and files depicting the sale of uranium yellowcake from Niger to Iraq, according to several people who have interviewed him.

Reached at the Niger Embassy in Rome, Ms. Montini said she has never met Mr. Martino and only learned his name from newspapers. She also declined to confirm or deny that she was questioned in relation to the probe conducted by Rome prosecutors, which was eventually dropped.

It wasn't long after receiving the documents that Mr. Martino began seeking to peddle them to potential buyers. He tried to interest France's DGSE, according to his attorney and those who interviewed Mr. Martino. He also traveled to Brussels and tried to pass them on to the British Embassy, according to Gen. Pollari's testimony. Around the same time, he sought out the wider media world, including the Italian journalist, Ms. Burba.

Ms. Burba says she spent weeks trying to verify their authenticity, even traveling as far as Niger. She ultimately concluded that the dossier was a fabrication. Some of the documents were dated before the events to which they referred; crucial details were missing; and one piece of correspondence between the Niger and Iraq governments was written, improbably, in Italian. She says Mr. Martino was upset when she refused to pay him, and sent a text message to her phone insisting the papers-were legitimate.

As part of her attempts to corroborate the papers, Ms. Burba delivered the documents to the American Embassy in Rome, according to the journalist and an account of the event described by a report on prewar intelligence by the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Embassy officials never commented to Ms. Burba. But they did send the documents back to the State Department's intelligence arm in Washington, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, or INR. A week later, on Oct. 16, State Department officials in Washington were distributing copies in a meeting of an interagency task force that included representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon and the National Security Agency, according to the Senate report.



Rocco Martino, who made a living selling intelligence tips, is currently at the center of a U.S. probe over documents now known to be fake purporting to show how Saddam Hussein had acquired uranium ore.

This wasn't the first time American officials had heard reports that Iraq was pursuing Niger's yellow-cake. SISMI had passed on tips to the CIA to that effect in late 2001 and early 2002, according to U.S. intelligence officials. But the Martino-Burba dossier was the first time they had gotten firsthand evidence.

U.S. President George W. Bush asserted in his 2003 State of the Union address that Iraq was seeking to procure uranium from Africa. The White House denies it relied on Mr. Martino's documents to make its claims, citing instead a British "white paper" that made a similar claim. But several members of the U.S. intelligence community say they are convinced that all intelligence referring to uranium purchases from Niger were related to Mr. Martino's documents.

The International Atomic Energy Agency in March 2003 publicly pronounced the documents to be fakes. And after the U.S. invasion of Iraq that same month, the CIA acknowledged that many of the claims concerning uranium purchases in Africa were based on flawed intelligence.

In the summer of 2004, Mr. Martino met with reporters for the Sunday Times of London in a cafe at the Brussels train station. He alleged that he had been set up by SISMI, according to the article that ran on Aug. 1, but demanded money for his full story.

"I sell information, I admit," he said, according to the article. Two British journalists balked at his request for cash, but not before surreptitiously snapping his photograph.

With his photo now public, it wasn't long before others in Italy recognized Mr. Martino and newspapers began to publish his name. In a string of subsequent articles that ran in the summer of 2004, everything from Mr. Martino's work with SISMI to his financial troubles were published in Italian and European publications.

Mr. Martino began courting a different set of journalists across the Atlantic: producers from the CBS show "60 Minutes II." The CBS journalists were reporting a story on the role the faked Niger documents played in the Bush administration's push for war in Iraq, according to three people who worked on the project.

CBS has yet to run the program, because of a debate over whether it is ready to air. Kevin Tedesco, a spokesman for "60 Minutes," says the news program's journalists continue to report the Niger story and that "we won't rule out airing this material in the future."

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Bid for \$34.7 billion by German company trumps Gas Natural

Power giant E.On AG's surprise €29.1 billion (\$34.7 billion) offer for Endesa SA, Spain's leading electricity utility, is a bold bid to cement the German company's claim as the world's largest power-andgas provider, and it could set off a consolidation of Europe's huge energy market just as regulators are hoping to foster more competitors in the sector.

The all-cash offer of €27.50 a share trumps an earlier unsolicited

By Mike Esterl in Frankfurt and Keith Johnson in Madrid

cash-and-stock bid by Spain's Gas Natural SDG SA that values Endesa at about €21.20 a share. E.On's offer represents the biggest utilities takeover bid on record and, excluding debt, Europe's largest ever cashonly deal, according to Dealogic, a financial-data service.

If E.On succeeds, the deal would be the biggest step by far in consolidating the European power industry, at a time when several aggressive and cash-rich former state monopolies are scouri

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- The U.S. Congress was headed for a confrontation with the White House over a deal to transfer port management to a Dubai-controlled company. Republican lawmakers joined Democrats urging a delay on national-security concerns and threatened legislative action. Bush vowed to veto any congressional interference. Page 3
- Iran painted talks with Russia over its nuclear program as "positive," but there was skepticism in Moscow that Tehran is ready for compromise on the location of uranium enrichment.
- The EU failed to agree whether to let poultry farmers vaccinate flocks on fears it would mask birdflu spread. Hungary and Slovakia confirmed outbreaks. Page 9
- Mladic was located but the top Bosnian Serb war-crimes fugitive wasn't yet arrested, a Ser-bian official said, denying reports.



# Italy's top curler wears Prada

At 22, Joel Retornaz is the 'skip' of his team—and the toast of his country > Page 16, more at WSJ.com/Olympics

- Cadbury's net rose 46%, and the U.K. firm said cost cuts and price rises will offset rising com-
- modity costs by 2007. Page 4 ■ Publicis is launching a firm to advise marketers on digital technologies. It also will invest in media-technology start-ups. Page 6
- Wal-Mart's earnings rose 13%, but the retailing giant said rising interest costs would constrain results this year. Page 6
- France's and Luxembourg's moves to shield Arcelor from Mittal run counter to the spirit of EU law, an EU official said. Page 7
- CAO Singapore's ex-finance chief was sentenced to two years in prison and fined for his role in a derivatives scandal. Page 24
- China's economy is expected to grow about 9.3% this year, a government economist said. China's central bank gave no hint of a yuan-policy shift. Page 24

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Quite a jolt

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- The EU Commission dismissed bleak French and German GDP reports, saying economic growth in the euro zone will pick up in 2006.
- Baghdad was rocked by a car bombing that killed 22. The U.K.'s Straw was in the nation, backing U.S. calls for a unity government.
- Christian and Muslim mobs hit two Nigerian cities in riots that killed 24 following deadly Muhammad-cartoon protests Saturday.
- Nigerian militants called forindependent mediators to negotiate the release of nine foreign oil workers they have captured.
- The U.S. high court agreed to consider a ban on late-term abortions, with new members weighing the issue. WSJ.com/EuroLinks
- Food aid may resume to North Korea, as a World Food Program official presents a plan to get limited supplies flowing. Page 8
- Italy signed a deal under which the New York Met will return antiquities Rome says were looted in exchange for loans of artifacts.
- Lawrence H. Summers will resign as president of Harvard University at the end of the academic year. WSJ.com/EuroLinks

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