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Precedence: PRIORITY
To: Washington Field Counterterrorism
    Attn: SA
    Attn: UC
    Attn: SSA
    Attn: UC
    Attn: International Operations
    Attn: Amman
    Attn: Paris
    Attn: Rome
    Attn: Vienna

From: London
Contact: 

Approved By: 
Drafted By: jh

Case ID #: (U) (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) To clear a lead set to London.

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

Reference: (U) (U)

Details: (S) As the recipients 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

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REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)
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To: Washington Field From: London
Re: [Redacted] 11/16/2004

Efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (Perception Management)

[S] Recent developments in this investigation have

[S]
Based on the above, London is taking no further action in this matter.

London is clearing the lead set forth in Serial [redacted]
LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) (S) Read and clear.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/17/2004

To: Counterintelligence

International Operations

Washington Field

Attn: UC SSA

Attn: SA

From: Amman

Contact: ALAT

Approved By: A/K/03

Drafted By: db

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)

(S) Synopsis: (U) Amman is administratively covering lead on

this communication.

(U) Derived From: C-3

Declassify On: X1

(S) Reference: (S)

Cover Lead

1 Control

Other

Yes

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As almost two months have past, and Amman has yet to receive any additional information on this matter, Amman assumes that the lead set forth in serial is no longer relevant. Thus, Amman is administratively covering lead without further action.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Amman
Re: (S)  11/17/2004

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

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) For information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 11/23/2004

To: Vienna
Counterintelligence

Attn: ALAT

Attn: UC

Attn: SSA

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From: Washington Field
Squad CT-4

Contact: SSA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: pg 

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)

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

Details: (U) 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.

(U) 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.

(U) Investigation to date:

It has been established that the documents provided by [ ] to the USG in 10/2002, based on all information to date, were forgeries, and that there was no deal between Iraq and Niger. What has not been established is who created the documents which were provided to [ ] in 10/2002, and their motivation for doing so.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action):

VIENNA

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Date: 08/05/2003

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

Contact: SA

Approved By: [Signature]

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) Documents discussions with
regarding analysis of the 17 pages of
questionable documents received from the Italian journalist.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Administrative: (S) Reference telephone call on 08/04/2003
between SSA and WFO SA

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  08/05/2003

(S) Immediately after speaking with writer attempted to send an e-mail message to FBIHQ/CD regarding the above, however, there was a problem with the system. Writer left a voice mail message for Unit Chief (UC) advising of the and that writer would be sending a more explanatory e-mail message the following day. On 08/01/2003, writer sent said e-mail message to UC and SSA requesting a decision from FBIHQ as soon as possible.

(S) On 08/04/2003, SSA telephonically advised writer that

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/06/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: SSA

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: b1

Drafted By: cmp

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

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) Requests FBIHQ authority to

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

Details: (S) FBIHQ is requested to
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Ref: (S) 12/06/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) is requested to

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POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

As you are probably aware from media coverage, the Government of Iraq (GOI) and the Government of Niger (GON) may have been engaged in negotiations for a Uranium purchase by Iraq.

At the request of the United States Senate, FBI Director Robert Mueller ordered that a foreign counterintelligence investigation be opened to determine whether or not documents and related items surrounding this alleged deal could have been used in a perception management campaign by a foreign power to influence U.S. Government executive policy makers concerning Iraq.

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

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We thank you for your ongoing collaboration.
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Precedence: ROUTINE  Date: 12/09/2004

To: Washington Field  Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence  Room 4133
Global Section
Contact: SSA

Approved By:  b1
Drafted By:  b3
Case ID #: (S) Pending  b7C

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

Synopsis:  (S) Provide FBIHO authority to

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

Reference:  (S)

Details:  (S) Due to outstanding leads/issues concerning the
captioned matter, FBIHO,

(U) If there are any questions concerning this matter,
please contact SSA

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To: Washington Field  From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) [Redacted] 12/09/2004

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(11) WFO is granted authority by FBIHQ to [Redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field
   Counterintelligence
   International Operations

From: Paris

Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: (S) To provide

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

Reference: (S)

Enclosure(s): (S) For WFO only, original serial {}

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(U) Legat Paris will be providing an update on the request in the near future.
LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1:  (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535
February 2, 2005

(3) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
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TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FBI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X).

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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)
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TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X).
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/02/2005

To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Location: Rome

Attn: SSA
Contact: SA

Attn: A/LEGAT

Approved By:
Drafted By:

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) Provides letterhead memorandum for

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

Administrative: (S)

Enclosure(s): (S) Letterhead memorandum dated 02/02/2005, captioned as above.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) Enclosed for

(S) WFO greatly appreciates all of Legat Rome's assistance in furtherance of and captioned investigation.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  02/02/2005

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

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) (S) Legat Rome is requested to

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 02/03/2005

To: Counterintelligence Vienna

From: Washington Field

Approved By: Washington Field

Drafted By: Washington Field

Case ID #: (Pending)

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

Details: (S): Referenced serial outlined the basic facts of captioned investigation. On 07/07/2004, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) published a report entitled "Report on the U.S. Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq." Both a classified and unclassified/redacted version of this report was produced.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/03/2005

The unclassified/redacted version was made available to the public.

(U) The SSCI report included a detailed section on the alleged uranium deal in 2000 between Niger and Iraq. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 69 of the unclassified/redacted SSCI report state:

(U) On March 3, 2003, the IAEA/INVO provided ... U.S. Mission in Vienna with an analysis of the Niger uranium documents the U.S. had provided the previous month. The IAEA/INVO concluded that the documents were forgeries and did not substantiate any assessment that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Niger. Their assessment was based on analysis of the documents and interviews with Iraqi officials.

(U) On March 4, 2003, the U.S. Government learned that the French had based their initial assessment that Iraq had attempted to procure uranium from Niger on the same documents that the U.S. had provided to the INVO.

For the information of Legat Vienna, Italian citizen.

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/03/2005

(S) WFO appreciates Legat Vienna's assistance.

(U) Vienna is requested to direct any questions to SA (non-secure), or (secure).
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/03/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

Vienna

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/03/2005

To: Counterintelligence
Rome
Attn: SSA

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: (S) b1
Drafted By: (S) cmp

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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

No. Provides summary of

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

Details: (S/NP/OG)

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(U) In 08/2004, Italian citizen was identified in the European press as the source of the fraudulent documents regarding the alleged uranium deal in 2000 between Niger and Iraq. It was also reported that was a paid source of the French foreign intelligence service (DGSE), and that it was the DGSE which had been interested in information relating to Niger's uranium industry, as a consortium controlled by a French company(ies) maintains a controlling interest in that industry. Soon after, it was reported in the media that was the subject of a criminal investigation by the Prosecutor's Office in Rome, and had been interrogated by Assistant Public Prosecutor.

(U) Subsequent to his interrogation by gave an interview to Italian journalist. This interview appeared in the 09/21/2004 edition of Il Giornale. According to Il Giornale (as translated by FBIS), the following exchange took place between and

You speak of total good faith, but the file which you slipped to Panorama and which the weekly failed to publish after checking the affair out, was a spectacular hoax.

I did not know that it was a hoax, and there is proof of what I say. I have been engaged in intelligence for many years, offering my cooperation to various intelligence services including the French, about whom a great deal has been said and about whom we will be talking later on. The hoax began one day when a Nigerien Embassy source who had proven to be reliable on previous occasions and who had contacts also with the collaborator of a SISMI aide, passed on to me a whole lot of information. It is true that that information included some references to a uranium traffic between Niger and Iraq. What did I do at that juncture? I passed it on to the French secret service, with
which I am in touch and by which I was remunerated. I passed it on also to Panorama (journalist), which assessed it in order to study it, dispatching a reporter to Niger and turning the file over to the U.S. Embassy in Rome for cross-checking.

What happened then?

The female journalist told me that the trip to Niger had not produced any real confirmation, and also the French confirmed to me that the reports I had passed on to them were groundless. But at that juncture the beans had been spilled. The file was circulating, the reports contained in it were going around the world, and Bush and Blair were talking about those documents, albeit without actually mentioning them. I turned the television on and I did not believe my ears...

The suspicion is that you may have played France's game, opposed as it was to intervention in Iraq and planning to cook up a "poisoned meat ball" to give the lie to the United States and to the United Kingdom, which were hunting around for any kind of excuse to justify the invasion of Iraq: Nigergate.

I do not know what you are talking about. These are lunatic ravings, among other reasons because the documents in question originated back in 2000, a year before the attack on the Twin Towers in New York and three years before Bush's decision to proceed with the war against Saddam.

Someone may have remembered those documents, picked them up out of the waste basket, and released them back into circulation at the right moment.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S)
02/03/2005

Anything is possible. And in any case, I am the victim, the tool used by someone for games much bigger than me.

When did you realize that you were in trouble?

When I read an article in a British newspaper that more or less called me a hardened criminal, pointing the finger of accusation at me as a double-crosser working for the French, who were clearly interested in what we were talking about just now.

But you were followed, photographed, and recorded while speaking with French agents.

So? I told you, I cooperate with them. And not only with them. But I did not plot against Italy or against the United States.

The British 007s think otherwise.

That is their business.

You told the Sunday Times in an interview that also the Italian Government and the SISMI were involved in the Nigergate affair. Then you backtracked when talking with Prosecutor the other day. Where does the truth lie?

I reached a preliminary agreement with the Sunday Times for an interview that was never conducted. We talked about this and that, including the SISMI, but only to say that my source on the uranium traffic was the same as the source of an Italian intelligence service aide. As far as I know, the SISMI has nothing to do with it. I never, and I repeat, never said that Forte Braschi (SISMI's Rome headquarters) was involved, and certainly not that the Italian Government was involved.

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The truth is that I have been duped, manipulated, used. I would like to figure out why they chose me; I do have some idea, but without any evidence one gets nowhere.

Whom were you duped, manipulated, used by?

If I knew that, I would dash off to report it to the magistracy, to whom indeed I have already handed over important documents and revealed the names of all the players in this murky business.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  02/03/2005

(S/NF/OC) Discussions between the FBI and

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Date: 02/07/05
To: ______________
From: ROME
Topic: REQUEST MEETING BETWEEN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/08/2005

To: Counterintelligence
    Paris

From: Washington Field

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) -

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
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LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Action)

PARIS

AT NIAMEY, NIGER

♦♦
Date: 1/6/05 8:05PM
Subject: RE: Iraq matter

--- Original Message ---
From: (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2005 1:33 PM
To: (CD) (FBI)
Cc: (WF) (FBI) (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Iraq matter

[Handwritten notes:]

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Valencia

Pf go
I will handle getting you the text tomorrow. Don't know why you can't read it, but we'll fix it.

It's late, so I'll get back to you all tomorrow.

>>> (CD) (FBI) 01/06/05 03:00PM >>>

UNCLASSIFIED
NON-RECORD

Dear [Name],

Happy New Year to you and we'll be in touch.

-------- Original Message --------
From [Name]
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2005 8:09 AM
To: [CD] (FBI)
Cc: [CD] (FBI)
Subject: Re: Iraq matter
Just wanted to let you know that I did get my last e-mail regarding Congress on or about 01/25/06. So...

Happy New Year,

We may be briefing Congress on or about 01/25/06, so...

Thank you.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 03/09/2005

To: Counterintelligence
    Rome
    International Operations
    Washington-Field

Attn: A/Legat
     Europe Unit

From: Paris
    Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) Pending

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
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(U) Derived From: G-3
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(S) Reference: (S)

Administrative: (S) Reference e-mail, dated 8 March 2005 to captioned recipients, providing an informal assessment of the

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(U) Legat Paris considers this lead covered.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Paris
Re: (S) 03/09/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
   International Operations
   Rome
   Washington Field

Attn: [Blank]

From: Paris
Contact: [Blank]

Approved By: [Blank]
Drafted By: [Blank]

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TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER.
FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X0)
OO: WF

(S) Synopsis: (S) This is a replacement EC for an earlier one
that could not be located in the file.

(S) (U) Derived From: G-3
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(U) Reference: [Blank]

(S) Administrative: (S) The details were
provided by Legat Paris to FBIHQ SSA

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In addition, a summary was prepared by Legat Paris, upon her return to the office. For unknown reasons, this document does not appear in the file or within ACS, thus, this EC is being transmitted with the same information originally provided to clear a lead set by FBIHQ in serial [redacted] on February 19, 2004, three months after being informed of the interview. Legat Paris regrets any difficulties that may have been caused by this.
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(U) Legat Paris considers this lead covered.
From: Paris

Re: (S) 03/09/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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SECRET
Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
   Vienna

From: Washington Field

Date: 03/15/2005

Approved By: xxx

Drafted By: cmp

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)

Synopsis: (S) Discontinues lead to Vienna.

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

Reference: (S)

Details: (S)

In light of recent developments in captioned
investigation, this lead is no longer necessary and is being
 discontinued. WFO appreciates Legat Vienna's assistance.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE  Date: 03/23/2005

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending) (S) (Pending) (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: (U) Opens sub-files.

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

Details: (S) It is requested that the following sub-files be opened:

(S) Sub-file  Purpose maintains copies of documents provided by

SEGREGATED

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
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DATE: 01-12-2016
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To: Washington Field
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 03/23/2005

(S) maintains press/Internet reports
maintains redacted SSCI Report

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

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Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/23/2005
To: Washington Field
Attn: SA
From: Counterintelligence
       Global Section
       Room 4133
       Contact: SSA
Approved By: 
Drafted By: 
Case ID #: (S) Pending

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

Synopsis: (S) Provide WFO with results of a query for
information from the
captioned matter.

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

Enclosure(s): (S) For WFO is a response from the

(S)
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 02/23/2005

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(See attached)

(U) If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA

SECRET
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 02/23/2005

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

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) Info only.

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3.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence

Washington Field

International Operations

Attn: SSA

Attn: SA

Attn: UC SSA

From: Vienna

Contact: TDY SSA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 

Case ID #: (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)

(S) Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: XI

Reference: (U) 

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2030
DATE: 01-12-2016

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Vienna  
Re: [Redacted]  03/22/2005

Details: (S) Referenced Serial[] outlined the basic facts of captioned investigation. On 07/07/2004, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) published a report entitled, "Report on the U.S. Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq." Both a classified and unclassified/redacted version of this report was produced. The unclassified/redacted version was made available to the public.

(U) The SSCI report included a detailed section on the alleged uranium deal in 2000 between Niger and Iraq. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 69 of the unclassified/redacted SSCI report state:

(U) On March 3, 2003, the IAEA/INVO provided ... U.S. Mission in Vienna with an analysis of the Niger uranium documents the U.S. had provided the previous month. The IAEA/INVO concluded that the documents were forgeries and did not substantiate any assessment that Iraq sought to buy uranium from Niger. Their assessment was based on analysis of the documents and interviews with Iraqi officials.

(U) On March 4, 2003, the U.S. Government learned that the French had based their initial assessment that Iraq had attempted to procure uranium from Niger on the same documents that the U.S. had provided to the INVO.
Based upon this information, Vienna considers referenced lead covered. Vienna stands ready to provide additional assistance on this matter as needed.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Vienna
Res: (U)
03/22/2005

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
To: Counterintelligence

Date: 03/15/2005

Attn: AD Dave Szady
DAD Tim Berezny
SC Rick DesLauriers
ASC Hector Rodriguez
UC
SSA

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Closed)

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

Synopsis: (S) Closes captioned investigation.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

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REASON: 1.4 (E,C,D)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2030
DATE: 01-12-2016
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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 03/15/2005

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

"Dear Director Mueller:

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,
John D. Rockefeller, IV
Vice Chairman"

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  03/15/2005

(S) At the direction of FBIHQ/Counterintelligence
Division, WFO initiated the captioned
Legat London, Legat Paris, Legat
Rome, and Legat Vienna.

(U) At this point in time, after 21 months of
investigation, all of the questions/points raised in Senator
Rockefeller's letter can be answered:
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  03/15/2005

(U)  (S) Motivation of those responsible for the
forgeries:

(U) (S) Why the Intelligence Community did not
recognize the documents were fabricated; once the USIC
finally received the documents (after____ provided them to
the U.S. Embassy on 10/09/2002), the documents were considered
suspect at best, and likely forgeries.

(U) (S) The extent to which these forgeries may be part
of a larger disinformation campaign

(U) (S) While there have been numerous conspiracy
theories promoted in the media, the bottom line is that FBI investigation to date
has answered all of the questions/issues posed by Senator
Rockefeller's letter--the documents were not created as part
of a perception management campaign to influence public
opinion and foreign policy regarding the invasion of Iraq. In
reading the letter,

(U) (S) The investigation conducted to date has
answered the Senator's questions as stated in his letter, and
WFO believes no purpose will be served by continuing with this
investigation. Therefore, WFO is placing the captioned matter
in closed status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 05/10/2005

To: Washington Field Office
Attn: SSA

From: Los Angeles
Contact: SSA

Approved By: SSA

Drafted By: du

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

Synopsis: (S)

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: 25X1

Details: (S) During the week of 01/18/2005, A/Legat SSA, who was then assigned to FBIHQ, SSA WFO; SA, WFO; and SA WFO, met with in Rome, Italy.

Due to current FBI policy, per Administrative Section (via e-mail to A/SC)
(U) WFO's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA.
To: Washington Field Office  From: Los Angeles
Re: [redacted] 05/10/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Request

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/11/2005

To: Los Angeles
Atttn: SSA

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 
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Case ID #: (S) (Closed) 

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: (U) Covers lead.

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

(Declassify On: X1)

Reference: (S)

Details: (S) Referenced serial set a lead for WFO to
(U) For the information of recipient, captioned matter was closed on 04/01/2005.

(WFO considers this lead covered.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 07/15/2005
To: Finance Attn: UC

From: Los Angeles
Contact: SSA

Approved By:

Drafted By: Jdu

Case ID #: (S) (Closed) (S)

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

Synopsis: (U)

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

Reference: (S)

Details: (S) During the week of 01/18/2005, A/Legat SSA and Special Agents from WFO, met with
in Rome, Italy. At the time of travel, SSA was
assigned to FBIHQ, Per the former Section Chief, Stanley
J. Borgia, SSA

(S) Due to current FBI policy, per

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2030
DATE: 01-12-2015
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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

FINANCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Request

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA
SA

From: Counterintelligence

Room 4133

Contact: IA/OS

Approved By:

Drafted By: ced

Case ID #: (Closed)

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

Synopsis:

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Enclosure(s):

Details:

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2030
DATE: 01-12-2016

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To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 07/27/2005

(S)_Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure), Room 4133, secure facsimile

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/04/2006

To: Rome

Counterterrorism
Attn: Legat

International Operations
Attn: SAC Thomas V. Fuentes
SC Michael S. Welch
UC

Security
Attn: CADM Unit

Counterintelligence
Attn: DAD Timothy D. Berezny

Washington Field
Attn: ASAC
SSA
SA

From: Counterintelligence
Room 4133
Contact: IA/OS

Approved By:

Drafted By: ced

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

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

Synopsis: (S) To request Legat Rome

(S) Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: 25X1

CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG F54M93E42
REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2031
DATE: 01-19-2016
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREBIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

SECRET
To: Rome
Re: (S) 01/04/2006

SSN:
PNO:
Exp:
Clearance:

(S) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure),
secure facsimile

SECRET
To: Rome
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 01/04/2006

Set Lead 1: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

Legat Rome is requested to

Set Lead 2: (Action)

SECURITY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Set Lead 3: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

To: IT Operations

Attn: UC

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Room G-480

Countermelligence

Attn: SC Richard Deslauriers

Washington Field

Attn: SSA

SA

From: Countermelligence

Contact: IA/OS

Room 4133

Approved By:

Drafted By: ced

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) To request IITSG

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

Declassify On: 25X1

Details: (S) The Countermelligence Division, CD-2 (Global):
Section is

The purpose of this communication is to request:

ASSIGNED TO

SA

SQUA

DATE 1/13/2006
To: IT Operations
Re: (S) 01/09/2006

is requested to

Name:
Name:
Name:

(S) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure), Room 4133, secure facsimile
IT Operations

From: Counterintelligence

01/09/2006

Set Lead 1: (Action)

IT OPERATIONS

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) LITSG is requested to

Set Lead 2: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY
To: Washington Field
Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence
Room 4133
Contact: IA/OS

Approved By:

Drafted By: ced

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

Synopsis: (S) PRIHO authority is granted to

(S) Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: 25X1

Details: (S) The Counterintelligence Division, CD-2 (Global)
Section is

(S) The purpose of this communication is to advise

WEOR of PRIHO authorization to

ASSIGNED TO
SA
SQUAD
DATE 1/10/2006

SECRET
To: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) ______________________

From: Counterintelligence

01/10/2006

(S) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure), Room 4133,
secure facsimile ____________________

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY                     Date: 01/11/2006

To: Counterintelligence  Attn: AD David W. Szady
   Washington Field  Attn: SSA
                   SA

From: Counterintelligence
      Room 4133
      Contact: IA/OS

Approved By:  

Drafted By:  ced

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) To request

(S) Derived From: G-3
Declasify On: 25X1

Details: (S) The Counterintelligence Division, CD-2 (Global)
Section is

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(S) The purpose of this communication is to request

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(SSA)

(SSA)

(SA)

(SA)

(S) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS

(security) Room 4133,

secure facsimile
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: 'ROUTINE'

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence

Contact: IA/OS

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cfm

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) To advise WFO of

(S) (U) Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: 25X1

Details: (S) The Counterintelligence Division, CD-2 (Global)
Section is

(S) During the course of this investigation.
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 01/18/2006

Based on this, FBIHQ representatives requested

Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure), Room 4133, secure facsimile
To: Washington Field
Re: (S) 

From: Counterintelligence

01/18/2006

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) Read and clear

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/03/2006

To: Counterintelligence
Atttn: UC IA/OS Rm. 4133
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From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

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)

Synopsis: (U)

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

Reference: (S)

(S)

Details: (S/NF/CC)

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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG F54M93K42
REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)
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DATE: 01-19-2016

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) 02/03/2006  

(S/NF/OC) A meeting is scheduled to be held on 02/10/2006 at FBIHQ. during which time

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 02/21/2006

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: UC

IA/OS

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From: Washington Field Contact: SA

Approved By: AF/cwi

Drafted By: cmp

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)

(S)

(S) Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

(S)

Administrative: Reference meeting between WFO personnel and personnel at FBIHQ/CD on 02/10/2006.

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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG F54M33K42
REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2031
DATE: 01-19-2016

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  02/21/2006

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

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S)

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Attached are following ORIGINAL SERIALS for your file.
How phony-Iraq memos left a career spy out in the cold

Journalist didn’t buy Mr. Martino’s intelligence

By Jay Solomon
And Gabriel Kahn

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

Then he stumbled across something that, in the charged climate following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S., he thought could be a hot lead: 17 telexes, memos and letters purporting to show how Saddam Hussein had acquired 500 tons of “yellowcake,” a processed uranium ore, from the African nation of Niger to build nuclear weapons.

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

He never got paid. The journalist concluded, correctly, that they were fakes. But she ended up unwittingly

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Memos left spy in cold

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

His lawyer, Mr. Placidi, says his client has worked recently as a paid operative of France's intelligence service, the Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure, or DGSE. A spokesperson for the DGSE declined repeated requests for comment.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Burba says she spent weeks trying to verify their authenticity, even traveling as far as Niger. She ultimately concluded that the dossier was a fabrication. Some of the documents were dated before the events to which they referred; crucial details were missing; and one piece of correspondence between the Niger and Iraq governments was written, improbably, in Italian.

She says Mr. Martino was upset when she refused to pay him, and sent a text message to her phone inquiring if the papers were legitimate.

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

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

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

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

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

In the summer of 2004, Mr. Martino met with reporters for the Sunday Times of London in a cafe at the Brussels trainstation. He told them that he had been set up by SISMI, according to the article that ran Aug. 1, but demanded port for his full story. "I tell information, I admit," he said, according to the article. Two British journalists helped at his request for cash, but not before surreptitiously snapping his photograph.

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

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

CBS has yet to run the program, because of a debate over whether it is ready to air. Keith Tucker, a spokesman for "60 Minutes," says the news program's journalists continue to report the Niger story and that "we won't rule out airing this material in the future."
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Germany's E.On launched a $5.7 billion offer for Spain's gas power firm Endesa, trumping Gas Natural's hostile bid in a move to cement its claim as the world's largest energy company. Page 1, 19

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* Australian buyout firm Babcock & Brown plans to launch a $2.5 billion offer for Irish telecom operator Eircom. Page 4

* U.S. stocks declined late afternoon amid worries over oil prices. Japan's Nikkei average surged 2.5% to a three-year high. Pages 20, 28

* The U.S. inflation rate is too high for some Fed officials, minutes to the central bank's Jan. 31 meeting show. Page 8

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Italy's top curler wears Prada
At 22, Joel Returnas is the "ship" of his team—and the face of his country.
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* Cadbury's net rose 46%, and the UK firm said cost cuts and price rises will offset rising commodity costs by 2007. Page 4

* Publicis is launching a firm to advise marketers on digital technologies. It also will invest in mobile technology start-ups. Page 6

* Wal-Mart's earnings rose 13%, but the retail chain said rising interest costs would constrain results this year. Page 6

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* CAO Singapore's finance chief was sentenced to two years in prison and fined for his role in a derivatives scandal. Page 24

* China's economy is expected to grow about 9.3% this year, a top economist said. China's central bank gave no hint of a year-end policy shift. Page 24

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E.On's Endesa bid is just what the EU energy market needed.
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Hunt for a safe, workable substitute can tap a vein of disappointment.

Bid for $34.7 billion by German company trumps Gas Natural

Power giant E.On of Germany's surprise $28.1 billion ($34.7 billion) offer for Endesa SA, Spain's leading electricity utility, is a bold bid to cement the German company's claim as the world's largest power-and-gas provider, and it could set off a consolidation of Europe's huge energy market just as regulators are hoping to foster more competitors in the sector. The all-cash offer of $22.5 a share trumps an earlier unsolicited cash-and-stock bid by Spain's Gas Natural SDG SA that values Endesa at about $22.20 a share. E.On's offer represents the biggest utilities takeover bid on record and, excluding debt, Europe's largest ever cash-only deal, according to Dealogic, a financial-data service.

By Mike Estee in Frankfurt and Keith Johnson in Madrid

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Precedence: ROUTINE
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Contact: IA/OS
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)

On February 28, 2006, IA/OS met
with National Security Law Branch attorney to
discuss this matter.
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 02/28/2006

(U) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS (secure), ___, Room 4133, secure facsimile

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Date: 02/27/2006

To: Counterintelligence
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Attn: LEGAT

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: [Signature]

Drafted By: cmp

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DATE: 01-19-2015
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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/27/2006

Reference: (S) (S)

Administrative: (S) Reference meeting held at FBIHQ on 02/10/2006 between SC Richard DesLauriers, IA/OS WFO/SSA SA

Details: (S) As Vienna may recall, the predication for captioned investigation was a letter from a Member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). This letter requested that the FBI investigate whether the creation of fraudulent documents, which were provided to the IAEA by the U.S. Government, and indicated that Iraq had attempted to purchase uranium yellowcake from Niger, was part of a larger deception campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and foreign policy regarding Iraq. (Note: The documents had been received by the U.S. Embassy in Rome on 10/09/2002, from ) An investigation was conducted, the FBI answered all of the questions posed in the SSCI letter, and the investigation was closed by the FBI on 04/01/2005. SSCI was briefed on the closing of the investigation, and was satisfied with the investigation conducted and agreed with the closing.
To: Counterintelligence  
From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) 02/27/2006

(S) WFO appreciates Legat Vienna's assistance. Vienna is requested to direct any questions to SA (non-secure), or (secure).
To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/27/2006

LEAD(s):
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Type: EC
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From: WASHINGTON FIELD

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To: Washington Field
From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: cm

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Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
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U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
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Synopsis: (U) Opens sub-file.

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

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To: Counterintelligence
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Washington Field
Attn: Squad
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Date: 03/23/2006

From: Vienna
Contact: A/ALAT

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Reference: (S) ____________________________

(S) As recipients are aware, per prior email
communication between Legat Vienna and WFO and FBIHQ personnel, WFO

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(S) adv WFO

B: Pls upload and serialize.

(S)
Please file in Closed Case file.
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From: Vienna

Re: (S) 03/23/2006

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Contact: SA

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Drafted By: [Signature]

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

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

Synopsis: (U) Reassigns captioned investigation.

(U) Derived From: G-3
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Details: (U) Effective 03/06/2006, in accordance with the reorganization of WFO's Counterterrorism Branch, writer was transferred to Sq. [Blank]. WFO management directed that captioned investigation remain assigned to Sq. [Blank]. Captioned investigation should therefore be reassigned to a Sq. [Blank]. SA [Signature] is no longer the Case Agent for captioned investigation.

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Richard DesLauriers,
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Attn: SC Michael Welch

A/SC Nidia C. Gamba

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Date: 03/30/2006

From: Rome

Contact:

Approved By:

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

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
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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 advise CI Division and WFO that Legat Rome has

(S) (U) Derived From: G-3
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Reference: (S)
To: Counterintelligence  From: Rome
Re: (S)  03/30/2006

Administrative: (S)  Referenced Serials #

Enclosure(s): (S)  Enclosed for WFO is the

Details: (S)  The Counterintelligence Division (CI), Office of
International Operations (OIO) and Washington Field Office (WFO)
are advised that

(S)  Legat Rome will continue to engage on this
mater in coordination with FBIHQ and WFO. Legat Rome will keep
receiving offices apprized of all developments in this matter in
a very timely manner. Investigation at Legat Rome is continuing.
To: Counterintelligence
From: Rome
Re: (S) 03/30/2006

LEAD(s):

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(U) For information and any further action deemed appropriate.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Richard DesLauriers,
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      Europe
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From: Rome

Contact:

Approved By: (S)

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Synopsis: (S) To document

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SA SQUAD
DATE 4/16/06
(S) Legat Rome will continue to

(U) Legat Rome will keep receiving offices apprized of all developments in this matter in a very timely manner. Investigation at Legat Rome is continuing.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Rome
Re:  (S)  04/13/2006

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