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Case ID # (U)(S) (Pending)

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
Possible Perception Management
Activity directed against the
U.S. Government;
Documents allegedly given to
Italian Journalist disclosing
Government of Iraq efforts
to obtain Uranian from Niger
PCI - X

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Synopsis: (S) This electronic communication (EC) requests
priority investigation by Legats Rome and London, and the
Washington Field Office. Expedite investigation is requested in
preparation for the Director’s testimony to Congressional
committee inquiries concerning captioned documents. The EC

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(S) (U) Derived From: G-3
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Details: (U) Reference Counterintelligence Division (CD),
electronics communication (EC) dated 06/03/03, designating

Case ID:

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Washington Field as "Office of Origin" to captioned [Blank]. The EC also followed inquiries made by the House Intelligence Committee and Director.

Reference is also made to the Rome EC dated 06/06/06, setting forth the results of the interviews of American Embassy officials who first interviews the journalist, [Blank] of Panorama Magazine.

(U) For the further information of Washington Field and Legat London, on 06/05/03, the U.S. Department of State (USDS), Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) provided FBI Headquarters with 17 pages of documents in the French and Italian languages that were received by two American Embassy officials. The USDS also provided English language translations of the documents. The documents purportedly consisted of diplomatic notes between the Iraqi Embassy to the Holy See and the Embassy of Niger to Rome, internal communications within the Government of Niger (GON), telexes between the GON and the Embassy, and an accord for uranium transaction between the two Governments.

(U) On 06/09/03, Legat interviewed the two Political Officers at the Embassy who met with a journalist. According to the officers, approximately 10/8/02, the Editor of Panorama Magazine contacted the American Embassy and advised that a Panorama journalist in Milan, [Blank] had information to provide. The following day, [Blank] visited the Embassy and met with the two officers. [Blank] pulled out a folder that held numerous who she claimed came from a "contact" who had provided reliable information to her in the past. She was unwilling to provide the name of the "contact." The "contact" had requested 15,000 Euro for the information. [Blank] made the documents available for photocopying. She also requested that the Embassy advise of the accuracy to the contents, but the officers declined. Additionally, she declined their request to contact Italian authorities. Copies of the photocopied documents were passed [Blank] and, approximately 10/15/02, were sent via secure facsimile to USDS. The facsimile consisted of 18 pages of information. Approximately one week following the meeting, an officer telephoned [Blank] and re-stated the above two points.
As Washington Field may already be aware, the 06/09/03 issue of the Washington Post, reported that a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) was prepared concerning the Iraqi WMD threat. The NIE stated that "Iraq had WMD" and Hussein "was continuing to improve his WMD capabilities, that he was hiding these from the world and that there were large, unaccounted-for stockpiles." The CD does not know if the estimate contained references to information from the above documents being present in the NIE.

As London may or may not already be aware, British Prime Minister Tony Blair has made reference in the media to Iraq's possession of WMD material. The reference reportedly came...
said and done, When all is

(U) The objective of this inquiry is

(S) The CD will advise expect contact by Washington Field in response to this EC. The CD will also request to notify to anticipate contact by Legat also in response to this EC.

(S) Once approved by FBI Headquarters, the coordination of the interviews with will be left to the discretion of FBI Headquarters would suggest that the interviews be coordinated with but, if at all possible, conducted by the FBI and a

(U) The POC concerning this EC is SSA at . The alternate POC will be Unit Chief .

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD
AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

[Handwritten note]

Determine, to extent possible, what if any information may have been attributable to the above documents.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

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EC. Locate [REDacted] and her "contact" for interview and, when ready, request FBI Headquarters approval for interview.