Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 10/06/2003

To: Counterterrorism
International Operations
Washington Field
Rome
Paris
Attn: SSA
Attn: SEC
Attn: SSA
Attn: Legat
Attn: Legat

From: London
Contact: 

Approved By:

Drafted By: Dje

Case ID #: (Pending)

Title: (X) 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

Synopsis: (X) To clear leads set to London.

(X) Derived From: G-3
Declassty On: XI

Reference: (S) telcall between SSA and ALAT

Details: (X) In referenced EC, dated August 21, 2003, Legat London was provided with FBIHQ's analysis of captioned investigation. As a result of FBIHQ's analysis and telcall between SSA and ALAT London is taking no further action in this matter.

(XS) London will clear all leads.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) Read and clear.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/01/2003

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

IT-4

Contact: SA x4501

SA x2521

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (U) Request authority to

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

(U) Captions

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 10/14/2003

To: Rome
Paris
Counterterrorism
Washington Field
Counterintelligence

Attn: LEGAT
LEGAT
ASC
SSA
A/SSA
Chief
detailee

From: Counterintelligence
Contact: SSA / Room 4133

Approved By:

Drafted By: viz (S)

Case ID #: (S) (ranging)

Title: (X)
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: (X) This electronic communication updates previous
reporting concerning captioned and requests further investigation by
Legats Rome and Paris and by

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Details: (X) Background. Referenced CD EC dated 09/04/03.
Referenced EC set forth tear-line material for use by Legat Rome in
connection with the interview of the Panorama journalist, and discussion with FBI Headquarters
considers both events critical to the resolution of captioned
allegation.

(U) Director's Letter to As Rome is already aware,
FBI Headquarters has prepared a letter for signature by the Director

Downloaded from ALS on 1/13/03
To: Rome From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 10/14/2003

FBI Headquarters expects to send the letter via Federal Express within the next few days for immediate delivery upon receipt by Legat. The letter was prepared to provide The text to the letter is set forth below for information.
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 10/14/2003

Interviews of Panorama employees. [Redacted] was interviewed by Legat Rome on 09/04/03. At the time, the Panorama [Redacted] was not available for interview. The intention for interviewing [Redacted] was [Redacted].

During the course of the 09/04/03 interview, Rome and [Redacted] discussed [Redacted].

FBI Headquarters believes that [Redacted]. FBI Headquarters further believes that [Redacted].
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 10/14/2003

For the further information of [illegible] set forth below are descriptions of the seven documentary enclosures to the CD EC dated 08/06/03,
serial [illegible]

(U) 1.

(U) 2.

(U) 3.

(U) 4.
To: Rome  From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S)  10/14/2003

(U) Questions concerning this matter are to be directed to SSA at [redacted]
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 10/14/2003

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) Should either of the two be located, coordinate arrangements for interview with Legat Paris.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ

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

Set Lead 3: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(S)

Set Lead 4: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) Interview and re-interview as discussed in this EC.

(S) Expeditiously provide with the hard-copy, Director's letter and make arrangements to receive evidence.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 10/14/2003

Set Lead 5: (Info)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) None. For information only.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/04/2003

To: International Operations Counterintelligence
Washington Field
Paris

Attn: UC LOU1
Attn: UC SSA
Attn: ASAC Michael E. Rolince
Attn: SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt
Attn: ASAC CI
Attn: ASAC IT
Attn: Legat

From: Rome

Contact:

Approved By: 
Drafted By: [签名] (S)

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

Title: (X) 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: (X) To provide details regarding Legat, Rome interview of Panorama Magazine Journalist
D/POB: ________ in Italy, at the U.S. Consulate in Milan, Italy on October 29, 2003. ________ was accompanied by her attorney, ________was previously interviewed by Legat, Rome on September 4, 2003.

(X) (U) Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME
Reason: 1.4(c)
Declassify On: X1

Details: (S) ________advised that her intention after her original interview with Legat, Rome was to gather additional information regarding how her source obtained the Uranium from Niger documents. ________advised that her goal was to determine whether
or not her source was acting in good faith when he passed her the information and documents.

advised that soon after she began this investigation.

advised that after the meeting with in approximately the source called her. The source asked if

advised that she would be willing to contact the source and ask source if he would be willing to meet with Legat, Rome. further advised that

advised that she will make contact with the source in the near future and is amenable to re-contact by Legat, Rome.
To: International Operations  Attn: UC
IOU1  Counterintelligence  From: Rome
Re: (S)  11/04/2003

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) For information of recipients.

**
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: International Operations Counterintelligence

Washington Field

Attn: UC

Date: 11/04/2003

From: Rome

Contact:

Approved By: 

Drafted By: jmc (S)

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

Title: (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) To provide details regarding Legat, Rome interview of Panorama Magazine at the U.S. Consulate in Milan on October 29, 2003.

Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME

Reason: 1.5(c)

Declassify On: XI

Details: (S) D/POB: ______________ in Italy, advised that he first became aware of documents pertaining to Uranium from Niger when his deputy showed him documents a Panorama Journalist, received from one of her sources. After reviewing the documents believed the documents could be a "smoking gun" if proven authentic. advised that Panorama Magazine had taken a very supportive stance to the U.S. policy in Iraq and therefore if the documents were real this could turn into a very important story. However, advised that experience made him very cautious about
the authenticity of the documents. [Redacted] met with [Redacted] and advised [Redacted] to travel to Niger attempting to gain information regarding the documents. Additionally, [Redacted] advised [Redacted] to go to the U.S. Embassy and request feedback as to whether the documents were valid. [Redacted] advised that he trusts his reporters and because of this he never inquired as to the identity of the source. To this day he does not know the source's identity.

To assist [Redacted] contacted his source at [Redacted] advising [Redacted] that [Redacted] with information and an inquiry. [Redacted] contacted because [Redacted] is well respected. [Redacted] advised that [Redacted] received no information in Niger or from the U.S. Embassy. This caused him concern. [Redacted] advised that he began to have a "bad feeling" and did not feel comfortable publishing a story. At this point [Redacted] ordered the story cancelled.

When the story broke in another publication, [Redacted] did not believe that it was related to the earlier information received from [Redacted]. When it became clear to him that the stories were related [Redacted] he had very serious doubts regarding the information provided to [Redacted].

[Redacted] advised that the only persons privy to this information were himself, [Redacted] and [Redacted] although [Redacted] was not aware of any details concerning the information.

[Redacted] advised that he was not directed by anyone to contact the embassy and that decision was solely his decision. Additionally, there was no information or indications that would make [Redacted] believe that either the U.S. Government nor Panorama Magazine was

[Redacted] believes that whoever was the originator of this information did not believe that Panorama would check this information as closely as they did.

[Redacted] advised that in his opinion this information was provided for monetary gain.

[Redacted] has been a [Redacted] and has worked for [Redacted] He has been associated with
To: International Operations  Attn: UC
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome
Re: (S) 11/04/2003

Panorama Magazine for advised that
To: International Operations  Attn: UC
IOU1 Counterintelligence  From: Rome
Re: (S) ___________________________ 11/04/2003

LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) For information of recipients.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

IT-4

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

(S) (Pending)

Title: 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: (X)

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: XI

Details: (X) It is requested that the following sub-file be opened:

Sub-file

Purpose

(U) The above sub-file should be opened and assigned to SA

(U) 10/31/02

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field
   Counterterrorism
   Rome
   Counterintelligence
   Vienna
   Paris

Attn: SAC Edwin Worthington
      SSA
      V/SSA
      LEGAT
      Chief

Date: 11/19/2003

From: Counterintelligence

Contact: SSA /Room 4133

Approved By: Bereznay Timothy D
              Borgia Stanley L

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) (S)

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

(S)

 Derived From: G-3
 Declassify On: X1
To: Rome From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 11/19/2003

Details: (S) Reference is made to the CD electronic communication (EC) dated 10/14/03. The EC updated previous reporting concerning captioned matter and requested further investigation by Legats Rome and Paris, FBI personnel. FBI Headquarters believes the investigation is essential in providing an explanation for the events that occurred in September 2001, when the introduced the information purporting an Iraq - Niger uranium transaction.
On 10/29/03, Legat Rome interviewed [REDACTED] Panorama Magazine, and re-interviewed [REDACTED] concerning the basis for the latter's contact with the American Embassy.

Based on the above reports and other relevant investigation, FBI Headquarters assembled the below time-line as a ready-reference for recipients.
To: Rome,  From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S)  11/19/2003  

(S) October 9, 2002: Panorama Magazine provided documents to Embassy Political Officer.

(U) September 4, 2003: Legat Rome interviewed concerning the source of documents and basis for contacting the American Embassy.

(U) October 29, 2003: Legat Rome interviewed Panorama Magazine, and concerning basis for the contact with the American Embassy.
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 11/19/2003

FBI Headquarters also desires the information as it prepares to respond to questions from the Congressional committees having an interest in the matter. The desired investigation would be:

Follow-up contact with [redacted] for direct and expedite access to her source. (Legat Rome)

possession of [redacted] is in

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To: Rome  From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S)  11/19/2003

(U) 1.

(U) 2.

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(U) 5.

(U) 6.

(U) 7.

(8) For the information of [redacted] captioned matter was initiated at the request of the Director in response to [redacted]. The original objective of the investigation is [redacted].
The above documents surfaced on October 9, 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. The documents purportedly included references to [redacted].
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 11/19/2003

(U) Questions concerning this matter are to be directed to
SSA

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 11/19/2003

LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Action)
WASHINGTON FIELD
AT WASHINGTON, D.C.
(S) ☒ Contact the________for available background information as discussed above.
(S) ☒ Expeditiously conduct interviews____ as discussed above.
Set Lead 2: (Action)
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
AT WASHINGTON, DC
(S) ☒ _______assist Washington Field with the investigation as discussed above.
Set Lead 3: (Action)
COUNTERTERRORISM
AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ
(S) ☒ For____ as discussed in this EC.
Set Lead 4: (Action)
ROME
AT ROME, ITALY
(S) ☒ Attempt to verify and obtain details concerning the above.
(S) ☒ Conduct follow-up contact with________for access to her source of the documents.
To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) ________________, 11/19/2003

Set Lead 5: (Action)

VIENNA

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

(S) X Expeditiously attempt to locate ________________________ and
advise ________________________ through FBI Headquarters.

Set Lead 6: (Info)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(U) None. For information only.

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Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government
to obtain Uranium from Niger

Urgent Request

...is investigation the circumstances surrounding the purported attempt by the Government of Iraq to obtain uranium from the Nigerian Government. ... As this matter is urgent, we kindly request a response at the earliest possible opportunity.

CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG F54M93K42
REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2028
DATE: 11-05-2015

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
ALLEGED PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT INVOLVING
IRAQ - NIGER URANIUM TRANSACTION (S) (J)
Our file: [redacted] (S)

1999 - 2000: The purported period of the uranium transaction between the Governments of Iraq and Niger. (U)
September 24, 2002:  

October 1, 2002: The "National Intelligence Estimate" (NIE) was published. (U)
October 9, 2002: __________ visited the American Embassy in Rome and provided 17 pages of documents. (U)

Details: __________ is interviewed by the Political Officer who received the documents and maintained them under Department of State control.

The FBI reviewed the July 25, 2003, Panorama Magazine article by __________ with the introduction by __________. The two journalists have been interviewed by the FBI.

(September 4, 2003 and October 29, 2003; on October 29, 2002)

Issue: The identification and interview of __________ source is critical to verifying the above observation.

October 11, 2002: An American Embassy, Rome, cable to the Department of State reported __________ had visited the Embassy.

October 15, 2002 (approximately): Seventeen pages of documents were sent by facsimile from the American Embassy, Rome, to the Department of State. (U)
January 28, 2003: The President of the United States issued his "State of the Union" address. (U)

**Issue:** Subsequent to the address, media reports in the United States suggested that DOCUMENTS were the source of the 16-word reference in the address to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction capability. The observation follows the media reports.

March 3, 2003: The Iraq Nuclear Verification Organization of the International Atomic Energy Agency provided its analysis of DOCUMENTS to the Department of State.

**Details:** The documents are evaluated to be fraudulent. (U)
To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

IT-4

Contact: SA

Approved By: b6

Drafted By: cmp b1

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) b3

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: (X) Request authority to

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Details: (S) Captained No

investigation has been conducted since that date. FBIHQ
Counterintelligence Division (CD) directed WFO to open this
investigation. WFO has completed all investigation possible at
WFO. There are remaining leads overseas, and CD has directed WFO
to keep captioned investigation open. Therefore, authority is
requested to
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precendence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
Paris
Rome
Washington Field

Attn: SC Stan Borgia
Attn: SSA
Attn: LEGAT
Attn: LEGAT
Attn: ASAC-IT
Attn: A/ASAC-CI

Date: 01/14/2004

From: Washington Field
IT-4

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

Title: (X) 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 re-interviews of

(D) Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

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To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 01/14/2004

(S) Referenced serial page three, states that

WFO considers this lead covered.

(S)
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field  
Re: (S)  01/14/2004

This lead is considered covered.

As noted in referenced serial captioned investigation was initiated due to an inquiry made by the U.S. Congress as to the possibility that the false information was part of a perception management campaign by an unnamed foreign government to influence the President's decision to invade Iraq. Therefore, serial set a lead for the CD to identify the Member(s) of Congress/Congressional staffers who made the inquiry, and grant authority for WFO to interview them. The purpose of the interview(s) . This lead is still outstanding.

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SECRET/NOFORN/ORCON
In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, DC 20535
January 27, 2004

(U) -

(S) File Number: -

(U) [S] USPER _ Presumed USPER X Non-USPER _

(U) [S] Individual _ Group _ Unknown X

(U) [S] Subject's Name: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)

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

(U) [S] -

(U) [S] Prediction for Initiation:
Per AGG/NSI Part II.B.1.:

(U) -

(S) WFO was directed by FBIHQ to initiate this investigation. Predication: The Director received a letter from a Member(s) of Congress requesting that the FBI investigate the possibility that false information regarding an alleged deal between Iraq and Niger (in which Iraq allegedly attempted to purchase uranium from Niger) was part of a perception management campaign by an unnamed foreign government to influence the President's decision to invade Iraq.
Any other matter which, in the judgment of the official authorization an investigation, should be brought to the attention of FBIHQ and other DOJ officials.

The predication (see above) of this investigation was a request from a Member(s) of Congress.
Precedence: ROUTINE                        Date: 01/27/2004

To: Counterintelligence                      Attn: SSA

From: Washington Field                    
      IT-4
      Contact: SA

Approved By: b6                             Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S)                                (Pending) (S)

Title: b1                                  b3
       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: b7E                              Provides required LHM.
       (S)

Derived From: G=3                           Declasify On: X1

Reference: 66F-HQ-C1384970 Serial 5872

Enclosure(s): b7E

Details: b7E                                As required by referenced serial, enclosed is the
       (S) required LHM for dissemination to DOJ.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) [Redacted] is requested to disseminate the enclosed LHM to DOJ as appropriate.

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Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government to obtain Uranium from Niger

Urgent Request
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE  Date: 03/01/2004

To: International Operations
   Rome
   Counterterrorism

To: Counterintelligence

Washington Field

From: Vienna
   Contact: b6

Approved By: b7C

Drafted By: b1

Case ID #: (S) b3

Title: IS
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

Synopsis: To respond to lead set forth by
Counterintelligence.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Reference: (S) b1

Pls. mark all leads covered. b3

Pls. see indicator. b6

Pls. see indicator. b7C
(U) Vienna considers leads in referenced communications to be covered.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

All Receiving Offices

(U) For information. Read and clear.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
To: Counterintelligence
   Washington Field

From: Washington Field
   Squad CI-9
   Contact: SA

Approved By: ____________________________
Drafted By: acr

Case ID #: (S) ____________________________ (Pending) (S)

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

Synopsis: (X) To document contact by writer regarding the
captioned matter and to request FBIHQ concurrence to interview
writer for additional information regarding captioned matter.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Details: (X) On 03/09/2004, SA _______ was contacted by _______
who gave her name as [______] (PHONETIC). _______ wanted to
speak to SA _______ regarding the captioned matter, indicating she
had additional information SA _______ may not be aware exists. SA
advised _______ he could not confirm the existence of such a
case nor if he was assigned to such a case and inquired how
obtained his name. _______ claimed she had "a Bureau source." SA
pressed for additional details but declined to elaborate.

(S) SA invited to the Washington Field Office so the information claimed to have could be discussed in a secure setting. declined the invitation and insisted the meeting take place at a nearby coffee shop. SA indicated he would re-contact if an interview of was necessary. SA reiterated that the meeting would be an interview where would provide SA whatever information she may possess regarding the captioned matter and SA would not be in a position to answer questions or provide any information. SA obtained telephone number and the call was ended.

(U) SA spoke with SSA who indicated that he did not have an issue with SA interviewing but that the issue should be raised and approved by SA chain of command. SA then spoke to the WFO Media Coordinator, SSA and ASAC and relayed the aforementioned details. All agreed that an interview would be in order to account for any potential additional information heretofore unknown regarding the captioned matter. It was also agreed that and attempt to set up an interview.

(U) SA will ascertain any pertinent information may possess as well as attempt to identify the referenced "Bureau source" and document the interview to the captioned case file.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[8] will authorize the interview of [ ]

by WFO regarding the information [ ] claims to possess

regarding the captioned matter.

♦♦
Attached are following ORIGINAL SERIALS for your file.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
    Paris
    Rome
    Washington Field

Attn: UC
      SSA
      LEGAT
      LEGAT
      ASAC-IT
      ASAC-CI

From: Washington Field
      IT-4
      Contact: SA

Date: 04/16/2004

Approved By: [Signature]

Drafted By: [Signature]

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) (S)

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 re-interview of

(S)

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

(SECRET)
Embassy of the United States of America

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

29 April 2004

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, 23 June 2003, and 9 October 2003, captioned as above, requesting your assistance in prepared by As you are aware

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In support of this effort, FBIHQ again requests assistance in determining:

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

For: Legal Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

To: Counterintelligence
Attn: Section / Rm 4058
SSA

Attn: UC R.

UC

Counterterrorism
Attn: Rm 4972

International Operations
Attn: UC

From: London
Contact: ALAT

Approved By:

Drafted By: jh

Case ID #: (Pending)

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

Reference:

Details: In referenced EC, dated April 28, 2004, Legat was provided with the results of

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To: Counterintelligence  From: London
Re:  [Blank]  05/17/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(✓)  Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/15/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: UC SSA

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: 

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Drafted By: cmp

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Case ID #: (S) (Pending) 

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Title: 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: <Requests FBIHQ authority to

Derived From: G-3
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Reference: (S)

Details: All logical investigation has been conducted in
furtherance of captioned matter. Referenced serial from CD

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) __________________ 06/15/2004

(S)

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  06/15/2004

LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

[Redacted text]

**
(WF) (FBI)

From: (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 12:25 PM
To: (CD) (FBI); (CD) (FBI)
Cc: (WF) (FBI); (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Iraq/Niger case
Importance: High

(SECRET)

RECOR

The attached is serial of the Iraq/Niger case, and requests FBIHQ authority.

Sorry for the rush and I'll print out the message and put it in the file, and then... Thanks.

(SECRET)

DERIVED FROM: G-3 FBI Classification Guide G-3, dated 1/97, Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations
DECLASSIFICATION EXEMPTION 1
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Thank you for your serial reference regarding [ REDACTED ] request, I was not aware of that previous request since I just stepped into the picture.

Based on our recent e-mails which provide [ REDACTED ] Please keep us in your copy count for this request and we will assist as needed.

Thanks,

UC

-----Original Message-----

From: (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 9:32 AM
To: (CD) (FBI)
Cc: (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [ REDACTED ]

The only remaining investigation at WFO is to interview [ REDACTED ] in terms of information he provides during an FBI interview.
-----Original Message-----
From: (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 8:12 AM
To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Subject: [Redacted]

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RECORD

($) As you are aware

($) It is important that WFO provide the status of the investigations pending at WFO so a determination can be made

($) Please contact me today with this information in lieu of SSA [Redacted] since [Redacted] is not available this week.

($) Unit Chief

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6/16/2004
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 06/17/2004

To: Counterintelligence Attn: UC
   Rome
   Attn: SSA

From: Washington Field b6
   Contact: SA b7C

Approved By: b7E

Drafted By:_cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) (S)

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

Synopsis: Sets lead for Rome to advise of status of
discussions with Italian journalist regarding
the

Derived From: G-3 b7E
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S) b1

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field  
Re: (S)  06/17/2004

Details: (S) As LEGAT Rome is well-aware, referenced serial set a lead for LEGAT Rome to continue contacts with the Italian journalist coordinate an interview with WFO. Within the past week, WFO has received directed WFO to coordinate with LEGAT Rome to have WFO respects that CD has Therefore, a lead is being set for LEGAT Rome to advise WFO and CD as to the status of its discussions with regarding (U) WFO greatly appreciates all of LEGAT Rome's work and assistance in captioned matter.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  06/17/2004

LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME

(U) LEGAT Rome is requested to advise WFO and CD of the status of its discussions with Italian journalist regarding the identity of the individual who

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Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 06/18/2004

To: Washington Field
Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence
Contact: SSA

Approved By:

Drafted By: jjc

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) Serial (S)

Title: (X) 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: (X) Also, referenced leads covered.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X

Reference: (S)

Details: (X) FBIHQ authorizes
Prior to interviewing
WFO should obtain FBIHQ approval of questions
to be posed to the subjects.

07/31/2003, SSA addressed the
issues regarding the interview of
via FBI e-mail to SACs Michael Rolince and Ronald Nesbitt.
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [Redacted], 06/18/2004

(S) [Redacted] considers leads on Serials [Redacted] covered.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Prior to interviewing [redacted], WFO should obtain FBIHQ approval of questions to be posed to the subjects.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/20/2004

To: International Operations
   Washington Field
   Counterintelligence
   Counterterrorism

Attn: IO 1
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     SSA
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     SSA
     Section, A/SC
     SSA
     UC
     IOS

From: Vienna

Contact: 

Approved By: 

Drafted By: spw

Case ID #: (S) Pending

Title: (S) Unknown Subject(s);
Possible Perception Management
Activity Against the United States
Government;
False Information Provided to the United
States Government Regarding Iraqi Effort
To Obtain Uranium From Niger
FCI - Perception Management

Synopsis: (S) To provide results of investigation in Austria.

(S) Derived From: G-3
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Reference: (S) 

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(U) For information and appropriate action.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE    Date: 08/05/2004

To: International Operations Attn: UC
    SSA
    LS
    Attn: Language Specialist

Washington Field Attn: ASAC
    SSA
    ASA
    SSA

Counterintelligence Attn: SC Stanley Borgia,
    Unit Chief
    SSA
    SSA

Counterterrorism Attn: UC
    IOS

From: Rome

Contact: ____________________________

Approved By: ________________________

Drafted By: bef

Case ID #: (S) ________________________ (Pending) ________________________

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S); POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDING IRAQI EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER.

FCI - PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT

Synopsis: (S) To provide results of investigation in Italy.

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S) ________________________ (S) ________________________ (S) ________________________

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To: International Operations  
From: Rome  
Re: (S) 08/05/2004

Administrative:  
Referenced Serial  

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Language Services are photocopies of the Italian newspaper articles that are rough draft translated below.

Details: As the Counterintelligence (CI) Office of International Operations (OIO) and Washington Field Office (WFO) is aware, at the direction of CI,

On Wednesday of the present week, 08/04/2004, identity was divulged in the Italian major daily newspapers. Legat Rome has prepared rough draft translations of those articles. Legat Rome wishes to emphasize that these articles are rough draft translations and should not be relied upon until authenticated, or, modified by the final translations that will come from the Language Services Section. Hereafter are the aforementioned newspaper articles:

The first article is from the Italian daily newspaper, L'Unità. Although all the following newspaper articles clearly fall within the public domain,

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End translation:

As Receiving Offices will note, referenced in the Italian press coverage is the interview that [redacted] granted to the London Financial Times, the text of which was provided to CI and WFO on 08/05/2004. It is Legat Rome's opinion that [redacted].
(S). Legat Rome looks forward to continuing to work closely with CI and WFO on this matter. Legat Rome will keep receiving offices apprized of all developments in this matter in a very timely manner. Investigation at Legat Rome continuing.
To: International Operations  From: Rome
Re: (S) 08/05/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) For information and appropriate action.

**
Falso uranio del Niger:
svelato il «bidone» italiano

I magistrati identificano l’autore del dossier:
è Rocco Martino, un «faccendiere» espulso dai servizi
Gianni Cipriani

ROMA Un passato remoto da funzionario del Sis, il vecchio servizio segreto italiano degli anni Settanta, a un passato prossimo da confidente del Sismi fino al 1999. Un presente da «free lance» dell'intelligence con contatti con diversi servizi segreti stranieri, nonché fonte di informazioni per quotidiani e altri media. L'informazione proviene da Rocco Martino, l'uomo che con il falso dossier sul presunto traffico di uranio tra Niger e Iraq ha fornito il più ghiotto dei pretesti per giustificare la guerra voluta da Bush e Blair, è dunque un personaggio che conterrà piuttosto inquietanti, inserito a pieno titolo in quel sottosuolo degli 007, laddove il confine tra informazioni riservate e «pattacche», tra bufale e verità è assai incerto. Un mondo per certi versi non lontano da quello che si è manifestato in torno al caso Telekom-Serbia. Ed infatti, da quanto era già emerso a margine degli accertamenti dispensati dal Comitato di controllo sui servizi segreti, è stato proprio Rocco Martino, in virtù di un rapporto condotto a fornire il falso dossier sull'uranio all'intera serie delle proprieta del presidente del consiglio.

Come si ricorderà nell'estate-autunno del 2002, quando gli «alleati» erano alla caccia di prove che inchiodassero Saddam Hussein nel mercato delle informazioni comincia a circolare nuovamente un dossier in parte vero, in parte contente informazioni clamorosamente errate, che avrebbero dovuto rappresentare la prova privata del fatto che il regime iracheno stesse comprando uranio dal Niger. Proprio per la sua inattendibilità alcuni 007 avevano considerato quei documenti poco più che carta straccia. Anzi, alcuni servizi segreti, tra cui il Sis, avevano escluso che esistessero prove di tale commercio. Il dossier a quel punto finì nelle mani di Panorama che decise di consegnarlo «per riconfarne la veridicità» all'Ambasciatore Usa di Roma. Da qui, le carte furono trasmesse a Washington. Cosa sia successo a quel punto non è ancora chiaro. Certo è che durante il viaggio dell'uranio divenne una «verità» sandierata per giustificare la guerra.

Da quel che si è potuto capire Rocco Martino avrebbe fabbricato il dossier con la complicità di un functionario dell'ambasciata del Niger. Forse perché, con il clima internazionale del periodo, il commercio di documenti avrebbe potuto rivelarsi un ottimo affare.

Martino, intervistato dal Sunday Times ha cercato di dare la colpa al Sismi, sostenendo di essere in buona fede e di essere stato attirato in una trappola. In realtà il Comitato di controllo ha già accertato che l'uomo, come detto, era da tempo sul mercato dell'intelligenza e offriva le sue informazioni a migliaia di firmi. Ciò sarebbe testimoniato dal fatto che Martino, proprio perché agiva autonomamente, avrebbe offerto i suoi documenti anche ai servizi segreti russi che a quelli francesi. Insomma, un in- trigo internazionale per una vicenda che ha avuto tragiche ripercussioni.


Insomma, stando a quello che emerge, Rocco Martino aveva lavorato per più servizi segreti, spesso mostrandosi poco affidabile. Per questo ragione era stato allontanato dal Sis, per le stesse ragioni nel 1999 il Sismi chiese con lui ogni rapporto anche come confidente e per lo stesso motivo, dopo una fase iniziale, l'uomo avrebbe inviato agli 007 francesi notizie che poi si sarebbero verificate non attendibili.

Ecco dunque una parte del retroscena della guerra all'Iraq. Il resto dovrà essere accertato sia dalla procura di Roma, che da tempo aperto un fascicolo, che dal Comitato di controllo sui servizi segreti. Ma è chiaro che siamo di fronte ad una catena incredibile di falsi, bufale e voci che sono rimbalzate per mezzo mondo fino a finire nei discorsi ufficiali di Bush e di quelle dichiarazioni di Berlusconi. E ciò nonostante la parte più avvertita dell'intelligence avesse messo in guardia dal rischio di bufale. Sembra davvero una riduzione di Telekom-Serbia. Solo che il falso dossier messo in giro da Rocco Martino è stato utilizzato per giustificare la guerra. Con le conseguenze tragiche che tutti conosciamo.

Oggi rifila scoop alla stampa. Sarebbe stato anche a libro paga degli 007 francesi in cambio delle informazioni (La procura di Roma lo sentirà nei prossimi giorni. Una catena incredibile di falsi e bufale arrivata fino a Bush)
la cronologia

- **Gennaio 2001**: il Sismi prepara un rapporto, giudicato inaffidabile, su una possibile compravendita di uranio tra Iraq e Niger.
- **24 settembre 2002**: per Tony Blair Saddam Hussein ha tentato l'acquisto di uranio in Africa. Si sospetta del Niger.
- **Ottobre 2002**: «Panorama», il settimanale di Berlusconi, per volontà del direttore Carlo Rossella, consegna all'ambasciata Usa di Roma un dossier, giudicato falso, con le prove della compravendita.
- **19 dicembre 2002**: gli Usa fanno per la prima volta il nome del Niger.
- **7 marzo 2003**: Muhammad al-Baradai, direttore dell'Aiea, rivela che i documenti sulla vendita di uranio «non sono autentici».
- **15 marzo 2003**: il «Los Angeles Times» rivela che il dossier era stato acquisito dall'Intelligence italiana che poi lo aveva girato ai colleghi britannici e americani.
- **22 marzo 2003**: il segretario di Stato Colin Powell ammette che la Cia aveva messo in guardia Bush sull'autenticità dei documenti.
- **8 luglio 2003**: Joseph C.Wilson, dopo aver indagato in Niger per conto della Cia, dice che il caso è una montatura.
- **16 luglio 2003**: «La Repubblica» rivela che, nell'ottobre del 2001, fu un diplomatico africano a vendere al Sismi il dossier.
- **1 agosto 2004**: l'inglese «Sunday Times» accusa il Sismi di avere fabbricato il dossier; a diffonderlo sarebbe stato un tale Giacomo, informatore dei servizi. Il governo italiano smentisce.
La procura di Roma indaga sul falso dossier del commercio di uranio con Baghdad

Si riapre in Italia il caso Nigergeate

Palazzo Chigi smentisce il «Sunday Times», che aveva chiamato in causa il Sismi

ROMA — Finisce nel mirino della procura di Roma la vicenda del Nigergeate, il falso dossier su un presunto traffico di uranio tra il Niger e l'Irak di Saddam Hussein. I magistrati inquadrano come capitale di interesse per i loro indagati nei prossimi giorni Rocco Martinino, un imprenditore italiano che, secondo il «Financial Times», ha ammesso di aver avuto in mano un documento che avrebbe potuto fornire agli iracquitranti il filtro tecnico per la produzione di armi nucleari.

La vicenda, che si è svolta nella seconda metà del 2003, è stata riaperta da un'inchiesta condotta dalla procura di Roma che ha indagato sulle attività di Martinino e di altri imprenditori italiani per la produzione di uranio. La vicenda è stata riaperta dopo che il «Sunday Times» ha pubblicato un articolo che accusava Martinino di aver fornito un documento falso al governo iraqueo.

In realtà Martinino è stato un collaboratore dei servizi segreti italiani nel tentativo di ottenere informazioni sul commercio di uranio con il Niger. La vicenda è stata riaperta in seguito alla pubblicazione di un articolo del «Sunday Times» che accusava Martinino di aver fornito un documento falso al governo iraqueo.

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La vicenda è stata riaperto
Attached are following ORIGINAL SERIALS for your file.

Translated from the following serials:

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Nigergate, dall’ex 007 dossier falsi anche ai francesi

ROMA — Altre carte sul Nigergate sarebbero state consegnate ai servizi segreti francesi. E al centro dell’affaire che ormai da un anno coinvolge l’amministrazione degli Stati Uniti e il governo britannico, c’è ancora una volta Rocco Martino, l’ex 007 italiano che un anno fa ha veicolato il falso dossier sulla vendita di uranio dal Niger all’Irak. Una decina di giorni fa l’uomo ha incontrato a Bruxelles un emissario dell’intelligence di Parigi. E a lui potrebbe aver fornito nuovi documenti.


Nei prossimi giorni Martino sarà interrogato dai magistrati della Procura di Roma. Il suo nome è noto alle croci giudiziarie. Ex ufficiale del Sisde passato al Sismi come consulente, fu condannato nel 1985 per una serie di falsi e truffe. I suoi rapporti con il servizio segreto militare si sarebbero interrotti nel 1999 quando è stato ritenuto «fonte non attendibile». Luì lo nega. Anzi, in un’intervista rilasciata tre giorni fa al Financial Times ha sostenuto che fu proprio il Sismi a consegnargli il «dossier patacca». Immediatamente è arrivata la smontata di palazzo Chigi: «Nessun documento, né direttamente né in forma mediata, è stato mai consegnato o fatto consegnare ad alcuno, né tantomeno, di conseguenza, sono state svolte attività o intese con chiaccia».

I pubblici ministeri, che un anno fa hanno aperto un’inchiesta su questa vicenda, vogliono adesso accertare quale sia stato realmente il ruolo di Martino e soprattutto che tipo di rapporti abbia avuto con i servizi segreti d’Oltralpe.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 08/19/2004

To: Counterintelligence
Attn: UC
SSA
Attn: A/LEGAT

Rome

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (S) Summarizes investigation to date, and
identifies WFO's remaining investigative plan for captioned
investigation.

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

Reference: (S)

Administrative: (S) Reference 08/10/2004 call from SSA

to WFO SSA Reference
08/16/2004 meeting at WFO between UC SSA

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  08/19/2004

Enclosure(s):  (S) Questions for Re-Interview of
Questions for Source/Sub-Source.

Details: (S) During referenced telcal, SSA requested that WFO provide with an EC stating WFO's remaining investigative plan for captioned case. During referenced meeting with UC she made a similar request. Below is the information requested. All of this information has already been provided in previous serials, all of which are available on ACS.

Predication:

This investigation was predicated on a 03/14/2003 letter from Senator John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) to FBI Director Mueller requesting that the FBI conduct an investigation regarding whether information provided to the U.S. Government (USG) concerning an alleged deal between Niger and Iraq for uranium (in which Niger would supply uranium to Iraq) was actually a perception management campaign to influence U.S. policy toward Iraq. This letter from Senator Rockefeller is dated exactly one week after International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei's public report of the results of the IAEA's analysis of documents which had been provided to the USG in 10/2002, and the IAEA's conclusion that they were not authentic, and that these specific allegations (Iraq attempting to purchase uranium from Niger) were unfounded.

Background:

In 10/2002, an Italian journalist went to the U.S. Embassy in Rome and asked if the U.S. Government could authenticate documents she had recently received from a source which indicated that there was a uranium deal between Iraq and Niger.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  08/19/2004

(U) FBI Investigation To Date:

(X) Given the unusual circumstances of captioned matter, WFO Case Agents (CAS) ______________________ and __________ have conducted as thorough an investigation as possible. This thorough investigation would not have been possible without the outstanding work and assistance of Legats Rome, Paris, London, and Vienna, as well as ______________________ personnel. Investigation included, but was not limited to, the following:

(U) Current Status:

(X) It has been established that the documents provided by [redacted] to the USG in 10/2002 were forgeries, and that there was no deal between Iraq and Niger. Therefore, the leads previously set by former SSA ______________________ to ______________________ should be discontinued immediately.

(X) What has not been established is ______________________

(X) The FBI was requested by Senator Rockefeller to conduct an investigation regarding whether the information provided to the USG concerning the alleged deal between Niger and Iraq was actually a perception management campaign to

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influence U.S. policy toward Iraq. It cannot be determined

(U) Remaining Investigative Action Necessary:

(U) Based upon all of the above, WFO plans to follow the below course of action:

\[\begin{align*}
\text{(X)} & \quad \text{1) CAS} \quad \text{upon receiving authority from FBIHQ, will interview Senator Rockefeller. Serial} \\
\text{(S)} & \quad \text{dated 07/31/2003, set a lead for CD to grant authority for WFO to interview the Member of Congress whose inquiry prompted this investigation, i.e., Senator Rockefeller. CD has never officially responded to this lead.}
\end{align*}\]
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 08/19/2004

(S) Referenced serial ______ advised that former SSA ______ addressed the issues regarding the interview of Senator Rockefeller in an 07/31/2003 e-mail message to WFO SACs Michael Rolince and Ronald Nesbitt. CAS ______ and ______ were not privy to former SSA ______ e-mail message; nor was it made a part of the official file by former SSA ______.

(U) (S) WFO believes it is necessary for CAS ______ and ______ to interview Senator Rockefeller so as to "close the loop" on captioned investigation, and obtain any additional details Senator Rockefeller may have which led him to believe this was a perception management campaign.

(S) Either Legat Rome will re-interview or CAS ______ and ______ will travel to Italy to conduct the interview. The purpose of this interview will be to ______ Enclosed is the list of proposed questions to be asked of ______

3) ______

(S) ______ and/or anyone else identified by ______ as her source, CAS ______ and ______

Enclosed is the list of proposed questions to be asked of ______ and/or whomever identifies as her source.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 08/19/2004

(S) WFO believes the above five points are the only investigation remaining at this time, and that all other leads can and should be discontinued.

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From: (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2004 10:58 AM
To: (WF) (FBI)
Cc: (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Iraq

Hi

I ran this by SC Borgia.

Thanks-

--- Original Message ---
From: (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 4:33 PM
To: (CD) (FBI)
Cc: (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Iraq

In response to your question regarding the initiation of this investigation, I went back through the file and found the letter from Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV. The letter is addressed to Director Mueller, dated 03/14/2003, and discusses his concerns regarding a "deception campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and foreign policy regarding Iraq." It also requests a "thorough investigation...at a minimum..." I hope that answers your questions. I will burn a copy of this for
your file if you do not have one. Please let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks--

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Counterintelligence Division
Global Section
Room 4133
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7/26/2004
To: Language Services

Fax #: (202) 324-7749

Voice #:

From:

Subject: 

Case ID: (S)

Comments:

This translation is related to a very important case to Legat Rome and to Agents assigned to CI and WFO. When it is done being translated, besides E-mailing me a copy, could you kindly copy-count Unit Chief Division 5, and SSA WFO? I would appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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TO: WFO
FROM: LEGAT ROME
RE: File Number

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Unknown Subject(s);
Possible Perception Management
Activity Against the United States
Government;
False Information Provided to the United
States Government Regarding Iraqi Effort
to Obtain Uranium From Niger
FCI - Perception Management;
OO: WFO

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From: FBI HQ
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March 14, 2003

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Mueller:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John D. Rockefeller IV
Vice Chairman
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 12/06/2003

To: Counterterrorism
Attn: SSA

Counterintelligence
Attn: SC Stanley J. Borgia
SSA

From: Counterterrorism
Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 8 (Pending)

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

Derived From: G-3
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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism
Re: 11/29/2003

The enclosed PD-302 documents the interview.
Investigation on 12/01/2003 at __________________________________________________________________________

File # __________________________________________________________________________

by SSA __________________________________________________________________________

Date dictated 12/02/2003 __________________________________________________________________________

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE
Date: 09/23/2004

To: Counterintelligence
Attn: UC
SSA

Attn: LEGAT

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Attn: LEGAT

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (S) Sets leads as directed by the
Counterintelligence Division (CD).

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Administrative: (S) Reference 09/23/2004 e-mail message from
SSA to WFO SSA SA

and SA

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  09/23/2004

Details: (S) Referenced e-mail message requested WFO to issue an IMMEDIATE EC setting the below leads. As WFO and receiving offices are aware, most of these leads have already been set via previous serials in captioned case. WFO is well-aware that some of the LEGATs have encountered, and continue to encounter, challenges in attempting to cover these leads.

(S) The point-of-contact for additional details/clarification of these leads is PBIHQ/SSA
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field  
Re: (S)  09/23/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:   (Action)

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND

(S)

Set Lead 2:   (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(S)

Set Lead 3:   (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) [X] Interview  and

Set Lead 4:   (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) [X] Interview  source, if identified.

Set Lead 5:   (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(S)

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To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 09/23/2004

(S) Set Lead 6: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(S) Set Lead 7: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) (S) Interview RSO regarding the 01/2001 break-in at
the Nigerien Embassy in Rome, Italy.

Set Lead 8: (Action)

VIENNA

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

(S) Set Lead 9: (Action)

AMMAN

AT AMMAN, JORDAN

(S) Set Lead 10: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field  09/23/2004

Re: (S)

(S)

Set Lead 11: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S)

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Precedence: ROUTINE  Date: 09/23/2004

To: Washington Field
From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) -

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

Synopsis: \(\text{\textbullet}\) Documents WFO's receipt of written communications from FBIHQ/Counterintelligence Division (CD) and the 09/16/2004 meeting between WFO and FBIHQ/CD personnel regarding captioned matter.

Derived From: G-3
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Reference: (S)

Administrative: (U) Reference 09/16/2004 meeting at FBIHQ/ between UCl former SSA and WFO/CI-9 SA
To: Washington Field  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 09/23/2004

Enclosure(s): (S) Copy of 09/15/2004 two-page fax from Unit Chief to WFO SA subject: "Letter Predating Case:" Copy of 09/17/2004 e-mail message and attachment from UC to WFO SAs and subject: "Chronology:" copy of 09/17/2004 e-mail message from SA to UC subject: "RE: Chronology:" Copy of 09/21/2004 e-mail message and attachment from SSA to SAs and subject: "Briefing:" Copy of 09/21/2004 e-mail message from SA to UC subject: "A needed correction."

Details: (S) Serial is a fax (copy enclosed) dated 09/15/2004, from UC to WFO SA The fax is a copy of the 03/14/2003 letter from Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) to FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, which predicated captioned matter. Prior to 09/15/2004, WFO had never been provided with a copy of the Senator's letter. Instead, via serials former SSA advised WFO that the captioned case was predicated on Congressional inquiries, and that the

In subsequent conversations between WFO Case Agents and former SSA former SSA frequently stated that it was specifically Senator Rockefeller's letter which had predicated captioned investigation. Referenced serial written by former SSA states in part, "Captioned investigation was predicated pursuant to a request by the Honorable John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV."

(S) The 03/14/2003 letter (copy enclosed) from Senator Rockefeller states in part, "While U.S. concerns regarding alleged Iraqi nuclear weapons development programs have not been based primarily on these forgeries, there is a possibility that the fabrication of these documents may be part of a larger deception campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and foreign policy regarding Iraq...A thorough investigation should, at a minimum, help to allay any concerns that the U.S. Intelligence Community, or other elements of the U.S. government, were involved in the creation of these documents in order to build support for the Administration's policies."
To: Washington Field  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 09/23/2004

During referenced 09/16/2004 meeting at FBIHQ SA pointed out
Former SSA advised that he had

(S) UC had requested the 09/16/2004
meeting so that all participants could review and discuss
captioned matter. UC advised that after the meeting,

On 09/17/2004, via e-mail (copy enclosed),
UC sent WFO Case Agents and

Immediately upon review, SA sent an e-mail message (copy
enclosed) to UC with suggested changes. On 09/21/2004,
SSA sent, via e-mail (copy enclosed), SAs and

Immediately upon review, SA sent a response
e-mail (copy enclosed) to UC

All of these e-mail messages and their attachments are enclosed, and are self-

exploratory.

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From: (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 11:53 AM
To: (WF) (FBI); (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Chronology

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Pls review and provide any input asap. I tried to maintain it as we discussed.

UC
Global Section

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9/17/2004
DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST PURPORTING GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER; FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (UNKNOWN GOVERNMENT)

9/17/2004

This investigation was initiated in response to a request received from Honorable Jay D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) in March of 2003. Senator Rockefeller IV requested that the FBI determine if documents provided to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as evidence of Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (See Tab A)

The focus of the FBI investigation has been

The FBI investigation has closely examined the introduction of false documents to US Embassy Rome as the basis for

On 06/09/2004, the FBI received information indicating one, of the false documents provided to US Embassy Rome

Chronology of FBI Investigation Conducted to Date:

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On 10/9/02, an Italian journalist provided 17 photocopied pages, in French and Italian, to a Political Officer at the American Embassy in Rome. Indicated she obtained the information from a subsourse who requested 15,000 Euro for it. Indicated to USDS that she wanted to validate the documents through the United States Embassy Rome prior to publishing. A photocopy of the information was forwarded by U.S. Embassy Rome to the United States Department of State (USDS)Headquarters in Washington D.C.

On 03/07/2003, in a statement before the United Nations Security Council, IAEA General Director Mohammed El Baradei referred to several documents addressing a uranium transaction between the Governments of Iraq and Niger as forgeries. This evaluation was based on noted errors in the format of the printed material, the letterhead markings, and the actual text. (See Tab B)

On 04/02/2003, the FBI met with United States Department of State (USDS) officials in Washington D.C. who provided copies of the documents received by US Embassy Rome from the Italian journalist, These documents addressed. The FBI has utilized this set of documents as exhibits over the course of its investigation.

On 04/16/2003, upon reviewing the document exhibit

A letter dated (See Tab D)
(S) On 06/24/2003, the FBI provided SSCI with an updated briefing and confirmed that [ ]
This response was also documented in a letter. (See Tab E)

(S) On 07/16/2003, the Italian newspaper "La Republica" published 6 documents of the exhibit. Subsequent research by [ ] indicated that a journalist working through a website had sold the information to "La Republica", paying an unknown African diplomat for the information.

(S) On 08/05/2003, consultation with the FBI Laboratory determined that examination of photocopies [ ]

(S) On 09/04/2003, Legat Rome interviewed [ ] journalist for Panorama Magazine at the U.S. Consulate in Rome. During the course of this interview [ ] identified her source as an [ ] indicated she had received information from this source [ ]

Later in 1995, the source provided [ ] with
describes as a recounted Rome. The source told that he had and believes the source's motivation for providing the information is money added that the source has
(U) The introduction of the documents to the United States Government. The documents represented
originals. Hence, the FBI investigation considered the events associated with the introduction of
the documents and the motivation behind the introduction.

(U) On June 9, 2003, the FBI Legal Attache (Legat) in Rome interviewed the two Political Officers assigned to the United States
Embassy who met with an Italian journalist. According to the officers, on or about October 8, 2002, the
Panorama Magazine contacted the American Embassy and advised that a
Panorama journalist in Milan had information to provide.

(U) The Political Officers advised on October 9, 2002, visited the United States Embassy and met with a
them. She pulled out a folder holding numerous documents
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.

(U) According to the officers, made 17 pages of
documents available to them for photocopying. She also requested the
Embassy advise of the accuracy to the content/s however, the officers declined. She declined the officers' request to contact Italian
authorities. The officers subsequently passed photocopies of the
documents to USDS on approximately October 15, 2002, sent copies via secure facsimile to USDS.

(U) One of the documents provided by to the
United States Embassy officials was the purported

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See and Rome. The documents were described in some detail in an article written by for the July 24, 2003, issue of Panorama, entitled: liThe Scoop that Wasn't. II

(U) In the same article, described her acquisition of the documents and her unsuccessful initial attempt to validate the information by travel to Niger. required validation of the material before she would publish an article. In the same article, the Panorama described how he had recommended contact the United States Embassy to validate the material.

(U) On September 1 and October 29, 2003, 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. acquired the documents from a sub-source who stated that her basis for contacting the United States Embassy in Rome was an attempt to validate the documents in anticipation of publishing an article. In spite of repeated attempts by Legat Rome was unwilling to provide the FBI with the identity of or access to her source.

(U) On October 29, 2003, Panorama magazine was interviewed by Legat Rome. stated he was not asked by a third-party to get the documents to the Americans. Rather, wanted to authenticate the documents before he would permit a story to be run.

(U) The interview results indicated that
The FBI would have had to
The FBI would have had to

(S) Based on this review, the FBI concluded that the documents contained fabricated text which was pasted onto Government of Niger (GON) stationery. The documents referred to Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger.
Pls review and provide any input asap. I tried to maintain it as we discussed...
(WF) (FBI)

From: (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 1:03 PM
To: (WF) (FBI) (WF) (FBI) (CD) (FBI)
Subject: Briefing

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Here is the version sent up following recommended changes by WF. Thanks:

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9/24/2004
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST PURPORTING GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER; FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (UNKNOWN GOVERNMENT)

This investigation was initiated in response to a request received from Honorable John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), in March of 2003. Senator Rockefeller IV requested that the FBI determine if documents provided to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as evidence of Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (See Tab B)

The focus of the FBI investigation has been
(U) The FBI investigation has closely examined the introduction of false documents to U.S. Embassy Rome as the basis for...

(§) On 06/09/2004, the FBI received information indicating one, may be the source of the false documents provided to U.S. Embassy Rome.

(§) If is confirmed as the source...
September 20, 2004

Chronology of FBI Investigation Conducted to Date

On 10/9/02, an Italian journalist provided 17 photocopied pages, in French and Italian, to a Political Officer at the American Embassy in Rome. He indicated she obtained the information from a source who requested 15,000 Euro for it. She indicated to the United States Department of State (USDS) that she wanted to validate the documents through the U.S. Embassy Rome prior to publishing. A photocoppy of the information was forwarded by U.S. Embassy Rome to USDS Headquarters in Washington D.C.

On 03/07/2003, in a statement before the United Nations Security Council, IAEA General Director Mohammed El Baradei referred to several documents addressing a uranium transaction between the Governments of Iraq and Niger as forgeries. This evaluation was based on noted errors in the format of the printed material, the letterhead markings, and the actual text. (See Tab C)

On 04/02/2003, the FBI met with USDS officials in Washington D.C. who provided copies of the documents received by U.S. Embassy Rome from [redacted]. These documents addressed [redacted]. The FBI has utilized this set of documents as exhibits over the course of its investigation.

In a letter to SSCI, on 04/16/2003 [redacted]. (See Tab E)
On 06/24/2003, the FBI provided SSCI with an updated briefing and confirmed that a
This response was also documented in a letter. (See Tab F)

On 07/16/2003, the Italian newspaper, La Republica, published 6 documents of the
exhibit. Subsequent research by indicated that a journalist working through a website had
sold the information to La Republica, paying an unknown African diplomat for the information.

On 08/05/2003, consultation with the FBI Laboratory determined that examination of
photocopies
On 09/04/2003, Legat Rome interviewed journalist for Panorama Magazine in Italy. During the course of this interview, identified her source as an indicated she had received information from this source for the information. Later in 1995, the source provided with information did not pay the source for this information, the source whom described as a re-contacted Rome. The source told that he had and believed the source's motivation for providing the information was monetary added that the source
From: (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 2:11 PM
To: (CD) (FBI)
Cc: (WF) (FBI); (WF) (FBI)
Subject: A needed correction

After reviewing the briefing pages I noticed a paragraph that requires correction. The paragraph that begins

As we have shown.

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Precedence: ROUTINE  

To: Counterintelligence  

Counterterrorism  

Attn: UC  

SSA  

Attn: SSA  

TA  

From: Washington Field  

Contact: SA  

Approved By:  

Drafted By: cmp  

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)  

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) Discontinues lead 2, serial of captioned investigation.  

Derived From: G-3  

Declassify On: X1  

Reference: (S)  

Details: (S) As recipients are aware, in referenced serial Counterintelligence Division (CD) set a lead (Lead 2) for  

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 09/28/2004

Counterterrorism Division (CTD) 1) expedite efforts

(S) and 2) advise CD as to the status of CD's pending request for

(S) This lead is being discontinued, and WFO will mark it as such in ACS. WFO appreciates CTD's and the assistance with captioned matter.

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URGENT

Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government
to obtain Uranium from Niger

As previously advised, we are investigating the circumstances surrounding the purported attempt by the Government of Iraq to obtain uranium from the Nigerian Government.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE
To: International Operations Counterintelligence
    Attn: UC
    Attn: SSA
    Attn: Legat
    Attn: A/Legat
    Attn: SA

Amman
Rome
Washington Field

From: Vienna
Contact:

Approved By: [Signature]
Drafted By: [Signature]

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

Title: (S) Unknown Subject(s); False Information Provided to U.S. Government Re: Iraqi Efforts To Obtain Uranium from Niger; FCI - Perception Management

(S) To provide results of investigation in Austria.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

(S)
(U) Vienna considers the lead in referenced communication to be covered but remains available to assist WFO, as required.
To: International Operations  From: Vienna  
Re: (S)  10/05/2004  

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) For information. Read and clear.

**
Embassy of the United States of America

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

6 October 2004

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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Thank you for your prior reporting on this matter.

As you are aware, captioned case was predicated on a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) request for the FBI to determine if documents provided to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as evidence of Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (Perception Management)

Recent developments in this investigation have identified as a source of those documents which were given to an Italian journalist and subsequently presented to the US embassy in Rome in 2002.

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In a previous letter, this office requested clarification on several issues. The issues and responses are set forth below:
This matter will be addressed with your representative in Washington, D.C. in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Assistant Legal Attache

For: [Signature]

Legal Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY Date: 10/15/2004

To: Office of Intelligence Attn: TSS/Translation and Deployment Unit

From: Counterintelligence
Global Section Room 4133
Contact: SSA ext.

Approved By: 
Drafted By: 

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (X) Request Translation & Deployment Unit (TDU), Language Services Section (LSS), provide Italian interpreter to partake in interviews in Rome, Italy.

(X) Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Administrative: (X) Re telcall between SSA[ ] and Program Specialist TDU, on 10/15/2004.

Details: (X) Global Section, in conjunction with Washington Field Office and Legat Rome, have requested interviews with individuals involved in the above-captioned matter. The interviews will take place in Rome, Italy; however, the dates are unknown at this time.

(X) Due to prior commitments, the
ALATs assigned to Legat Rome may not be available to provide interpretation during the interviews. requests TDU to provide an Italian interpreter to assist in these interviews.

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Re: (S)  10/15/2004

The interpreter will be needed for discussions between FBI and Italian officials, as well as with other individuals involved in this counterintelligence matter. The interviews are expected to take place in late October, or early November, 2004. [ ] will advise TDU as soon as the dates are finalized. In addition, [ ] will obtain the interpreter's country clearance for Italy.

(U) If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA [ ] at [ ].
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE
AT WASHINGTON, DC

Translation and Deployment Unit, Language Services Section, is requested to provide an Italian interpreter for interviews that will be conducted in Rome, Italy. The tentative dates of travel are late October, or early November, 2004. TDU will be notified when the dates are finalized.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

To: International Operations

Washington Field

Counterintelligence

Attn: UC

SSA

LS

Attn: ASAC

SSA

SA

SA

Attn: AD David W. Szady

DAD Timothy D. Bereznow

SC Stanley J. Borgia, Global Section

Unit Chief

SSA

Contractor

Counterterrorism

Attn: UC

IOS

From: Rome

Contact: ____________________________

Approved By:

Drafted By: _________________________

Case ID #: (S) ____________________________

Pending)

Title: (S) Unknown Subject(s);
Possible Perception Management
Activity Against the United States
Government;
False Information Provided to the United
States Government Regarding Iraqi Effort
to Obtain Uranium From Niger
FCI - Perception Management

Synopsis: (S) To provide results of meetings with the
(PROTECT), on 10/15/2004 and
10/18/2004 at Rome, Italy.

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)
To: International Operations From: Rome
Re: (S) 10/19/2004

Administrative: [S] Referenced Serials were an E.C.s, dated 08/05/2004 and 08/19/2004, providing a status of the investigation at Rome. Instant communication provides a current update. Also reference telcall on 09/24/2004 between Acting Legal Attaché Legat Rome, and SSA

Details: [S] As the Counterintelligence Division (CI), Office of International Operations (OIO) and Washington Field Office (WFO) are aware, Assistant Legal Attaché (Acting Legal Attaché) and (assigned Agent at Rome) met with on Friday, October 15, 2004 and on Monday, October 18, 2004. A summary of the discussions of those two meetings follows:

[S] On Friday, 10/15/2004, ALATs and delivered
To: International Operations  From: Rome
Re: (S) 10/19/2004

(S)

(U) On Monday, 10/18/2004, ALATs and met with another provided the following information:

(S)
Let\textsubscript{q} Rome will continue to engage on this matter in coordination with PRHQ and WFO. Let\textsubscript{q} Rome will keep receiving all developments in this matter in a very timely manner. Investigation at Legat Rome is continuing.
To: International Operations  From: Rome
Re: (S) 10/19/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)  

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(U) For information and any action deemed appropriate.

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DATE: 10/25/04
TO: WFO
FROM: LEGAT ROME
RE: File Number (3)

Attached are following ORIGINAL SERIALS for your file. (5)

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
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From: (CD) (FBI)
To: [CD] [FBI]
Date: 10/20/04 9:07PM
Subject: Update on Iraq/Niger

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ORIGINAL SERIAL

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REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)
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We will stay in touch, thanks for all your efforts!

Pls let us know asap.

LG
Global Section

CLASSIFIED BY: 8577.2, CD
REASON: 1.5[e]
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CC: [CD] [CON] [CD] [CD] [FBI] [WF] [FBI] [FBI] [CJIS] [FBI]
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI - PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)
To: Counterintelligence  From:  
Re: (S)  10/29/2004

(S) considers lead covered.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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(WF) (FBI)

Please leave this dialogue with us for the moment. We continue to work with [redacted] on all these issues and must leave [redacted] to focus only on coordinating with [redacted] at this time.

---Original Message---

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 12:42 PM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE:
Sensitivity: Private

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---Original Message---
From: | (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2004 10:12 AM
To: | (OIO) (FBI)
Subject: RE:
Sensitivity: Private

Dear ,
I think we have a plan. 

--I will check on the status of the "new" original letter today. It was left for Szady signature last week. (Hopefully you can deliver this one asap!)

is in the process of prepping a detailed ec answering questions in your ec, point by point. She will return on Thursday and should have it out before the end of the week.

Thanks for your response, 

---Original Message---
From: |
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2004 9:56 AM
To: | (OIO) (FBI)
Subject: Importance: High
Sensitivity: Private

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Recipients:
Sincerely,

[Signature]

>>> [CD] (FBI) 10/25/04 10:10PM >>>

UNCLASSIFIED
NON-RECORD

Dear [Name]
I have to wonder if you're back at work yet... but again we're being asked to provide a status of affairs.

At our last meeting here with and we discussed the possibility of following former Legat suggestions... this is where we left off:

* We would DHL the original of the May 8th letter to you once it was signed.

We're looking for your input at this time to make a decision. Again, if you are not back at work yet due to your loss, we will understand.

UC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 10/20/2004

To: Rome
Washington Field
International Operations
Counterintelligence

Attn: A/Legat
Attn: SSA
Attn: UC
Attn: SC Stanley J. Borgia
Attn: A/SC

From: Counterintelligence
Global Section
Contact: SSA

Approved By: 
Drafted By: 

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (X) Provide Legat Rome with Counterintelligence Division's response to the ____________

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

Administrative: (X) Re telcall between SSA and ALAT on 10/19/2004; e-mail from UC to ALAT on 10/20/2004; meeting between SSA and __ on 10/20/2004; and, meeting between SC Stanley J. Borgia, UC SSA __ and __ on 10/21/2004.
To: Rome  From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S)  10/20/2004

(U) Details: (S) In regards to referenced EC from Legat Rome, provides the following response to statements to Legat:

(U) Under separate cover, FBIHQ is sending Legat Rome the "May 08, 2004" letter (on FBI letterhead) to be passed to upon receipt. This will be mailed to Legat Rome, via DHL.
Legat Rome is requested to provide assistance in expediting this visit.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

- ROME

AT ROME

(S)
BEFORE: ROUTINE

To: Counterterrorism

Counterintelligence

From: Counterterrorism

Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S)

(Pending)

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

Derived From: G-3

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To: Counterterrorism
From: Counterterrorism
Re: (8) 11/29/2003


The enclosed FD-302 documents the interview.
To: Counterterrorism  From: Counterterrorism
Re:  [Redacted]  11/29/2003

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [Redacted]

(U) For information only.

Set Lead 2:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT [Redacted]

[S] [Redacted]

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