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Precedence: PRIORITY
Date: 11/16/2004

To: Washington Field Counterterrorism
   Attn: SA
   UC

   International Operations
   Attn: UC

   Amman
   Attn: Legat

   Paris
   Attn: Legat

   Rome
   Attn: Legat

   Vienna
   Attn: Legat

From: London

Contact: 

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 

Case ID #: (U) (Pending) 

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) To clear a lead set to London.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: Xi

Reference: (U) 

Details: (U) 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
efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger, were fabricated as part of a disinformation campaign. (Perception Management)
To: Washington Field  
From: London  
Re: ( )  
11/16/2004

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

( ) London is clearing the lead set forth in Serial [ ]
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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\[\text{(U)} \text{(S)} \text{ Read and clear.}\]
Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence
International Operations
Washington Field

From: Amman
Contact: ALAT

Approved By: AK/LB
Drafted By: DB
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)

Synopsis: Amman is administratively covering
this communication.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: 

Cover lead: 
1 Control
Other

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Amman
Re: (S) 11/17/2004

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)

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(U) For information.

**
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:

(S) 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

Date: 08/05/2003

To: Counterintelligence

Washington Field

Attn: UC SSA

Attn: ASAC-IT

Attn: ASAC-CI

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: [Redacted]

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);
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: X1

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

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To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Ref: (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 ________
REQUESTS, FBIRO authority to

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FBIHQ is requested to

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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)
To: Counterintelligence  From: Washington Field
Ref: (S)  12/06/2004

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

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) is requested to

**
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.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
We thank you for your ongoing collaboration.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA

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
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;
FCI ~ PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT

Synopsis: (S) Provide FBIHO authority to

(S) Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X

Reference: (S)

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON FIELD
AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

WFO is granted authority by FBIHQ to

**
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE              Date: 01/10/2005

To: Washington Field
Counterintelligence
International Operations

Attn: SSA
Attn: UC
Attn: SSA

From: Paris
Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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

Synopsis: [To provide]

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.
To: Washington Field  From: Paris
Re: (S)  01/10/2005

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

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(U) Read and clear.
In Reply. Please Refer to File No. Washington, D.C. 20535
February 2, 2005

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

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 02/02/2005

To: Counterintelligence Attn: SSA
Rome

From: Washington Field Attn: A/LEGAT
Contact: SA

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

Derived From: G-3
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Administrative: (S)

Enclosure(s): (S) Letterhead memorandum dated 02/02/2005,
captioned as above.

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

(S) Enclosed for

(U) WFO greatly appreciates all of Legat Rome's assistance in furtherance of and captioned investigation.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(S). Legát Rome is requested to

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To: Counterintelligence  
Attn: SSA  
Vienna  

From: Washington Field  
Contact: SA  

Reference: (S)  

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

(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) [redacted] 02/03/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

Vienna

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA
BACKGROUND INFORMATION/2004 PUBLIC ADMISSIONS BY 

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.

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 FRIS), 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...

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.

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

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 Nigenre affine. Then you backtracked when talking with Prosecutor [redacted] 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.
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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Automated Serial Permanent Charge-Out
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Description of Document:

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

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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To: Counterintelligence Paris
From: Washington Field

Date: 02/08/2005

Attn: SSA
Attn: LEGAT

Contact: SA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 

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

Reference: (S)

Derived From: G-3
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To: Counterintelligence
From: Washington Field
Re: (S) 02/08/2005

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

PARIS

AT NIAMEY, NIGER

(SECRET)
From: (CD) (FBI)
To: (CD) (FBI)
Date: 1/6/05 8:05 PM
Subject: RE: Iraq matter

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

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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.

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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.

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

Just wanted to let you know that I did get your last e-mail regarding

We may be briefing Congress on or about 01/25/05, so

help. Thank you.
CC: [WF] [FBI], [CD] [FBI]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY
Date: 03/09/2005

To: Counterintelligence
Rome
International Operations
Washington-Field

From: Paris
Contact:

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

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

Ref: Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XL

Reference: (S)

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

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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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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence

International Operations

Rome

Washington Field

Attn: Europe Unit

Attn: A/Legal

Date: 03/09/2005

From: Paris

Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (S) Pending

Title: UNSUB(S)

FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER. FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X0: WF

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

(S) Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

Administrative: 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 on February 19, 2004, three months after being informed of the interview. Legat Paris regrets any difficulties that may have been caused by this.
(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
Date: 03/15/2005

To: Counterintelligence
Vienna

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: ______________

Drafted By: ______________

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.

(U) Derived From: G-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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Date: 03/23/2005

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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)

Synopsis: (U) Opens sub-files.

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

Declassify On: XI

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

(S) Sub-file

Purpose

maintains copies of documents provided by

secret

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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
To: Washington Field
Attn: SA
From: Counterintelligence
Global Section
Room 4133
Contact: SSA

Approved By: [Signature]
Drafted By: [Signature]
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 [Redacted] regarding the above
captioned matter.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Enclosure(s): (S) For WFO is a response from the [Redacted]
regarding the above.
(U) If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA.
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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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE
To: Counterintelligence
Attn: SSA
To: Washington Field
Attn: SA
To: International Operations
Attn: UC
SSA

From: Vienna

Contact: TDY SSA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (pending)

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

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Reference: (U)

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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.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Vienna  03/22/2005

Based upon this information, Vienna considers referenced lead covered. Vienna stands ready to provide additional assistance on this matter as needed.
LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES
Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Counterintelligence

From: Washington Field

Date: 03/15/2005

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

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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: (S) Closes captioned investigation.

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Classified by: NSICO F54N95K42
Reason: 1.4 (B,C,D)
Declassify on: 12-31-2030
Date: 01-12-2016

All information contained herein is unclassified except where shown otherwise.
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"
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: 03/15/2005

Motivation of those responsible for the forgeries:

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.

The extent to which these forgeries may be part of a larger disinformation campaign:

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:

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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SECRET
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: SSA

Case ID #: 150

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

Synopsis: During the week of 01/18/2005, A/Legat SSA...

Details: During the week of 01/18/2005, A/Legat SSA...

Due to current FBI policy, per...

Administrative Section (via e-mail to A/SC)
To: Washington Field Office
From: Los Angeles
Re: (S) 05/10/2005

(U) WFO's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA

SECRET

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To: Washington Field Office
From: Los Angeles
Re: (S) 05/10/2005

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

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
AT WASHINGTON, DC
(U) Request

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SECRET
To: Los Angeles  
Attn: SSA 

From: Washington Field  
Contact: SA 

Case ID #: (S)  
Title: (U) 

Synopsis: (U) Covers lead. 

Reference: (S) 

Details: (S) Referenced serial set a lead for WFO to 

SECRET
To: Los Angeles  From: Washington Field
Re: (S)  07/11/2005

(U) For the information of recipient, captioned matter was closed on 04/01/2005.

(U) WFO considers this lead covered.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Precedence: RUTINE
Date: 07/15/2005

To: Finance
Attn: UC

From: Los Angeles
Contact: SSA

Approved By:
Drafted By:

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)

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

Details: (U) 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

(3) Due to current FBI policy, per

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REASON: 1.4 (C)
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To: Finance
From: Los Angeles
Re: (S) 07/15/2005

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

FINANCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Request

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Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Washington Field

From: Counterintelligence

Date: 07/27/2005

Attn: SSA

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 

Case ID #: (S) (Closed)

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)

Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Enclosure(s): (U)

Details: (U)
To: Washington Field  From: Counterintelligence  07/27/2005

(S) [Redacted]  (secure), Room 4133,
secure facsimile

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SUBJECT: False Information Provided to U.S. Government re Iraqi Efforts to Obtain Uranium from Niger; FCI-Perception Management (X)

To: Legat Rome

Counterterrorism

International Operations

Security

Counterintelligence

Washington Field

From: Counterintelligence

Contact: IA/OS

Room 4133

Approved By:

Drafted By: [Signature]

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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)

Synopsis: 

To request Legat Rome

Derived From: 'G:3

Declasify On: 25X1
To: Rome  
From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S)  

01/04/2006

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

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

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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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Counterintelligence

Washington Field

To: IT Operations

From: Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Richard Deslauriers

Attn: SSA SA

Date: 01/09/2006

Precedence: PRIORITY

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

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

The purpose of this communication is to request:

ASSIGNED TO

SA SQUA DATE
To: IT Operations  From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S)  01/09/2006

is requested to

Name: 
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Name: 

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

SECRET
To: IT Operations  From: Counterintelligence  01/09/2006

Set Lead 1: (Action)

IT OPERATIONS

AT WASHINGTON. DC

(U) LITSG is requested to

Set Lead 2: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) Read and clear.
From: Counterintelligence

To: Washington Field

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/10/2006

Subject: FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER; FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT

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

The purpose of this communication is to advise

ASSIGNED TO

SA

SQUAD

DATE 01/10/2006

SECRET
To: Counterintelligence
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 01/10/2006

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

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

From: Counterintelligence
Contact: IA/OS

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

Synopsis: To request

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: 25X1

Details: The Counterintelligence Division, CD-2 (Global)
Section is
The purpose of this communication is to request:

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Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS
secure facsimile

Room 4133,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/18/2006

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence

Room 4133

Contact: IA/OS

Approved By:

Drafted By:

cfm

Case ID #: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);

Title: 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) 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

(U)  
(S) Based on this, FBIHQ representatives requested

(U)  
(S) Point of contact in this matter is IA/OS  
(secure), Room 4133, 
secure facsimile
To: Washington Field
From: Counterintelligence
Re: (S) 01/18/2006

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) Read and clear
Counterintelligence

Date: 02/03/2006

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

Synopsis: Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Reference: (S)

Details: (S/NF/OCC)
To: Counterintelligence

From: Washington Field

Re: (S) 02/03/2006

(3/NF/OC) A meeting is scheduled to be held on

02/10/2006 at FBIHQ during which time

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**FBI FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

**PRECEDENCE**
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**Name**

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**From:** FBIHQ

**Name of Office**

**Subject:**

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Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/21/2006

To: Counterintelligence
Attn: UC

From: Washington Field
Contact: SA

Approved By: AF/GML
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)

Derived From: G-3
Declassify On: XI

Administrative: Reference meeting between WFO personnel and personnel at FBIHQ/CD on 02/10/2006.
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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SECRET
DATE: 4-4-06
TO: WF
FROM: LEGAT ROME
RE: File Number

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

Please turn to page 2
Memos left spy in cold

Continued from first page

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

Her lawyer, Mr. Placidi, says his client has worked recently as a paid operative of France’s Intelligence service, the Direction Generale de la Securite Exterieure, or DGSE. A spokesperson for the DGSE declined repeated requests for comment.

According to several people who heard Mr. Martino’s account, the bogus Niger documents came into his possession after a tip from his 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 Montinelli, 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 telegrams 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. Montinelli 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. Pollan’s testimony. Around the same time, he sought out the wider media world, including the Italian journalist, Ms. Burba.

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

As part of her attempts to corroborate the papers, Ms. Burba delivered the documents to the American Embassy in Rome, according to the journalist and an account of the event described by a report on prewar intelligence by the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Embassy officials never commented to Ms. Burba. But they did send the documents back to the State Department’s Intelligence arm in Washington, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, or INR. A week later, on Oct. 16, State Department officials in Washington were distributing copies in a meeting of an interagency task force that included representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon and the National Security Agency, according to the Senate report.

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

U.S. intelligence officials suspected Mr. Martino of being involved in a scheme to help Saddam Hussein acquire nuclear weapons. In his 2003 State of the Union address that Iraq was seeking to procure uranium from Africa. The White House denied it relied on Mr. Martino’s documents to make its claims, citing instead a British white paper that made a similar claim. But several members of the U.S. Intelligence Community say they are convinced that all intelligence referring to uranium purchases from Niger were related to Mr. Martino’s documents.

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

In the summer of 2004, Mr. Martino met with reporters for the Sunday Times in London for a second interview in a Brussels train station. He alleged that he had been set up by SISMI, according to the same journalist who had demanded money for his full story.

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

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

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

CBS has yet to run the program, because of a debate over whether it is ready to air. Kevin Tedesco, a spokesman for “60 Minutes,” says the news program’s journalists continue to report the Niger story and that “we won’t rule out airing this material in the future.”
WSJ.com
Personal Journal
A guide to video on the Web
Page 35, plus more online
> WSJ.com/EuroLinks

News in depth
Banking on blood
Hunt for a safe, workable substitute can tap a vein of disappointment
> Page 14

What's News—

Business & Finance

Germany's E.On launched a $347 billion offer for Spanish power firm Endesa, trumping Gas Natural's hostile bid in a move to cement its claim as the world's largest utility. Page 3, 19

Barclays' 2005 net rose 5.9% on strong investment-banking results, but it was hurt by bad-debt provision. Pages 3, 19

Australian buyout firm Babcock & Brown plans to launch a $2.9 billion offer for Irish telecom operator Eircom. Page 4

U.S. crude declined late afternoon amid a rise in oil prices. Japan's Nikkei average surged 3.53% in a rebound. Pages 20, 28

The U.S. inflation level is too high for some Fed officials, minutes to the central bank's Jan. 31 meeting show. Page 9

Deutsche Börse suggested it was ready to resume merger talks with Euronext. Page 22

World-Wide

The U.S. Congress was headed for a confrontation with the White House over a deal to transfer port management to a Dubai-controlled company. Republican lawmakers joined Democrats urging a delay on national-security concerns and threatened legislative action. Bush vowed to veto any congressional interference. Page 3

Iran painted talks with Russia over its nuclear program as "positive," but there was skepticism in Moscow that Tehran is ready for compromise on the location of uranium enrichment. Page 9

The EU failed to agree whether to let poultry farmers vacinate flocks on farms it would mail bremsa spread. Hungary and Slovakia confirmed outbreaks. Page 9

NATO was located but the top Bosnian Serb war-crimes fugitive was not yet arrested, a Serbian official said, denying reports.

Italy's top curler wears Prada
At 22, Joel Retornaz is the "skip" of his team—and the toast of his country
> Page 16, more at WSJ.com/Olympics

Cafécu's net rose 6.7% and the U.S. 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 media-technology start-ups. Page 6

Web-Start's earnings rose 15%, but the retailing giant said rising interest costs would constrain results this year. Page 6

France's and Luxembourg's moves to shield Arcelor from Mittal rankle state to the spirit of EU law, an EU official said. Page 7

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

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

The EU Commission dismissed bleak French and German GDP reports, saying economic growth in the euro zone will pick up in 2008.

Baghdad was rocked by a car bombing that killed 32. The UK's Straw was in the nation, backing US. calls for a unity government.

Christian and Muslim mobs hit two Nigerian cities in riots that killed 24 following deadly Muhammad-cartoon protests Saturday.

Nigerian militants called for independent mediators to negotiate the release of nine foreign oil-workers they have captured.

The U.S. high court agreed to consider the ban on life-term abortions, with new members weighing the issue. WSJ.com/EuroLinks

Food aid may resume to North Korea, as a World Food Program official presents a plan to get limited supplies flowing. Page 8

Italy signed a deal under which the New York Met will return antiquities Rome says were looted in exchange for loans of artifacts.

Lawrence H. Summers will resign as president of Harvard University at the end of the academic year. WSJ.com/EuroLinks

By Mike Estee in Frankfurt
and Keith Johnson in Madrid

Cash-and-stock bid by Spain's Gas Natural SDG SA that values Endesa at about €212.00 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.

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

Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 02/28/2006

To: Washington Field
Attn: SSA

From: Counterintelligence
Contact: IA/OS

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

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)

Reference:

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.

SECRET
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/27/2006

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: UC

IA/OS

UC

Attn: LEGAT

International Operations

Vienna

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

Case ID #: (S) (Pending)

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(S) Derived From: G-3

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REASON: 1.4 (B.C.D)
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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, FO/SSA, SA, 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.
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):
Set Lead 1: (Action)
Vienna

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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Automated Serial Permanent Charge-Out
FD-5a (1-5-94)

Case ID: Serial: (S)

Description of Document:
Type: EC
Date: 03/09/06
To: WASHINGTON FIELD
From: WASHINGTON FIELD

Topic: (S) TRANSFERS CASE AND SUB-FILES TO SQ.

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:
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Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 03/17/2006

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By: cmp

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

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

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

(S) Sub-file

(S) Purpose

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As recipients are aware, per prior email communication between Legat Vienna and WFO and FBIHQ personnel, WFO
Please file in closed case file.
To: Counterintelligence  From: Vienna
Re: (S)  03/23/2006

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

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(U) Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE                     Date: 03/23/2006

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA

Approved By: SA

Drafted By: cmp

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

Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

Synopsis: (U) Reassigns captioned investigation.

(U) Derived From: G-3

Declassify On: X1

Details: (S) Effective 03/06/2006, in accordance with the
reorganization of WFO's Counterterrorism Branch, writer was
transferred to Sq. WFO management directed that
captioned investigation remain assigned to Sq.
Captioned investigation should therefore be
reassigned to a Sq. SA. Effective the date of this
communication, SA is no longer the Case
Agent for captioned investigation.

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 03/30/2006

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Richard DesLauriers, Global Section

A/SC

UC

Rm. 4133

International Operations

Attn: SC Michael Welch

A/SC Nidia C. Gamba

UC

SSA

Europe

FOS

Attn: ASAC

SSA

SA

From: Rome

Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By: bet

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

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 advise CI Division and WFO that Legat Rome has

Reference: (S)

Derived From: G-3

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ASSIGNED TO

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SQUAD

DATE 12/28/2006

SECRET

12/28/2006
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 matter 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.\n
To: Counterintelligence  From: Rome 
Ref: (S) 03/30/2006

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

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(U) For information and any further action deemed appropriate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE
Date: 04/13/2006

To: Counterintelligence
Attn: SC Richard DesLauriers,
Global Section
A/SC
UC
Rm. 4133
IA/OS
Rm. 4133
International Operations
Attn: SC
A/SC
UC
SSA
Europe
Europe
FOS
ASAC
SSA
SA

From: Rome
Contact: 

Approved By:

Drafted By: [Signature]

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 document

(S) (U) Derived From: C-3
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ASSIGNED TO
SA
SQUAD
DATE 6/2/2006
(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

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info.)

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