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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/16/2003

To: Counterintelligence
Washington

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]
[redacted] SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted] CI-9

From: Washington Field
IT-4

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *ATW*

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Drafted By: *UMW* [redacted] (S) [redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Notifies recipients of [redacted]
[redacted] at WFO.

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(U) Reference: ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(U) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Reference 06/16/2003 meeting at FBIHQ
between [redacted] UC [redacted] and SSA [redacted] and WFO
SAs [redacted] and [redacted].

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Details: ~~(S)~~ Based upon referenced serials and meeting,
captioned [redacted] As discussed during
referenced meeting, WFO will attempt to obtain copies of all
documents [redacted]

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to SA [redacted]
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Re: (S) [redacted] 06/16/2003

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(S) [redacted]
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[redacted] WFO will also attempt, with the assistance of FBIHQ, to interview [redacted] personnel who may have knowledge of this and related matters.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ WFO co-case agents for this [redacted] are:
SA [redacted] IT-4. [redacted]
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to US Government
Unknown subject(s)
false information provided to

(File No. [redacted] (S) b1 b3

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(S)	11-28-03	X		ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW MTM
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(S)				OF [redacted]
(S)	3-31-04	X		ORIGINAL NOTES RE INTERVIEW MTM
(S)				on [redacted] 03/31/2004 - 07/25/2003

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Yes No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

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unknown subject (s)
false information provided to JP

Reference:

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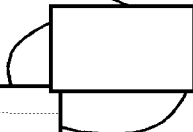
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Field Office Acquiring Evidence WFO

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Date Received 03/31/2004

From [Redacted]
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(Address of Contributor)

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By JA [Redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes No

Receipt Given Yes No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/18/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn:

[Redacted] UC [Redacted]
[Redacted] SSA [Redacted]
SSA [Redacted]
ASAC-IT [Redacted]
ASAC-CI [Redacted]
CI-9, SA [Redacted]

Washington Field

From: Washington Field
IT-4

Contact:

SA [Redacted]
SA [Redacted]

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Approved By:

[Redacted] *HTW/Km*

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(U) Reference:

(S) [Redacted]

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Details:

(S/NT) On 06/17/2003, case agents [Redacted] and [Redacted] met with SSA [Redacted]

(S) [Redacted] SSA [Redacted] provided the case agents with a copy (for review, not retention) [Redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] This document was faxed to the Counterintelligence Division (CD) on 06/09/2003, and is believed to be the document/time line referred to in referenced serial. [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, in 09/2002, [redacted]

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[redacted] ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] [redacted] The case agents requested a copy of it from SSA [redacted] however, SSA [redacted]

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[redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] ~~(S/NF)~~ [redacted] the case agents then met with [redacted]

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[redacted] the FBI was not conducting a criminal investigation of this issue, but rather [redacted]

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Re: (S) [redacted]

From: Washington Field
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stated that in his opinion, [redacted]

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At the conclusion of the interview, the case agents requested [redacted]

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(S) ~~(S)~~ On behalf of the case agents, SSA [redacted] called [redacted] and requested an interview. [redacted] advised (S) that he would be in meetings for the next two days, but requested that SSA [redacted] speak to his secretary to arrange a meeting before the end of the week. SSA [redacted] spoke to (S) [redacted] secretary, and it was agreed that the case agents would (S) interview [redacted] at 9am on Friday, 06/20/2003.

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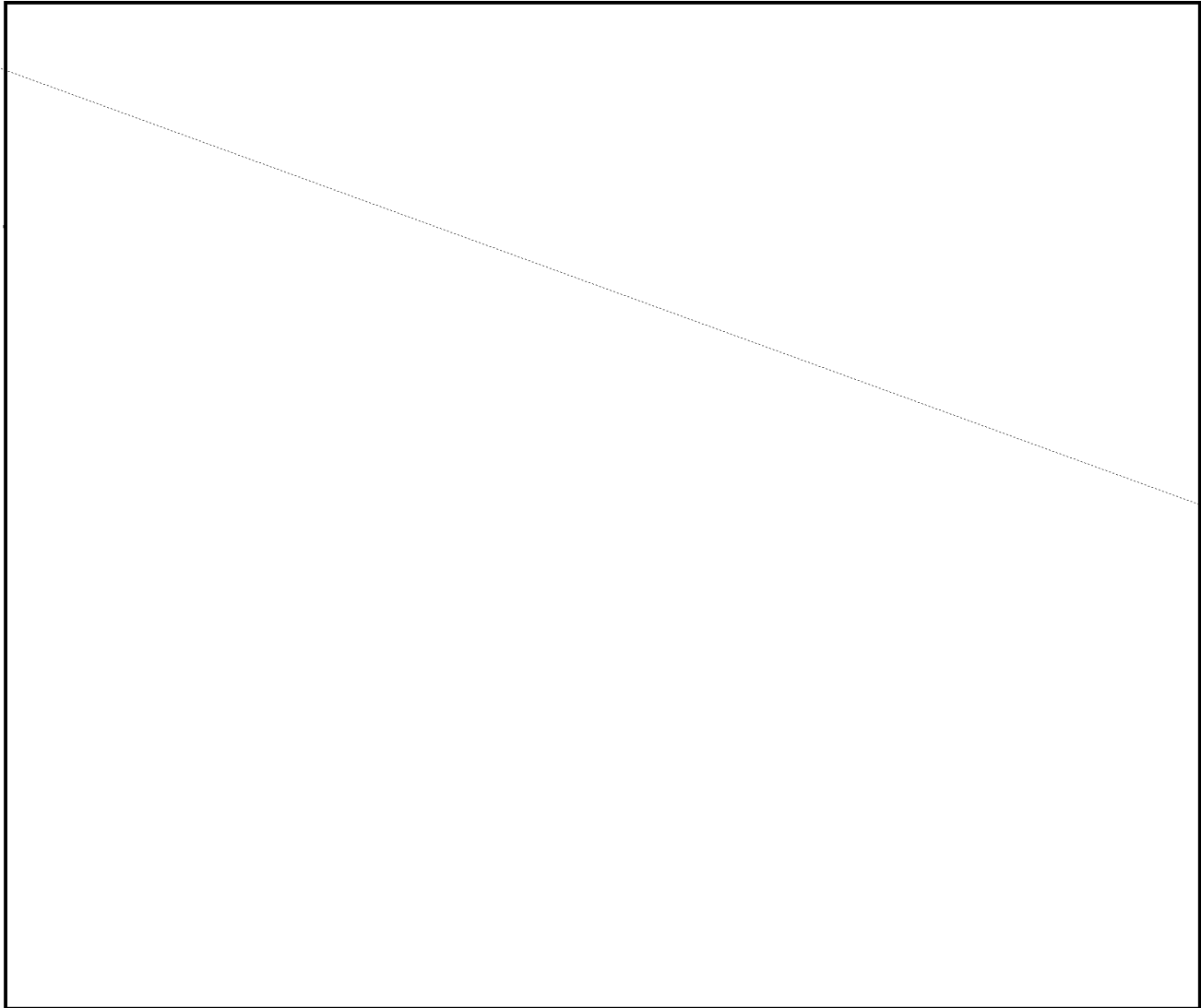
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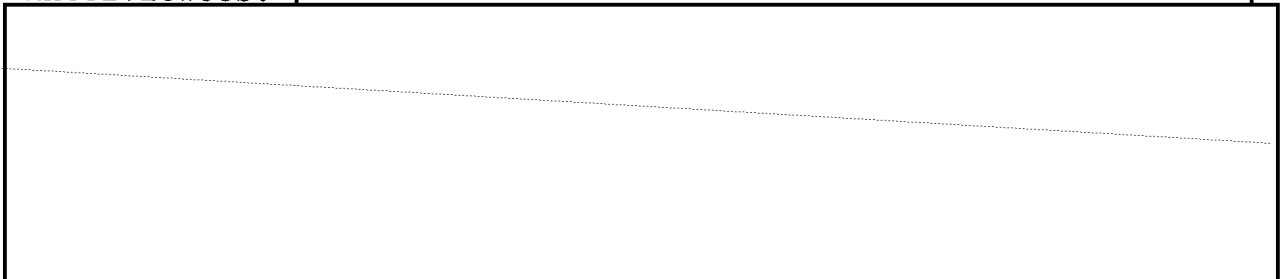
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~~(S/NF)~~ Following the above interviews, the case agents requested that SSA [redacted] identify the following interviewees: [redacted]

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~~(S/NF)~~ On 06/18/2003, following several telcals/e-mail messages between CD SSA [redacted] and WFO SA [redacted] SSA [redacted] directed that WFO not contact [redacted]

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[redacted] SSA [redacted] advised that SSA

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[redacted] was to contact [redacted] SA

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[redacted] advised, via a voice mail message, SSA [redacted] of SSA

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[redacted] directive, and that [redacted] would be the person to

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contact [redacted] Also on 06/18/2003, SSA [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had contacted [redacted]

[redacted] and requested that they identify knowledgeable personnel to be interviewed regarding captioned matter. SA [redacted] advised SSA [redacted] that CD had

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earlier in the day (06/18/2003) notified WFO that captioned investigation is to be concluded by Friday, 06/20/2003, and therefore the interviews [redacted] must be conducted as soon as possible. SA [redacted] also requested that SSA [redacted] obtain a

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[redacted] which [redacted] stated was approved for dissemination to the FBI. SA [redacted] offered to pick up [redacted] and stressed that it was needed by close of business Thursday, 6/19/2003, at the latest.

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~~(S)~~ WFO is currently waiting for notification from SSA [redacted] that [redacted] has identified persons for interviews on or before 06/20/2003, and that [redacted]

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[redacted] are ready for pick-up by the case agents.

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The case agents are scheduled to interview [redacted] on Friday, 06/20/2003, at 9am [redacted]

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Embassy of the United States of America

Office of the Legal Attache
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20 June 2003

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(S) [Redacted]

URGENT / TIME SENSITIVE

RE: 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 URANIUM FROM NIGER

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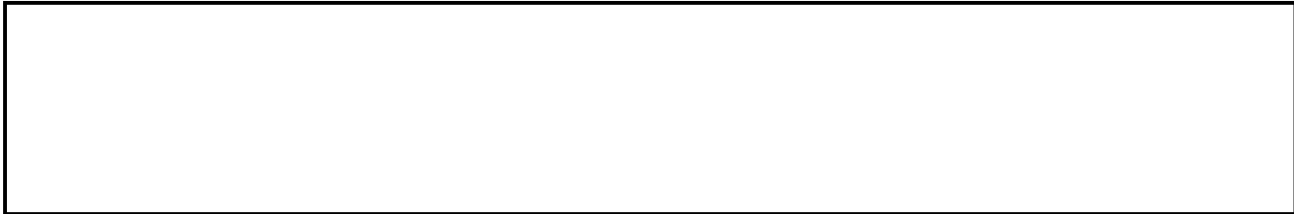
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The FBI is currently conducting an investigation into information/documents provided by a journalist to U.S. Embassy Rome in October 2002, related to reported efforts by the Government of Iraq to obtain Uranium from the Government of Niger.



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As always, the assistance of  is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,



Assistant Legat Attache

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For:



Legal Attache

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23 June 2003

(S) [redacted]

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[redacted] (S)

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(S) [Redacted]

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The FBI is currently conducting an investigation into information/documents provided by a journalist to U.S. Embassy Rome in October 2002, related to reported efforts by the Government of Iraq (GOI) to obtain Uranium from the Government of Niger (GON).

In support of this effort, the FBI is interested in determining:

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As always, the assistance of [Redacted] is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Assistant Legat Attache

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For: [Redacted]
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From: Washington Field
IT-4

Contact: SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] HTN/GDR

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

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OO: WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Based upon investigation conducted to date, it
appears as though the person(s) responsible for the false
information/documents was acting on his/her own (i.e., there was
no foreign government involvement), and their goal was to profit
financially. However, investigation is continuing.

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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~ On 06/19/2003, co-case agents [redacted] and
[redacted] interviewed [redacted]

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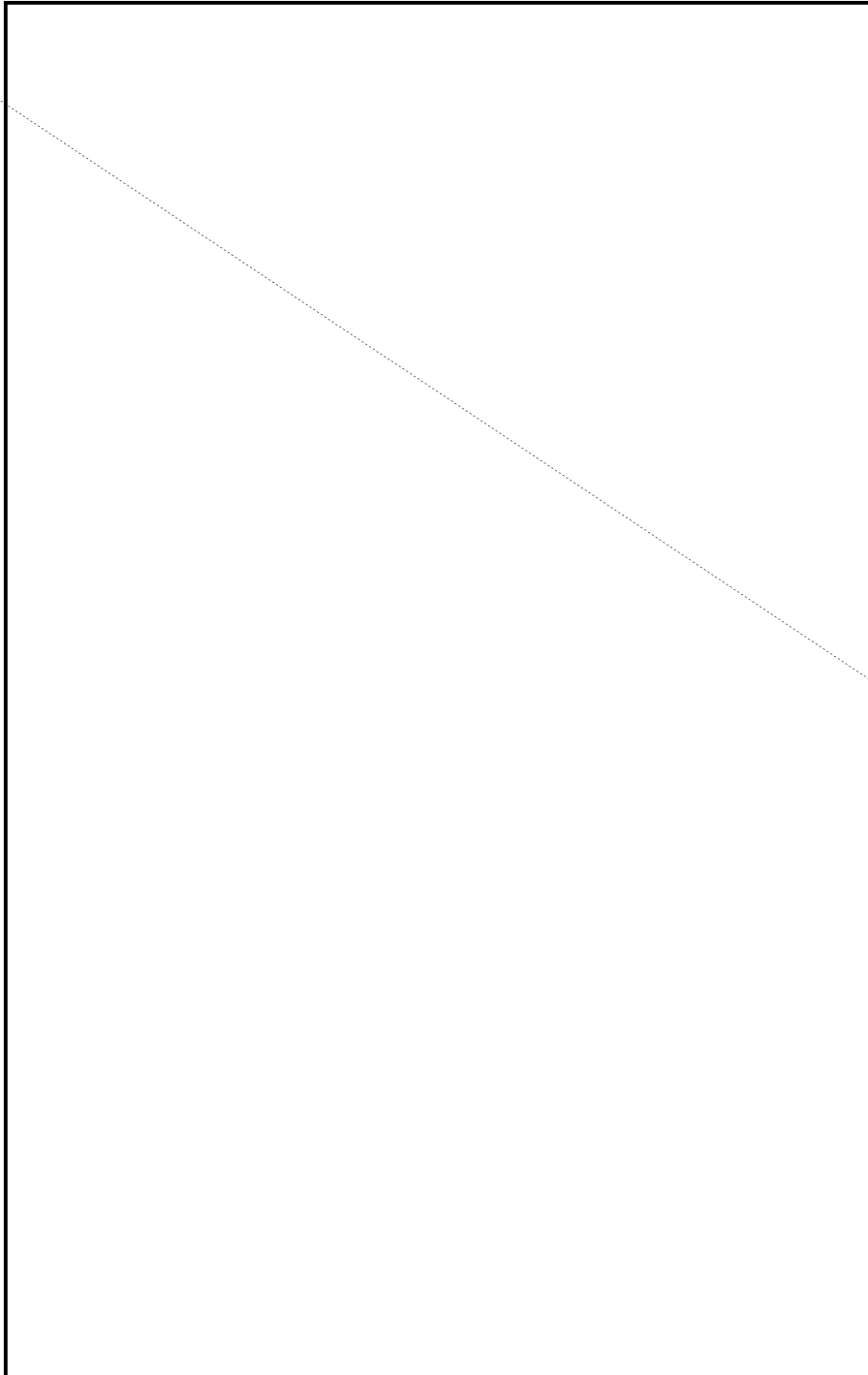
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(S) ~~(S/NF)~~ Based on all of the above, the information contained in referenced serial, and WFO's review of

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supporting documentation, captioned matter can be summarized as follows:

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(S) [redacted]

[redacted] Based on investigation conducted to date, it appears as though the person(s) responsible for the false documents was acting on his/her own, and their goal was to profit financially. They appear to have approached [redacted] the Italian journalist, and [redacted] with the same forged documents. Investigation is continuing.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ For the information of recipients, below are additional details, organized by entity [redacted] Italian journalist, etc.). All of this information is supported by documentation provided to WFO [redacted] There is additional information/documentation still required by WFO: [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS (ORGANIZED BY ENTITY)

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(U) On 01/29/2003, President Bush noted in the State of the Union address that "The British Government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa."

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(U) ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Italian Journalist's Reporting/Documents

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ On 10/11/2002, U.S. Embassy Rome reported (Document ID 192067898; Document Number: Rome 004988) that on 10/09/2002, an Italian journalist from the Italian magazine Panorama had met with an Embassy officer and shared photocopied

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documents and other information she had obtained from "a source" regarding a purported 07/2000 agreement between Niger and Iraq under which Niger would provide Iraq with 500 tons of "pure uranium" per year. The journalist identified her source as an Italian male who had managed to obtain the documents and who was now seeking the amount of 15,000 euros in return for Panorama's publication of the information. [redacted]

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(U) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

(S) ~~(S/NF)~~ On 11/13/2002, as part of a larger briefing on the status of Iraq's nuclear weapons program, [redacted] briefed the following to the IAEA: "Reporting on Iraqi attempts to procure uranium from Africa are fragmentary, at best."

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(U) On 03/07/2003, IAEA Director General Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei stated in his report to the UN Security Council that documents provided by member states indicating that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Niger in recent years have been analyzed by the IAEA, which has concluded that these documents are "not authentic." The IAEA concluded that these specific allegations

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were unfounded and promised to follow up if additional evidence were provided by member states.

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(U) NCIS Reporting

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/26/2003

To: International Operations
Counterintelligence
Washington Field

Attn: SC Sandra L. Fowler
SSA [redacted]
Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]
DC-2A, SSA [redacted]
ASAC-IT [redacted]
ASACOCI [redacted]
CI-9, SA [redacted]

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jvg

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(U) Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI - PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

(S) Synopsis: (S) Providing interview of [redacted]

(U) (S) Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME
Reason : 1.5(b)
Declassify On: X1

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Reference: (S) [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

(U) (S) Because of the nature of the information, extreme
caution must be exercised if the information contained in this
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REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2028
DATE: 10-29-2015

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/12/2003

To: Washington Field

Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince
PERSONAL ATTENTION
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt
PERSONAL ATTENTION

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International Operations

Attn: SC Sandra L. Fowler

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From: Counterintelligence

[Redacted] Room 4133

Contact: SSA [Redacted] or
Unit Chief [Redacted]

Approved By:

[Redacted Signature]

Drafted By:

[Redacted Signature] vj [Redacted]

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(U) 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
FCI - 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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~~(U)~~ ~~(S)~~ Derived From : ~~G-3~~
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Details: (U) Reference Counterintelligence Division (CD), electronics communication (EC) dated 06/03/03, designating Washington Field as "Office of Origin" to captioned [redacted] [redacted]. The EC also followed inquiries made by the House Intelligence Committee and Director.

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~~(S)~~ 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, [redacted] [redacted] of Panorama Magazine.

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(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.

~~(S)~~ 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, [redacted] had information to provide. The following day, [redacted] visited the Embassy and met with the two officers. [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] and re-stated the above two points.

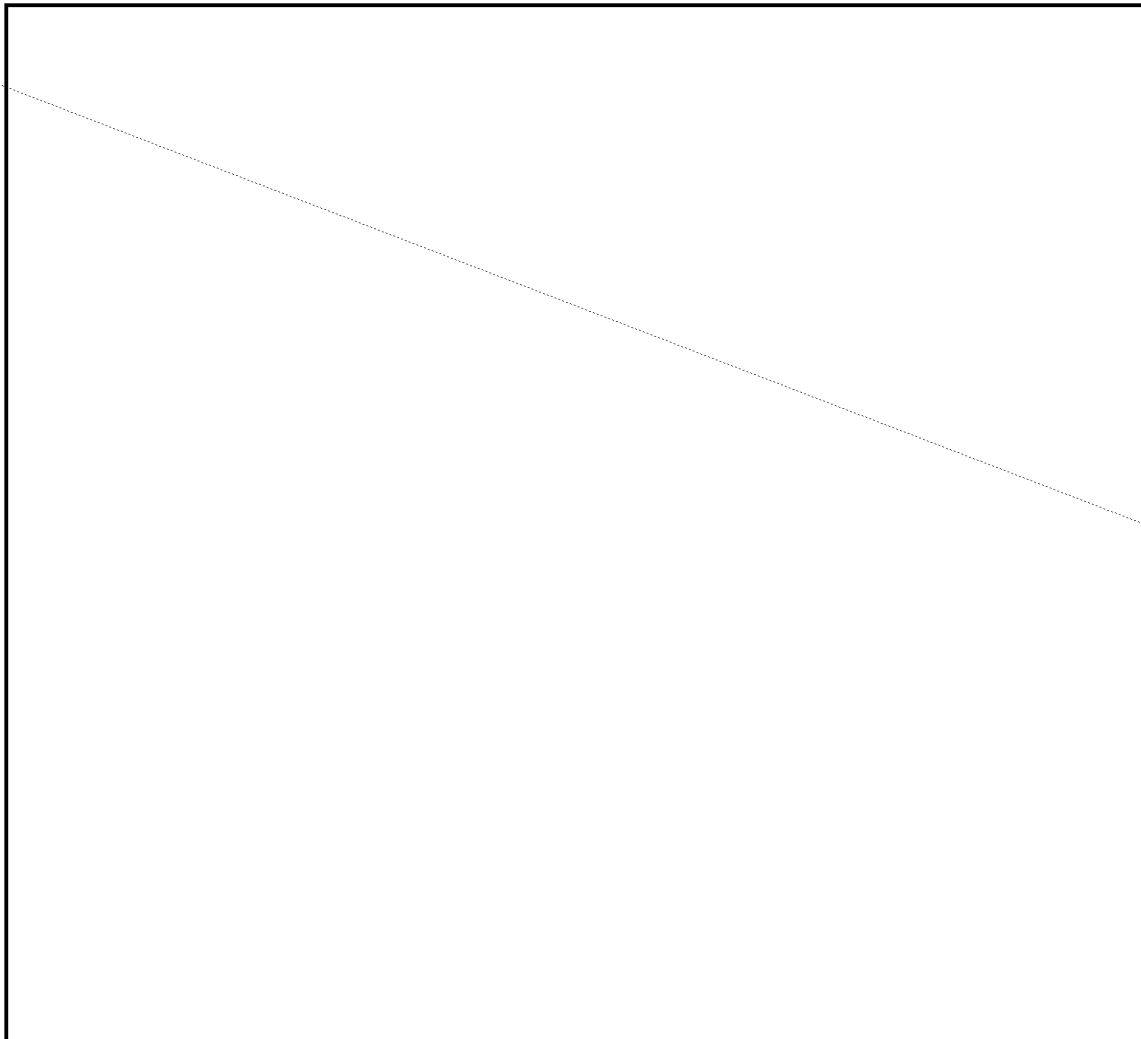
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~~(S)~~ As Washington Field may already be aware, the 06/09/03 issue of the Washington Post, reported that a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) was prepared concerning the Iraqi WMD threat. The NIE stated that "Iraq had WMD" and Hussein "was continuing 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.

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~~(S)~~ 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

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[redacted] When all is said and done, [redacted]

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(U) The objective of this inquiry is [redacted]

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

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

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

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT LONDON, ENGLAND

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

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Set Lead 3: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

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~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/10/2003

To: Counterintelligence
Washington Field

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]
[redacted] SSA [redacted]
Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]
ASAC-CI [redacted]
CI-9, SA [redacted]

From: Washington Field
IT-4
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] *ATK*

Drafted By: [redacted] *cmp*

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Results of follow-up interview [redacted] (S)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From : ~~G-3~~
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(U) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Telephone call on 07/03/2003 between
Counterintelligence Division (CD) SSA [redacted] and WFO SA
[redacted]

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Details: ~~(S/NF)~~ During referenced telephone call, CD SSA [redacted]
[redacted] advised writer that CD executive management believed
that it was necessary to obtain [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 05/27/2003

To: Rome **Attn:** Personal Attention
Legat [redacted]
Counterterrorism **Attn:** AD Larry A. Mefford
International Operations **Attn:** SC Sandra L. Fowler

From: Counterintelligence
[redacted] Room 4133
Contact: SSA [redacted] or
Unit Chief [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] vjz 4

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TO OBTAIN URANIAN FROM NIGER
FCI - X

Synopsis: (U) To request expedite investigation by Legat Rome concerning captioned allegation. Investigative objectives are discussed, and status report is requested by 06/04/03.

(U) ~~(S)~~ **Derived From:** ~~G-3~~
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Details: (U) As Legat may or may not be aware, the 05/23/03 issue of The Washington Post carried an article on page A13, entitled: "CIA to Review Iraq Intelligence; Questions of Accuracy, Bias Spur Study." The two-column article states: "The House Intelligence Committee, expressing concerns about the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, asked Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet yesterday 'to

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 05/27/2003

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reevaluate U.S. intelligence' used by the Bush administration to describe Iraq's proscribed weapons programs and its links to terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda." The article later stated that the CIA review followed criticism that the Defense Department and other parts of the Bush Administration manipulated intelligence to make the case for war in Iraq.

(U) As Legat may or may not also be aware, the above allegation has been the topic of news media coverage in the United States during recent months. The issue was recently escalated when the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency publically discredited documentary information that purported the Government of Iraq (GOI) sought uranium for its weapons of mass destruction program from individuals in Niger.

(U) According to media reports, an unnamed individual had provided an Italian journalist with documents that purported the GOI's attempts to obtain the uranium. The source reportedly received 15,000 Euro dollars for the information. Italian authorities (not further identified to the FBI) reportedly were aware of the transaction, and may have provided the material to the American Embassy in Rome.

~~(S)~~ For the further information of Legat, [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ Legat is being requested, to the extent possible,

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(U) Re: (S) [redacted] 05/27/2003

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(S) (S) Accordingly, Legat is to coordinate its efforts with [redacted] the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM). In accordance with accepted practice, officials from agencies other-than [redacted] and law enforcement agencies should be considered for contact concerning this matter.

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(S) (S) Legat is to take a personal interest in this matter, and keep the CD up-to-date concerning pertinent developments. By 06/04/03, Legat is request to identify its plan-of-action, to include [redacted] for contact and the results of contact with the [redacted] DCM.

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(U) The point-of-contact (POC) for the first report is SSA [redacted] at [redacted]. Thereafter, the POC will be Unit Chief [redacted].

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Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

(S) (S) Conduct investigation as discussed above, coordinated as necessary with the [redacted] DCM. Legat is also provide the CD with a status report by 06/04/03.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/03/2003

To: Washington Field Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince
Rome SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt
Counterterrorism ALAT [redacted]
International Operations Attn: AD Larry A. Mefford
Attn: SC Sandra L. Fowler

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] / Room 4133
Contact: SSA [redacted] or
Unit Chief [redacted]

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Approved By:

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Drafted By:

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ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIAN FROM NIGER
FCI - X

Synopsis: (U) This electronic communication (EC) designates
Washington Field as "Office of Origin" to captioned [redacted]
[redacted] Captioned matter follows inquiries
by the House Intelligence Committee and Director to the
Counterintelligence Division (CD). Investigative objectives and
strategy are discussed. Washington Field is to give priority
attention to this matter and keep the CD fully apprized of
developments. Washington Field is to immediately identify the
responsible squad and points-of-contact (POCs).

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(U) To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/03/2003

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Details: (U) Set forth as background for Washington Field is a summary of the CD EC [redacted] predicating captioned matter with Legat Rome.

(U) The 05/23/03 issue of The Washington Post carried an article on page A13, entitled: "CIA to Review Iraq Intelligence; Questions of Accuracy, Bias Spur Study." The article stated in part: "The House Intelligence Committee, expressing concerns about the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, asked Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet yesterday 'to reevaluate U.S. intelligence' used by the Bush administration to describe Iraq's proscribed weapons programs and its links to terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda." The article later stated that the CIA review followed criticism that the Defense Department and other parts of the Bush Administration manipulated intelligence to make the case for war in Iraq.

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence

Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/03/2003

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~~(S)~~ Legat has been requested [redacted]

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[redacted] Legat is to coordinate its efforts with the
[redacted] Deputy Chief of Mission

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~~(S)~~ For the further information of Washington Field,
on 05/28/03, Assistant Legat (ALAT) advised he is coordinating
the FBI inquiry with [redacted]

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(U) By email message dated 05/30/03, ALAT advised of
his meeting with the DCM on 05/29/03. The DCM's response to ALAT

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(U) To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/03/2003

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~~(S)~~ For the further information of Washington Field,
by email message dated 05/30/03, [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ [redacted]
[redacted] When information
volunteered, it must immediately be considered with suspicion.

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~~(S)~~ FBI Headquarters believes it necessary to
interview the above, USDS employee. The interview is critical,
as it will shape the direction of the FBI investigation. The
interview will also allow the FBI direct linkage to the actual
material for analysis, and the parallel construction [redacted]

~~(S)~~ [redacted] In this way, the FBI can proceed without commingling
~~(S)~~ our work with [redacted] Presently, ALAT is making
arrangements for the interview.

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~~(S)~~ For the further information of Rome and Washington
Field, FBI Headquarters has been coordinating captioned matter

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(U) Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/03/2003

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(U) Captioned matter has now been initiated, and FBI Headquarters believes a reasonable basis has been established for further investigation in an attempt to develop or refute the hypothesis. [redacted]

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(U) Washington Field is [redacted]

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(U) The POC is SSA [redacted] at [redacted].
Thereafter, the POC will be Unit Chief [redacted] at [redacted].
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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) Assume office of origin and promptly advise [redacted]
[redacted] of POCs.

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence

Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/03/2003

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

keep [redacted] (U) Continue inquiries as discussed in this EC, and full apprised of developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/06/2003

To: International Operations
Counterterrorism
Counterintelligence

Washington Field

Attn: UC [redacted]
Attn: AD Larry Medford
Attn: UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
SAC Michael E. Rolince
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt

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From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jmc [redacted]

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(U) **Case ID #:** (S) [redacted] (Pending)

(U) **Title:** (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED, GIVEN TO
ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI - X

(U) **Synopsis:** (S) To provide results of an interview conducted June 9, 2003, with Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), Rome, [redacted] and Political Officers [redacted] and [redacted].

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(U) (S) ~~Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME
Reason: 1.5(a)
Declassify On: X1~~

(U) **Details:** (S) On June 9, 2003, DCM [redacted] and Political Officers [redacted] and [redacted] from the U.S. Embassy, Rome, provided the following information regarding captioned matter:

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(U) (S) [redacted] advised that on approximately October 8, 2002, a senior foreign service national (FSN) from the U.S. Embassy in Rome received a phone call from the editor of "Panorama" Magazine. The editor would not provide the FSN with information but requested to be placed in contact with an

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Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/06/2003

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American. Political Officer [redacted] then spoke to the Panorama editor who advised that one of Panorama's journalists in Milan, Italy, had information she would like to provide to Embassy personnel. The journalist, [redacted]

[redacted] came the following day, October 9, 2002, to Embassy, Rome to meet with [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ On October 9, 2002, at approximately 10:00 A.M., [redacted] met [redacted] at the cafeteria at Embassy, Rome. [redacted] pulled out a folder which [redacted] saw held numerous documents, some of which had what appeared to be official Iraqi letterhead. [redacted] advised that most of the documents were written in French. [redacted] called his office and requested [redacted] to meet him and [redacted] in the cafeteria. [redacted] advised that [redacted] then explained that she received the information contained in the documents from a "contact" who had provided reliable information to [redacted] in the past. Both [redacted] requested the name of the contact but [redacted] was unwilling to provide the name. [redacted] advised that [redacted] referred to the contact as a male. [redacted] advised that the contact requested 15,000 Euro for the information. [redacted] requested that [redacted] make a photocopy of the information. [redacted] wanted information from the Embassy as to the accuracy of the information. Both [redacted] advised [redacted] that the Embassy would not in any way attempt to verify the information.

~~(S)~~ [redacted] brought the documents back to the political section within the Embassy, made copies, then returned to the cafeteria and provided [redacted] with the original contents of her folder. [redacted] then departed.

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] then sent a cable to State Department Headquarters advising main state of the documents and the meetings and requested guidance from main state as to how the information should be passed. The information was not analyzed by Embassy, Rome. [redacted] On approximately October 15, 2002, the information was secure faxed from Embassy, Rome to main state. The fax contained eighteen (18) pages of information originally received from [redacted]

~~(S)~~ [redacted] called [redacted] approximately one week after their original meeting. [redacted] again advised [redacted] that Embassy, Rome would in no way attempt to validate the information provided by [redacted] requested [redacted] to contact Italian authorities with the information. [redacted]

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(U) To: International Operations From: Rome
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/06/2003

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laughed and it appeared to [redacted] that she had no intention of contacting the Italian authorities.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] and [redacted] advised that to the best of their knowledge, Panorama never ran the article. Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they do not know if Panorama ever paid contact the 15,000 Euro. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] had information as to how [redacted] contact originally obtained the information.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] has had contact with [redacted] since [redacted] phone call to [redacted] approximately one week after the initial meeting.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ DCM, Rome advised that he did not attend the original meeting between [redacted] and [redacted] and he has never met with [redacted]. He became aware of the information provided by [redacted] on the day the information was received. DCM clarified that during an initial conversation he referred to the information as being provided by a walk-in. DCM advised that the information was actually provided by the journalist [redacted]. DCM advised that the information received by [redacted] was sent to main state in an eighteen (18) page fax. The eighteenth (18th) page may have been the cover sheet for the fax. DCM did not read the contents of the fax due mainly to the fact that the information was in French. DCM advised that as far as he knows, the Italian government was unaware of the information received from [redacted]. DCM additionally advised that [redacted] was requested by [redacted] to provide her information to the Italian government but she appeared unwilling to do so.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] all advised that they believe very strongly that if [redacted] was contacted regarding her information she would make use of the contact in a story for the magazine or another publication.

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(U) To: International Operations From: Rome
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/06/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) For information of recipients.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/04/2003

To: International Operations
Counterterrorism
Counterintelligence

Washington Field

Attn: UC [redacted]
Attn: AD Larry A. Medford
Attn: UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
SAC Michael E. Rolince
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt

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From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jmc [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

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(U) Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED GIVEN TO
ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIAN FROM NIGER;
FCI-X

(U) Synopsis: (S) To provide information received from the Deputy
Chief of Mission (DCM), Rome regarding captioned matter.

(U) (S) ~~Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME
Reason: 1.5(a)
Declassify On: X1~~

(U) Details: (S) [redacted] DCM, U.S. Embassy, Rome, Italy
advised the following:

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(U) (S) Prior to the start of war with Iraq, a
representative from an Italian news publication approached the
press section at the U.S. Embassy, Rome, and advised that they
wanted to pass photocopied documents to the press officer. The
Italian representative requested that the information contained
in the photocopies be verified regarding accuracy. Embassy, Rome
made an additional photocopy of the information and sent one copy
to the U.S. Department of State (USDOS) Headquarters in

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To: International Operations From: Rome
Re: ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] 06/04/2003

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Washington, D.C. Embassy, Rome advised the Italian representative that there was no possible way to verify the information provided. DCM, Rome advised that the story regarding the information in the photocopies was never published in Italy.

~~(S)~~ DCM, Rome advised that a cable was sent from Embassy, Rome to USDOS with details regarding the Italian representative who provided the photocopied materials and the information contained within. On May 30, 2003, DCM, Rome requested permission from USDOS to provide the writer with a copy of the cable. To date, DCM, Rome has not received permission from USDOS to provide the cable. DCM, Rome specified that all requests for information be provided to the DCM and additionally requested that other USDOS, Rome employees not be contacted directly, to include the press officer who received the initial information.

~~(S)~~ DCM, Rome advised that as soon as USDOS, Washington provides clearance to pass the aforementioned cable, Legat, Rome will be notified and will then provide results to recipients.

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To: International Operations From: Rome
Re: ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] 06/04/2003

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/28/2003

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: [Redacted] Rm413

International Operations
Washington Field

Attn: [Redacted] UC [Redacted]

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Rome

Attn: SAC M. Rolince
SAC R. A. Nesbitt
Legat

From: London

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

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(U) Case ID #: (S) [Redacted] (Pending)

(U) 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 URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-X

(U) Synopsis: (S) To clear a lead set to London.

(U) (S) Derived From : G-3
Declassify On: X1

(U) Reference: (S) [Redacted]

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Details: (S) In referenced EC, dated June 12, 2003, Legat
London was provided with the prediction for captioned
investigation [Redacted]

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(U) To: Counterterrorism From: London
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/28/2003

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(S) ~~(S)~~ Legat London [redacted]
[redacted] a copy of a report entitled, [redacted]
[redacted]

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(S) ~~(S)~~ On June 23, 2003, a copy of the report was faxed
to SSA [redacted]. The copy [redacted] was forwarded to
SSA [redacted] via Federal Express.

(U) ~~(S)~~ After reviewing the aforementioned report, SSA
[redacted] indicated that Legat could clear the lead set forth in
Serial 8.

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

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To: Counterterrorism From: London
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 06/28/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) ~~(S)~~ Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 07/23/2003

To: Washington Field

Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince
PERSONAL ATTENTION
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt
PERSONAL ATTENTION

Paris

LEGAT [redacted]
PERSONAL ATTENTION

Rome

LEGAT [redacted]

London

A/LEGAT [redacted]

Counterterrorism

DAD John S. Pistole

Counterintelligence

SSA [redacted]

[redacted] Chief

SSA [redacted] Detailee

International Operations

Attn: SC Sandra L. Fowler

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] Room 4133

Contact: SSA [redacted] or
Unit Chief [redacted]

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Approved By:

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Drafted By:

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Case ID #: (S) [redacted]

(Pending)

(U) **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
FCI - X

(U) **Synopsis:** (S) This electronic communication (EC) requests expedite investigation by recipients following a briefing of the Director on 07/14/03. Priority attention is requested in preparation of the Director's testimony to Congressional

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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committee inquiries concerning captioned documents. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~

~~Derived From : G-3
Declassify On: X1~~

Details: (U) The below narrative was taken from a briefing paper for the Director that was presented on 07/14/03. The narrative provides a detailed summary of captioned investigation to date, and has been presented as a "readily available reference" for referral by recipients.

~~(S)~~ **U.S. Government receipt of Information.** The results of investigation to date identified [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ **Purpose.** Our investigation has focused on the

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ **State of the Union address.** Our review of the President's "State of the Union" message, located the pertinent reference to our inquiry reads: "The British government (sic) has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa." Our review indicates that [redacted]

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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~~(S)~~ Italian journalist. In response to the [redacted] above comment, we searched the Internet using several key phrases; [redacted]

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[redacted] The search failed to produce any information to impact the two time periods when the alleged information was received by the U.S. Government.

(U) The INTERNET search concerning [redacted] confirmed her employment with Panorama. A review of references disclosed that she has published numerous articles concentrating

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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international affairs. She appears politically savvy, and has reported on several "hot spots" over the last ten years, to include: Rwanda, Kosovo, Sarajevo, Somalia and the Middle East. Of note, was the absence of any articles concerning the 17 pages of documents and her contact with the U.S. Embassy.

~~(S)~~ For the further information of recipients, the below narrative follows our meeting with the Director and/or updated events to the investigation [redacted] Either action has predicated the requests of the recipients that are noted in the "lead" section of this EC. b1 b3

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Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ **Interview of the Italian journalist.** On 06/09/03, Legat Rome interviewed two Political Officers at the American Embassy in Rome who had met with the journalist. On or about 10/08/02, the Editor of Panorama Magazine contacted the American Embassy and advised that a Panorama journalist in Milan, [redacted] had information to provide. The following day, [redacted] met with the two officers and presented numerous documents she claimed came from a "contact" who had provided reliable information in the past. She refused to identify her "contact," but 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.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] documents represent the second time that information possibly associated with perception management was presented to the U.S. Government. The circumstances associated with her receipt of the information should assist in evaluating the allegation. The circumstances would include the possibility that her contact may have been unwittingly exploiting the journalist and/or out for criminal gain.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ On 07/17/03, Legat Rome advised of his meeting with the U.S. Ambassador and other U.S. Embassy executives.

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Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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(S) [redacted] Legat further advised of an American Embassy Rome cable (Rome 3299), dated 07/18/03, that requested USD endorsement of the interview with [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Re-contact with [redacted] During Legat's visit to FBI Headquarters, Legat advised of his anticipated meeting with [redacted] upon his return to Rome. At the same time, Legat advised the FBI Director is scheduled to visit Rome during September 2003.

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~~(S)~~ The CD encouraged Legat's meeting with [redacted] as soon as possible following his return to Rome. Legat was advised to re-visit the issues discussed with [redacted] on 06/25/03. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In coordination with the CD, Legat is to advise [redacted] that a CD executive would travel to Italy and participate in the meetings. Thereafter, Legat is to make the arrangements for meetings with CD representatives.

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Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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(S) ~~(S)~~ Contact with the Counterterrorism Division (CTD) on 07/17/03, determined they maintain listings of selected [redacted]

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[redacted] for possible interview. On the same date, the

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Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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CTD advised that the review failed to locate any listing for the above four individuals.

(S) (S) ~~(S)~~ Washington Field [redacted] are to coordinate the FBI's desire to locate [redacted] for interview [redacted] (S) [redacted] Once located, Washington Field and FBI Headquarters will address the feasibility and advisability of conducting the interviews.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ Legat Paris is to await the results of the Washington Field interview [redacted] [redacted] (S) [redacted] Upon receipt of the results, Legat Paris is to conduct interviews [redacted] [redacted] to the extent possible.

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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(S) **Documents.** The documents provided by [redacted] are available at Washington Field and FBI Headquarters for possible display to prospective interviewees. Copies have already been provided to Rome and Paris by facsimile.

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

To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

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Set Lead 3: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE AND NIAMEY, NIGER

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(S) Expediently conduct investigation [redacted]

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[redacted] as discussed in this EC. [redacted]
[redacted]

(S) Upon notice from Washington Field, conduct investigation in Niamey, as discussed in this EC. In the meantime, Legat may coordinate anticipated travel with the American Embassy [redacted] in Niamey.

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/23/2003

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Set Lead 4: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Coordinate with the CD, contact with [redacted] and arrangements for meeting with CD representatives, and interview of [redacted] as discussed above.

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Set Lead 5: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(S) ~~(S)~~ Advise [redacted] should any of the above, [redacted]
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Set Lead 6: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/31/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: DAD Timothy D. Bereznav

[Redacted] UC [Redacted]
[Redacted] SSA [Redacted]

CEG Chief [Redacted]
CPD Detailee, SSA [Redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: DAD John S. Pistole

[Redacted] SSA [Redacted]

International Operations
London
Paris
Rome
Washington Field

Attn: SC Sandra L. Fowler

Attn: A/LEGAT [Redacted]

Attn: LEGAT [Redacted]

Attn: LEGAT [Redacted]

Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince

SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt

ASAC-CI [Redacted]

ASAC-IT [Redacted]

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [Redacted]
SA [Redacted]

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Approved By: [Redacted] *psu*

Drafted By: [Redacted] *cmp*

Case ID #: (S) [Redacted] (Pending) [Redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

Synopsis: (S) Covers/addresses leads in referenced serial [Redacted] (S)

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Reference: (S) [Redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field
Re: (S) [redacted], 07/31/2003

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As the case title reflects, the predication for this investigation is that false information, which alleged that Niger had entered into an agreement to sell uranium to Iraq, was provided to the U.S. Government (USG). The information regarding this alleged agreement has been officially and publicly discounted by the USG.

~~(S)~~ For the information of recipients, WFO has queried [redacted] for any additional, relevant information. Results were negative.

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~~(S)~~ Referenced serial [redacted] states in part, [redacted]

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[redacted] As explained above, it has already been established that [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/31/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Given that captioned investigation was initiated

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(S) ~~(S)~~ WFO's investigation continues, and the leads set
for WFO in referenced serial [redacted] will be covered.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field
Re: (S) [redacted] 07/31/2003

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/31/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

London

Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Rome

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]
ASAC-CI [redacted]

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Results of interview [redacted]
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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3
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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field
Re: (S) [redacted], 07/31/2003

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[redacted] The matter is being referred to [redacted] for informational purposes, pending a finding by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) as to whether or not it (DOJ) will refer the matter to the FBI for investigation.

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Embassy of the United States of America

Office of the Legal Attache
24 Grosvenor Square
London, W1A 1AE

(S) File No. 1 [redacted]
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(S) [redacted]

URGENT / TIME SENSITIVE

RE: 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 URANIUM FROM NIGER

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS
ENTIRETY.

Reference is made to my letters to you dated 20 June 2003 and 23 June 2003,
captioned as above, requesting your assistance in [redacted]

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As you are aware, [redacted]

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The FBI continues to investigate the information/documents provided by a journalist to U.S. Embassy Rome in October 2002, related to reported efforts by the Government of Iraq (GOI) to obtain Uranium from the Government of Niger (GON).

In support of this effort, the FBIHQ has requested assistance in determining:

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As always, the assistance of [Redacted] is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Assistant Legat Attache

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For:

[Redacted]

Legal Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/06/2003

To: Counterterrorism
Washington Field

Attn: SSA [redacted]
Attn: ASAC [redacted]
Attn: ASAC [redacted]
Attn: SSA [redacted]
A/SSA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] Chief
SSA [redacted] Detailee

London
Paris
Rome

Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] / Room 4133

Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

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Approved By:

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Drafted By:

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT;
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
FCI - X

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[redacted] Recipients are requested to
conduct as many interviews as possible within 30 days of this EC.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From : G-3
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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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Enclosure(s): (U) Enclosed for the Counterterrorism Division to forward to [redacted] are 17 pages of material comprising seven documents. Five documents are in the French language; two in Italian. Attached to each document is the corresponding English language translation prepared by the U.S. Department of State.

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Details: (X) Description of enclosures. Two of the enclosed documents [redacted]

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(U) The documents are being forwarded to [redacted] via facsimile. Therefore, FBI Headquarters has limited the number to be transmitted.

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(U) FBI perception management investigation. For the specific information [redacted] and the further information of other recipients, captioned matter was initiated at the request of the Director in response to a request from the Senate. The objective of the investigation is [redacted]

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(U) The documents surfaced on October 9, 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. The documents purport a GOI agreement with the Government of Niger (GON) to purchase 500 tons of uranium. The documents report travel to Niamey by the-then Iraqi Ambassador Al Zahawie. On March 7, 2003, the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency made a public statement to the United Nations that the documents were forgeries.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ For the time being, FBI investigation [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Based on the results of investigation, FBI Headquarters

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(U) **Media references.** The above documents and the events associated with them were the topic of an article, dated 07/25/03, in the Italian magazine, Panorama. The journalist stated the documents were given to her by a source [redacted]

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[redacted] In the article, the journalist described her attempt to validate the material as unsuccessful. Her attempted validation included her Editor's recommendation that she contact the American Embassy, which she did on 10/09/02. The journalist ultimately labeled the event a "hoax."

(U) Further, Italian and U.S. media reports have stated that Italian security services had acquired the information that is contained in the documents. Some media reports claimed the Italian services obtained the material from the Embassy of Niger in Rome. The media reports also claim that third-party, foreign security services, such as the British, may have been aware of action undertaken by the Italian services in the acquisition of the material.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(S) ~~(S)~~ Investigation desired. FBI Headquarters believes an understanding of the events associated with the 2001 report by [redacted] is critical to resolving the allegation.

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(S) [redacted] may

be in a position to authoritatively comment on either of the FBI's above objectives.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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(U) The assistance by the recipients is greatly appreciated
by FBI Headquarters. Questions are to be directed to SSA [redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(S) ~~(U)~~ Transmit instant EC and enclosures to [redacted] for [redacted] as discussed.

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(U) For [redacted] conduct interviews as discussed in this EC.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) ~~(S)~~ Notify [redacted] of action being taken pursuant to this EC.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ Continue efforts [redacted] to locate [redacted] as discussed in this and previous ECs.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(S) ~~(U)~~ Continue efforts [redacted] as discussed in this EC.

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Set Lead 4: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ If deemed feasible, re-contact [redacted] for display of documents as discussed in this EC.

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Set Lead 5: (Action)

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(S) ~~(S)~~ Coordinate [redacted] requested b1
(S) in this EC with [redacted] b3

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/06/2003

To: Laboratory

Attn: Unit Chief [redacted]
Questioned Documents Unit
Room 2180

Washington Field

Attn: SSA [redacted]
A/SSA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] Chief
SSA [redacted] Detailee

London

Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Rome

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] / Room 4133

Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] *[Signature]*

Drafted By: [redacted] *[Signature]*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted]

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT;
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
FCI - X

Synopsis: (U) To query Laboratory Division concerning feasibility for examination of photocopies to foreign language documents associated with captioned allegation. Rome is requested to contact the Italian journalist to determine location of original foreign language material and, if possible, obtain originals for delivery to the Laboratory.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Enclosure(s): (U) Enclosed for the Laboratory are 17 pages of photocopied documents in the French and Italian languages. Attached

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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to each document is the corresponding English language translation prepared by the U.S. Department of State (USDS).

(U) ~~(S)~~ Also enclosed is a four-page document [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

Details: (U) Description of enclosures. Two of the enclosed documents [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ The four-page [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ FBI perception management investigation. For the information of the Laboratory Division, captioned matter was initiated at the request of the Director in response to a request from the Senate. The objective of the investigation is [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

(U) The documents surfaced on October 9, 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. The documents purport to a Government of Iraq (GOI) agreement with the Government of Niger (GON) to purchase 500 tons of uranium. The documents report travel to Niamey by the-then Iraqi Ambassador Al Zahawie. On March 7, 2003, the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency made a public statement to the United Nations that the documents were forgeries.

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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~~(S)~~ For the time being, FBI investigation has [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ Based on the results of investigation, FBI Headquarters

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(U) Examination by the Laboratory Division. On 08/05/03, the Questioned Documents Unit was contacted by the CD. The CD understood [redacted] b7E

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(U) The CD would like to determine [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ The CD would also like to determine [redacted]

(U) [redacted]

(U) The assistance of the Laboratory is greatly appreciated by FBI Headquarters. Questions are to be directed to SSA [redacted] at [redacted] b6
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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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LEAD (s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Review enclosures and respond to the CD requests in this EC.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) ~~(S)~~ Notify [redacted] of action being taken pursuant to this EC.

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Set Lead 3: (Info)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 4: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(U) [redacted]

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Set Lead 5: (Action)

ROME

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/06/2003

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AT ROME, ITALY

(U) Determine from [redacted]
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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(S) ~~(S)~~ Notify [redacted] of action being taken in this EC. b1
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/08/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

London

Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Rome

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]
ASAC-CI [redacted]

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *WTP*

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Drafted By: *CM* [redacted] *cmp*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Results of interview [redacted]
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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3
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(U) [redacted]
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Details: ~~(S)~~ On 08/07/2003, SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] co-case agents for captioned investigation, interviewed

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(S) [redacted]
[redacted] During the interview [redacted] provided the
following information:

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To: Mathieu, Denise G(Niamey)
Subject: FBI PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION-IRAQ
Importance: High
Message Flag: Read
Flag Status: Flagged

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[Signature]

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Ambassador Mathieu:

(U) ~~(S)~~ You may or may not be aware from media coverage, but, at the request of the US Senate, Director Mueller has ordered, and we have subsequently [redacted]

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[redacted] As a result, our headquarters has identified what investigative steps they want taken in an effort to resolve this matter. My office is one of several Legatts involved.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(U) For additional background, documents surfaced on October 9, 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. The documents purport a Government of Iraq (GOI) agreement with the Government of Niger (GON) to purchase 500 tons of uranium. The documents report travel to Niamey by the then-Iraqi Ambassador Al Zahawie. On March 7, 2003, the Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency made a public statement to the United Nations that the documents were forgeries.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ FBI investigation has determined that [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

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[redacted] (I apologize, but I don't recall if that was prior to your arrival at Post or not. I thought I recalled your arrival as being during the summer last year, after these events.)

(S) [redacted]

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(S) ~~(S)~~ My question is this: [redacted] This is, again, not a criminal investigation, [redacted] We're simply seeking to get to the bottom of this. I have been asked to complete this by the end of this month, realizing full well that this is generally vacation time for much of Europe and Africa - a fact I also shared with my headquarters. I would also be very interested in your "take" on this [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] While we want to investigate this to the fullest extent possible [redacted] Finally, I would note that this is all being [redacted] I am separately [redacted] forwarding this same info [redacted] If it's possible to accomplish this, I will get a cable out tomorrow and travel soonest. Flights are twice weekly between Paris and Niamey (Monday and Friday)

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(U) Thank you in advance for your support and counsel on this.



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Date 08/19/2003
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FM DIRECTOR FBI [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
TO FBIHQ/IMMEDIATE/
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY/IMMEDIATE/
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PASS: PASS FOR DCM [redacted] AND A/R SO [redacted] STATE FOR
AE/W DAS [redacted] AND INR; FBIHQ FOR CD SSA [redacted]
[redacted] AND OIO UC [redacted] FBI-WFO FOR ASACS [redacted]
[redacted] AND [redacted] SSA [redacted] AND SA [redacted]

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(U) SUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S); POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE US GOVERNMENT; FALSE INFORMATION
PROVIDED TO THE US GOVERNMENT REGARDING IRAQI EFFORT TO OBTAIN
URANIUM FROM NIGER.

(U) [redacted] AKA [redacted]; UNSUB(S): WILLIAM
BULTEMEIER (VICTIM-DECEASED); STAFF SERGEANT [redacted]
[redacted] (VICTIM-INJURED); MURDER/ASSAULT OF INTERNATIONALLY
PROTECTED PERSONS; 12/23/2000, NIAMEY, NIGER.

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(U) LEGATT PARIS WILL SET FORTH INTENDED INVESTIGATION FOR EACH
MATTER SEPARATELY, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SUBJECT:

(U) ~~(S)~~ AS EMBASSY NIAMEY IS AWARE FROM CONTACT WITH LEGATT PARIS IN
THE PAST WEEK, THE FBI, AT THE REQUEST OF THE US CONGRESS, HAS

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[REDACTED]. AS A RESULT, OUR HEADQUARTERS HAS IDENTIFIED WHAT INVESTIGATIVE STEPS THEY WANT TAKEN IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. LEGATT PARIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL LEGATTS INVOLVED.

(U) ~~(S)~~ FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, DOCUMENTS SURFACED ON OCTOBER 9, 2002, WHEN AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST PROVIDED THEM TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ROME. THE DOCUMENTS PURPORT A GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ (GOI) AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER (GON) TO PURCHASE 500 TONS OF URANIUM. THE DOCUMENTS REPORT TRAVEL TO NIAMEY BY THE THEN-IRAQI AMBASSADOR AL ZAHAWIE. ON MARCH 7, 2003, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE FORGERIES.

~~(S/NF)~~ FBI INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

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ADVISED OUR LEGATT IN ROME THAT [REDACTED]

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(S) [REDACTED]

~~(S)~~ THE FBI IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED]

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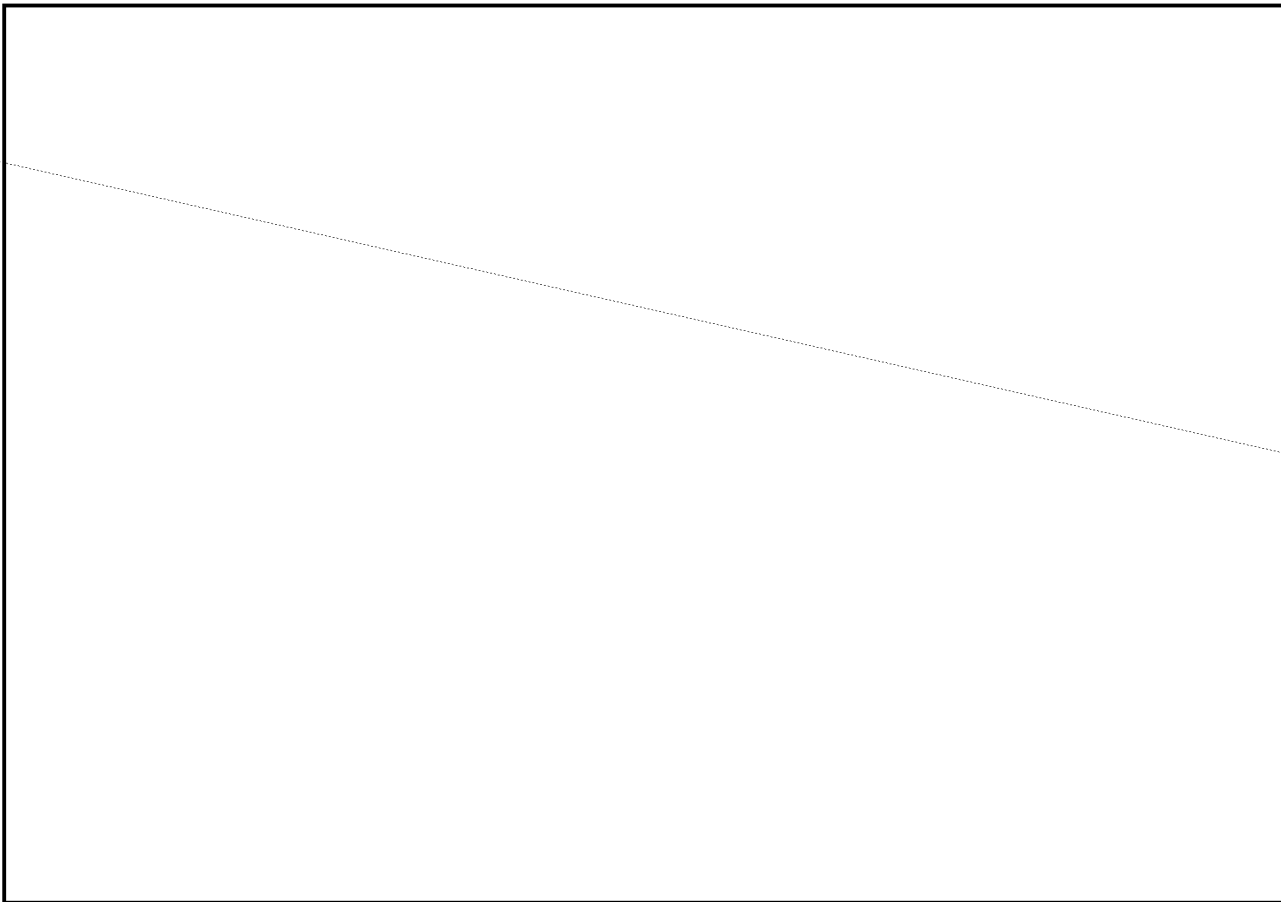
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(S) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN
AMBASSADOR MATHIEU AND LEGATT PARIS ON 8/14/03, AMBASSADOR
MATHIEU ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ AMBASSADOR MATHIEU RAISED ANOTHER ISSUE CONCERNING THE

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(U) ~~(S)~~ THE DOE/STATE TEAM IS RESPONDING TO A FEBRUARY, 2003 REQUEST DURING BILATERALS WITH THE GON, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE SECURITY OF THE URANIUM SUPPLY CHAIN. SPECIFICALLY, THE VISIT IS TO ASCERTAIN IF THE CONTROL, PHYSICAL PROTECTION, AND ACCOUNTING OF URANIUM CAN BE IMPROVED, AND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING ANY PERCEIVED NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS. THIS TEAM WILL REVIEW THE ENTIRE URANIUM CHAIN FROM MINING TO LOADING ABOARD SHIPS. THIS ASSISTANCE IS ALSO BEING RENDERED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN, THROUGH WHOSE COUNTRY THE URANIUM PASSES IN ITS CHAIN.

(U) ~~(S)~~ BASED ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LEGATT PARIS AND AMBASSADORS MATHIEU AND BRIDGEWATER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE TWO GROUPS WILL NOT CONFLICT AND, IN FACT, DO HAVE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT MISSIONS. AMBASSADOR BRIDGEWATER WILL BE RECEIVING A DETAILED BRIEFING BY FBIHQ PERSONNEL ON 8/19/03.

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~~(S/NF)~~ FINALLY, LEGATT PARIS NOTES THAT THIS IS ALL BEING
CLOSELY COORDINATED [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM BULTEMEIER INVESTIGATION

(U) FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES, ON DECEMBER 23, 2000, DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE (DOD) CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE WILLIAM BULTEMEIER, A CONTRACT
EMPLOYEE, WORKING AT THE EMBASSY NIAMEY, WAS SHOT AND KILLED
DURING A CAR JACKING IN DOWNTOWN NIAMEY. MARINE SECURITY
DETACHMENT COMMANDER STAFF SERGEANT [REDACTED] WAS
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY THE ATTACKERS. ON DECEMBER 26, 2000, THE
STOLEN VEHICLE, A WHITE TOYOTA LAND CRUISER BEARING DIPLOMATIC
TAGS, WAS LOCATED IN TIMBUKTU, MALI. THERE ARE THREE MAIN
SUBJECTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] AKA

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[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED]

(U) IN JANUARY 2002, [REDACTED] ADVISED THE FBI THAT
[REDACTED] HAD BEEN CHARGED FOR BULTEMEIER'S MURDER, AND THAT HE
WAS TO GO TO TRIAL DURING THE SUMMER OF 2002. HOWEVER, ON MAY 3,
2002, [REDACTED] ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN MALI AND REMAINS AT LARGE.
THE OTHER TWO SUBJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN, NOR HEARD FROM, TO THE
FBI'S KNOWLEDGE, SINCE DECEMBER 24, 2001.

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(U) THE FBI AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MADE THE DECISION TO CONVEY A FEDERAL GRAND
JURY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY WAS RECENTLY CONVENED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE PROSECUTOR HAS DETERMINED
THAT [REDACTED] THE GRAND JURY [REDACTED]

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LEGATT PARIS WISHES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN [REDACTED]

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(U) FURTHER, AS POST IS AWARE, THE FBI'S WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE RECENTLY REASSIGNED THIS MATTER TO ANOTHER SQUAD IN ITS' OFFICE. THE FBI CASE AGENT WHO WAS ASSIGNED THIS MATTER WHEN IT INITIALLY OCCURRED, AND WHO HAS DONE EXCEPTIONAL WORK ON THIS CASE, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS ONE OF THE CASE AGENTS ON THE MAY 2003 RIYADH BOMBINGS, THUS SHE IS UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE BULTEMEIER CASE AT THIS TIME. KNOWING AND AGREEING WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO PURSUE THIS INVESTIGATION IN A TIMELY FASHION, WFO MANAGEMENT AGREED TO REASSIGN THE MATTER TO ANOTHER SQUAD WITH RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER NOW.

(U) THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING DIALOGUE, VIA E-MAIL, WITH THE RESPECTIVE POST RSOS AND AMBASSADORS ABOUT THE NEXT STEP IN THIS CASE, WHICH, APART FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FBI ANTICIPATES [REDACTED]

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(S) ~~(S)~~ THE FBI HAS TWO REQUESTS OF POST: 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND 2. LOCATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND REQUEST [REDACTED]

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(U) LEGATT PARIS REALIZES THAT [Redacted]

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(U) LEGATT PARIS GREATLY APPRECIATES [Redacted]

[Redacted] ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO LEGATT PARIS
TELEPHONICALLY AT [Redacted] OR VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S
E-MAIL SYSTEM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/21/2003

To: Rome
Paris
London
Washington Field

Counterintelligence

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: SSA [redacted]
Attn: A/SSA [redacted]
Attn: [redacted] Chief
SSA [redacted] Detailee

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] Room 4133
Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide recipients with FBI Headquarters' analysis
and observations concerning captioned matter that impacts
investigation. Questions are provided to Rome for interview of the
Italian journalist, should Legat be in position to interview.
Disseminable narrative and questions are also provided to Rome for use
with [redacted] Other Legats may use the
narrative upon coordination with FBI Headquarters.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From : ~~G-3~~
Declassify On: ~~X1~~

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ For the further information of recipients, FBI
Headquarters has created the below model following a review of the
results of FBI investigation to date.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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~~(S)~~ FBI Headquarters Analysis and Model. [redacted]

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[redacted] and the documents in the possession of the Italian journalist, [redacted] (As recipients are already aware, on 10/09/02, [redacted] provided 13 documents, consisting of 17 pages, to the American Embassy in Rome.) [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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~~(S)~~ FBI Headquarters has stated that a [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ The report in the Italian Panorama magazine article media indicated that [redacted] 10/09/02 contact with the American Embassy was the result of a request by the magazine's Editor. This observation will be verified from interview. [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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(U) **Interview of** [redacted] A review of the Panorama article disclosed that on 10/08/02, [redacted] talked to the source. She stated that the documentation was incomplete and her preliminary research could not validate the information. The source also made reference to [redacted]" Approximately the same date, [redacted] contacted American Embassy.

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(U) On 10/9/02, [redacted] visited the American Embassy with the documents. After her meeting at the American Embassy, [redacted] returned to her office where she found other documents that had arrived via facsimile. The latter documents made reference [redacted]

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(U) The source stated to [redacted] that the documents were acquired from [redacted]

[redacted] During 10/17-23/02, [redacted] traveled to Niger in an attempt to validate the documents. [redacted] claimed that she has had no contact with intelligence agents, or anyone associated with [redacted]. What follows are the FBI Headquarters questions for [redacted] during an interview with the FBI.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(U) The matter of interest to the FBI concerns an allegation that a foreign government may have engaged in perception management to deceive U.S. Government executive policy makers concerning Government of Iraq efforts to acquire uranium from the Government of Niger.

(U) The results of FBI investigation disclosed that

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(U) The journalist claimed to have received documents from a source who, in turn, acquired the material from an individual who [redacted]

[redacted] The journalist further reported the idea from her superior to contact the American Embassy in Rome in an attempt to determine the reliability of the material contained in the documents.

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(U) Italian and U.S. media reports state that Italian security services acquired the documents. Some reports claimed the Italian services obtained the material from the Embassy of Niger in Rome. The media reports also claim that foreign security services may have been aware of action undertaken by the Italian services.

To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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(S) [redacted]

(S) The above is being provided to Rome to facilitate Legat's interaction with [redacted] and [redacted] as circumstances warrant.

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(S) [redacted]

[redacted] (U) Questions are to be directed to SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Disseminate designated narrative to [redacted] in connection with request upcoming discussions concerning captioned matter.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Legat may use above questions for expeditious interview of [redacted] and the Panorama Editor, if desired, without awaiting arrival of representatives from FBI Headquarters or Washington Field.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) ~~(S)~~ None. For information only.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

(U) For review and use by Legat as discussed above.

Set Lead 4: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(U) For review and use by Legat as discussed above.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 08/21/2003

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) None. For information only.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/21/2003

To: Laboratory

Attn: Unit Chief [redacted]
Questioned Documents Unit
Room 2180

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Washington Field

Attn: SSA [redacted]
A/SSA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] Chief
SSA [redacted] Detailee

London

Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Rome

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] / Room 4133

Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] viz [redacted] (S)

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (ending)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT;
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
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(U) [redacted]

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Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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Details: ~~(S)~~ Niger. For the information of recipients, on 08/14/03, Legat Paris advised FBI Headquarters of a conversation with the U.S. Ambassador to Niger, Denise Mathieu, that date. The Ambassador indicated that, during the course of a meeting between the Nigerien Prime Minister and she several weeks ago, the Prime Minister made reference to the U.S. Government's interest in the purported Niger - Iraq uranium transaction. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 08/14/03, FBI Headquarters contacted the Acting Office Director for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), USDS. FBI Headquarters has kept the USDS apprised of FBI investigative activities overseas in connection with this matter through INR.

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(U) [redacted]

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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Bureau. FBI Headquarters requested INR to ensure that appropriate executives within USDS were aware of the FBI investigation [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

(S) On the same date, FBI Headquarters advised the FBI [redacted]

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(S) **Briefing of Ambassador Bridgewater.** On 08/19/03, Unit Chief [redacted] and SSA [redacted] briefed Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Regional Affairs, and representatives from the African Regional Bureau, Non-Proliferation Division and INR. [redacted]

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(U) [redacted]

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted], 08/21/2003

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~~(S)~~ Legat and FBI Headquarters also discussed the Washington Field recommendation to [redacted]
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[redacted] Legat and Washington Field
[redacted]
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~~(S)~~ **Laboratory Division.** As recipients are aware, the photocopies of the 17 pages of documents from the Italian journalist were provided to the Laboratory via EC dated 08/06/03. On 08/13/03, contact with the Questioned Documents Unit determined that the

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[redacted] FBI Headquarters will leave further action in this regard to the discretion of Legat.

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(U) Questions are to be directed to SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) ~~(S)~~ None. For information only.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 4: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

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Set Lead 5: (Info)

ROME

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To: Laboratory From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/21/2003

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AT ROME, ITALY

(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 6: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Date : 08/18/03
To : COUNTERTERRORISM, et al.
From : BUFFALO

(U) Topic: ~~(S//NF)~~ LEAD COVERED TO CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION

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POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY
DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

(S) As you are probably aware from media coverage, [redacted] here has been reporting, both in the media, and through [redacted] suggesting that the Government of Iraq (GOI) and the Government of Niger (GON) may have been engaged in negotiations for a Uranium purchase by Iraq.

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At the request of the United States Senate, FBI Director 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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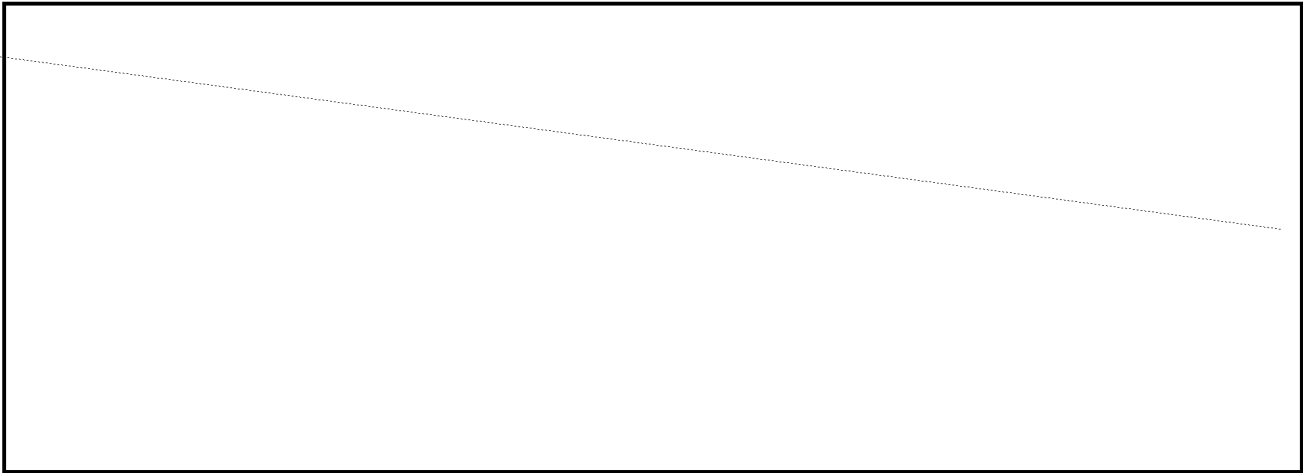
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We thank you for your ongoing collaboration.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/23/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: SSA [redacted]

Room 4133

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From: Laboratory
FAS/QDU/2180

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT;
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
FCI - X

Synopsis: (U) Response to lead request from [redacted] Counterintelligence Division to the Questioned Documents Unit (QDU), Laboratory Division, in EC dated 8/6/2003.

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Details: (U) The QDU was requested to provide information regarding the limitations of forensic document examinations on photocopies of documentary evidence. Additionally, the QDU was requested to evaluate submitted enclosures and provide information concerning the types of examinations that can be conducted on the enclosed documents in both original and photocopy form.

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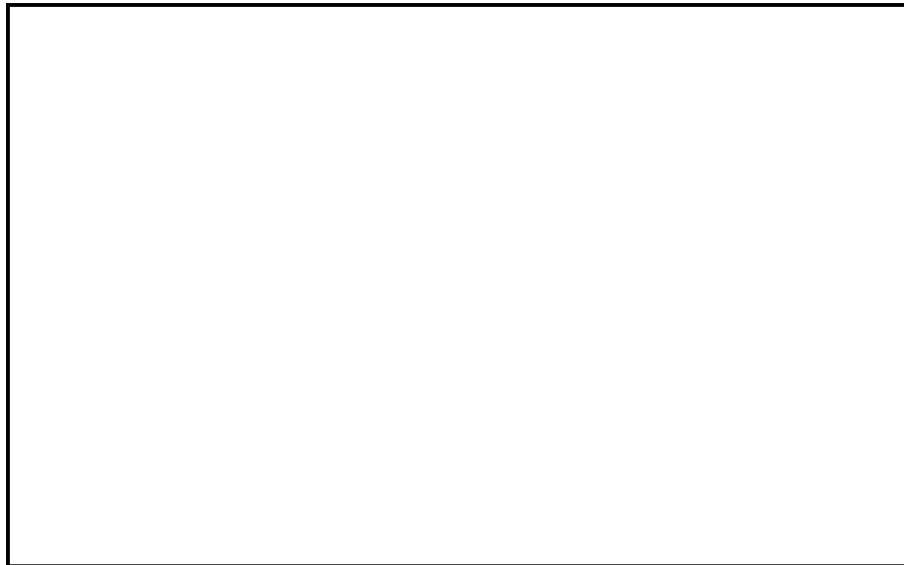
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To: Counterintelligence From: Laboratory
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/23/2003

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(U) The photocopy process would limit an examiner in the QDU from determining the following about a document:

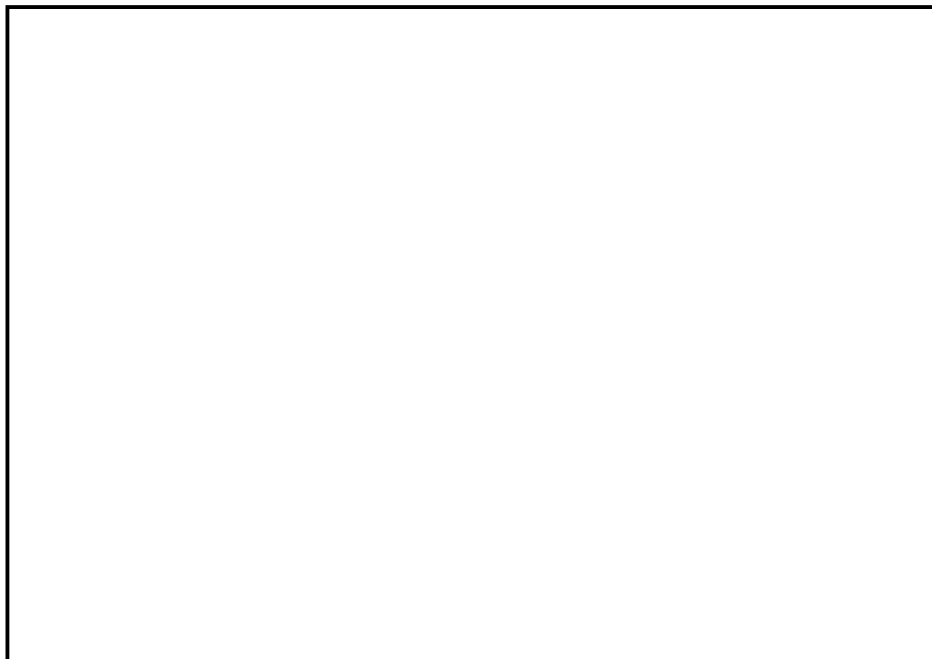
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(U) Examinations that cannot be conducted on the enclosures in their photocopied state are as follows:

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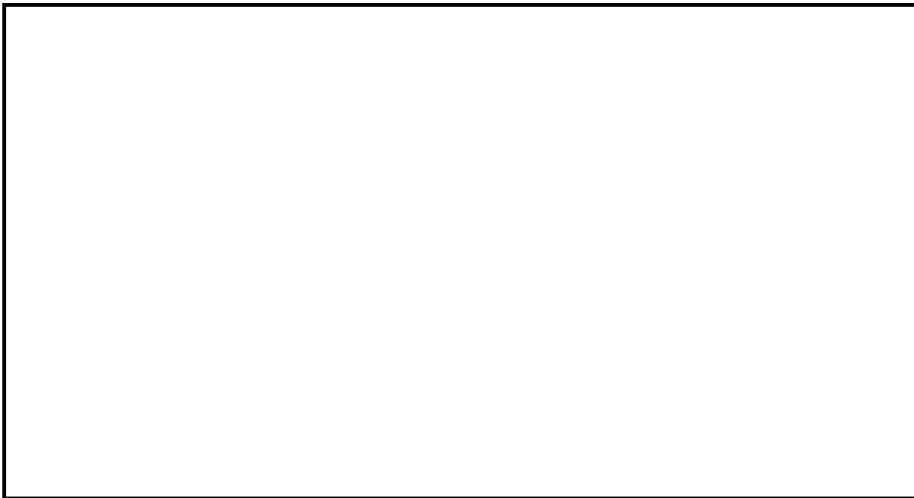


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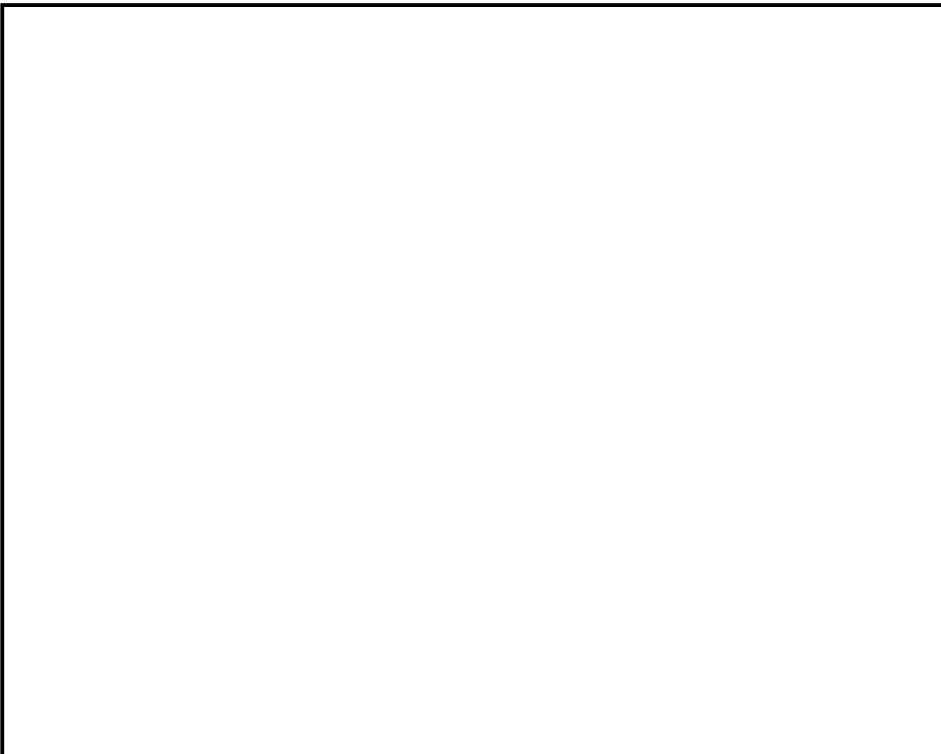
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Re: (S) [redacted] 08/23/2003

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(U) Examinations that could be conducted on the original documents include the following:



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To: Counterintelligence From: Laboratory
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/23/2003

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(U) It should be noted that with today's technology



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To: Counterintelligence From: Laboratory
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/23/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Read and clear.

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1 [redacted] Rm. 1204
1 [redacted] Rm. 2140

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 08/29/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [Redacted]

London
Rome
Washington Field

Attn: [Redacted]
Attn: [Redacted]
Attn: [Redacted]

International Operations

Attn: Sandra Fowler
[Redacted]

From: Paris

Contact: [Redacted]

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Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

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FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORT
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
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Reference: (S) [Redacted]
(S) [Redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Paris
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/29/2003

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(U) ~~Administrative:~~ ~~(S)~~ Reference e-mails sent by Paris Legat

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Details: ~~(S)~~ Captioned investigation was initiated based on an allegation that a foreign government may have engaged in perception management to deceive or mislead US Government policy makers concerning alleged efforts by the Government of Iraq (GOI) to purchase 500 tons per year of uranium from the Government of Niger (GON). Information concerning the purported transaction first appeared in 2001. Although the original intelligence came into the possession of [redacted] and

(S) [redacted] it was an Italian journalist, who came forward with the documents in October 2001, when she approached the US Embassy in Rome.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Paris
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 08/29/2003

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 09/08/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
UC [redacted]
SAC Michael E. Rolince
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt
ASAC CI [redacted]
ASAC IT [redacted]
Legat [redacted]

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Paris

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jmc [redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (S);
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X);
OO: WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide details regarding Legat, Rome
interview of Panorama Magazine journalist [redacted] at the
U.S. Consulate in Rome on September 4, 2003.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME
Reason: 1.5(c)
Declassify On: X1

(U) Enclosure(s): ~~(S)~~ Six (6) documents received from [redacted] The
documents were provided by [redacted] source on [redacted]

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ On September 4, 2003 Legat, Rome [redacted]
[redacted] and ALAT [redacted] interviewed [redacted]
D/POB [redacted] in Milan, Italy, address via [redacted]
[redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted]
attorney, [redacted] was present at the interview.

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ORIGINAL SERIAL

To: Counterintelligence From: Rome
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/08/2003

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The interview was conducted at the U.S. Consulate in Milan, Italy.

(U) (S) [redacted] has a degree in Literature from the [redacted] and in [redacted] studied Journalism at the [redacted] [redacted] worked as a journalist for [redacted] [redacted] prior to her employment with the parent company of Panorama Magazine, Mondatore. [redacted] employment with [redacted] as a Panorama Journalist began on [redacted] is also associated as a contributing journalist with the [redacted]

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(U) (S) [redacted] first met the source in [redacted] An associate asked [redacted] if she wanted to meet someone who had access to information. [redacted] identified the source as [redacted]

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(U) (S) Later in [redacted] the source contacted [redacted] and advised that he was in possession of documents [redacted] [redacted] The source provided [redacted] with the [redacted] [redacted] and a photographer went to the airport, [redacted] and followed them to their hotel, [redacted] then to [redacted] advised that this was only [redacted] and the meetings were [redacted] [redacted] verified the sources information and wrote a successful article for [redacted] Magazine. [redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] advised that this instance is the only time that she has ever [redacted]

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(U) (S) Later in 1995 the source provided [redacted] information regarding [redacted] The source advised that the [redacted]

[redacted] The source provided no documents but [redacted] was able to find enough connections to link [redacted] to the organization as a former employee. [redacted] wrote an article that [redacted]

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(U) (S) [redacted] relationship with the source slowed after [redacted] Between [redacted] had no contact with the source.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Rome
Re: (S) [redacted], 09/08/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ At the time of the initial information [redacted] believed the source had good access to information. [redacted] described the source as [redacted]. He is not political or ideologically motivated. The source [redacted] a good amount of time. [redacted] advised that she believes the source worked for an [redacted] years ago. She is not aware as to which [redacted] the source worked for. The source is [redacted] and is fluent in [redacted] and speaks [redacted]. [redacted] does not believe that the source is a "professional" source.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In [redacted] received a message from her secretary to return a telephone call. [redacted] recognized the number as the source's. The source advised [redacted] that he had information about the [redacted]. He spoke about documents in a very general way.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] met the source on [redacted]. The source provided the documents (photocopied documents) at this time. The source advised [redacted] that the [redacted] advised the source that she needed proof that the [redacted]. The source provided [redacted] with an additional document [redacted] but this document was determined to be regarding [redacted] and not related to this subject.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On [redacted] the source sent an additional [redacted] (copies provided as attachment). Two (2) pages dealt with [redacted] and one (1) page was from a [redacted].

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The source advised [redacted] that [redacted]. As proof of [redacted] he showed [redacted] an envelope sent from the [redacted] which the source confiscated. [redacted] kept this envelope (attached) which was date canceled [redacted]. The source showed [redacted] additional letters taken from [redacted]. Additionally, the source showed [redacted] a copy of the [redacted] and [redacted] advised that she believes the book was authentic. [redacted] was convinced that the source had access.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] believes that the source's motivation was money. He requested payment of [redacted].

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[redacted] The source advised [redacted] that he had someone [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] source regarding the source providing false documents. The source advised that he was convinced that the documents were real (when he provided them). He provided [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she is attempting to verify the source's latest information and may herself provide additional information once she verify's the source's information. The source advised [redacted] that he believes [redacted]

[redacted] advised she does not believe the source was used while providing the original documents but could not rule it out.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised that the source is not willing to come forward and in fact only met [redacted] again because he was afraid [redacted] would provide his identity to authorities. [redacted] was advised by the interviewers to re-contact the source and request the source to meet with Legat personnel. [redacted] advised that she will consider re-contacting the source.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The source advised [redacted] that at the time of the original meeting he [redacted] [redacted] advised that she does not believe that there is a possibility of obtaining the original documents at this time.

(U) ~~(S)~~ The source advised that he found the information on Niger while [redacted] [redacted] (which was reportedly [redacted] In fact,

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] does not believe (opinion) that [redacted] [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On July 16, 2003 the Italian newspaper "La Repubblica" published six (6) of the twenty three (23) documents. The source [redacted]

[redacted] Research by [redacted] advised that a journalist working for a journalistic website received the documents, paying an unknown African diplomat for the documents. The editor of the website would not allow the journalist to print the documents on the website. The journalist then sold the information to La Repubblica, and it was then published. [redacted] does not know how much money was actually paid to the African diplomat [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised that she will consider re-contacting the source (who she has little confidence in at this time) in an effort to have the source speak directly to Legat, Rome. If [redacted] is unsuccessful, Legat will request [redacted] to act as a "middle man" between Legat and source.

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LEAD(s):

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(U) For information and follow up response of recipients.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/16/2003

To: Rome
Paris
Washington Field
Counterintelligence

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
Attn: SSA [redacted]
A/SSA [redacted]
Attn: [redacted] Chief

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] Room 4133
Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *AK*
Drafted By: [redacted] *VIZ*

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT;
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER
FCI - PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To response to issues raised by the [redacted]
[redacted] during meetings with LEGAT and Assistant Legat., Rome
on 09/05 and 12/03, respectively.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: ~~G-3~~
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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ Meeting with [redacted] on 09/12/03. On that date,
Assistant Legat met with [redacted] representatives for further discussions
concerning [redacted] and FBI cooperation in captioned matter. The meeting
followed-up on a meeting between Legat Rome and [redacted] on 09/05/03.

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~~(S)~~ The results of the 09/12/03. meeting were contained in
an email message the same date. [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] (The Director is scheduled for a working lunch with the [redacted] during his visit to Italy on 09/24/03.)

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(U) **Legats Briefing to Counterintelligence Division (CD).** Earlier, on 09/09/03, Legats Rome and Paris briefed interested managers and executives of the Counterintelligence Division. The Legats were participants to the Legat Conference at FBI Headquarters.

(U) [redacted] Legat Rome's brief concerned the results of his meeting with [redacted] on 09/05/03.

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(U) **Director's Briefing.** Legat's brief, along with updated developments provided by Legat Paris, were set forth to the Director in a briefing paper dated 09/11/03. The pertinent text from the briefing paper is set forth below.

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Re: (S) [redacted], 09/15/2003

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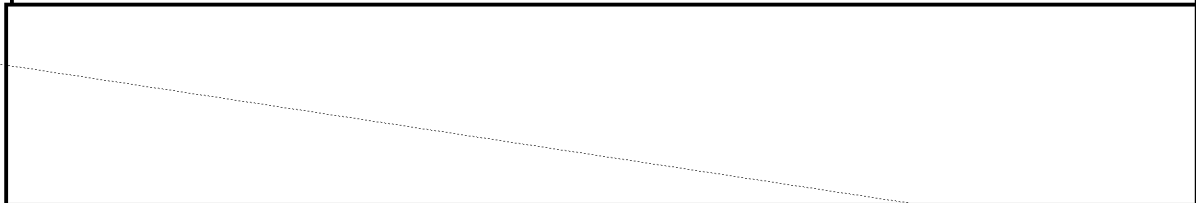
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~~(S)~~ On 09/01/03, the journalist was interviewed by Legat Rome. The journalist, while cooperative, was unable to provide more specific information concerning the origin of the documents and/or the existence of originals.

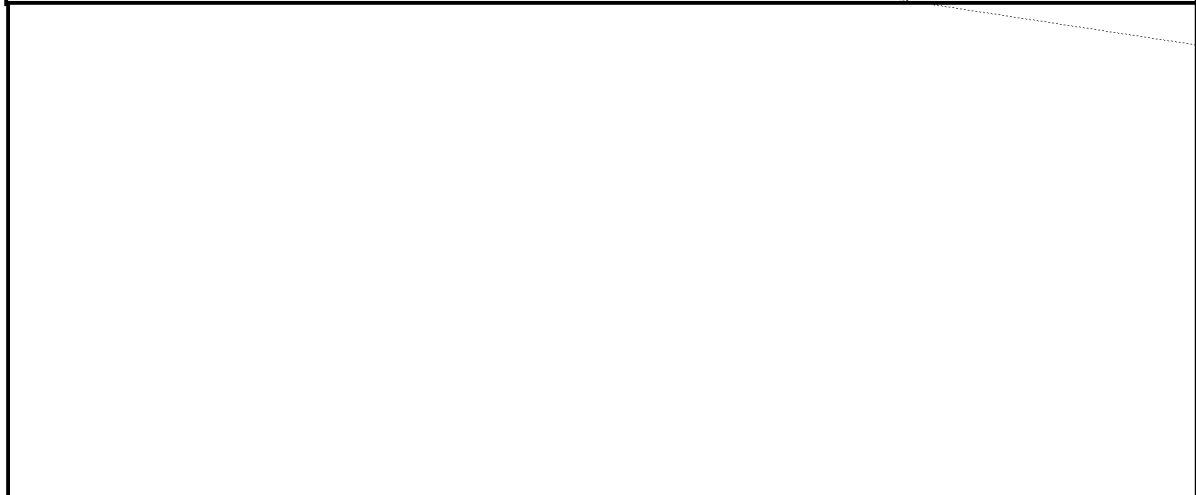


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[redacted] request of LEGAT Rome on 09/05/03. On that date, LEGAT advised FBI Headquarters of two questions posed by [redacted]. A review of Washington Field's EC dated 06/23/03, located references that would respond to [redacted] requests. In an email message dated 09/12/03, FBI Headquarters provided the below information.

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[redacted] (U) Questions are to be directed to SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(U) None. For information only.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Advise [redacted] that the Director will be prepared to discuss [redacted] concerns during the 09/24/03 working luncheon.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Provide [redacted] with the indicated responses to the two questions posed on 09/05/03.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) None. For information only.

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