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1. MARCH 16 EDITION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY "L'ORIENT LE
JOUR" CARRIED REPORT ENTITLED "THE PLO AN ORGANIZATION

WITH AN OBSCURE IDEOLOGY AND OBJECTIVES." FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF REPORT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE ORGANIZATION OF REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE, WHICH IS THREATENING TO EXECUTE FRENCH HOSTAGE JEAN LOUIS NORMANDIN, IS IN THE SINGULAR SITUATION OF NEVER HAVING ADVANCED PRECISE DEMANDS, NOR OF HAVING DEMONSTRATED EXCLUSIVE RELATIONS WITH ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- THE 15 COMMUNIQUES WHICH IT HAS PUBLISHED SINCE ITS "ACT OF BIRTH" MARCH 14, 1986 HAVE ALL BEEN HANDWRITTEN, OFTEN ON A SHEET OF PAPER FROM A SCHOOL TABLET. THE COMMUNIQUES INVARIABLY BEGIN WITH THE PHRASE, "B'ISM AL-AZIZ AL-JABBAR" (IN THE NAME OF THE DEAR AND THE ALMIGHTY, "TWO OF THE 99 QUALITIES OF ALLAH) AND END WITH THE EXPRESSION "VICTORY TO THE OPPRESSED. GLORY AND IMMORTALITY TO MARTYRS."

-- THE ARABIC IS GENERALLY REplete WITH ERRORS OF SYNTAX AND SPELLING MISTAKES AND, IF KORANIC EXPRESSIONS APPEAR IN THE TEXTS, THEY HAVE BEEN EDITED BY A PERSON MANIFESTLY LITTLE VERSED IN ISLAMIC SCIENCE.

-- ONE OF THE CONSTANTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH IN ONE YEAR KIDNAPPED FOUR MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH ANTENNE-2 TV NETWORK, OCTOGENARIAN CAMILLE SONTAG, MARCEL COUDARI, AND TWO AMERICANS, IS THAT IT HAS VIOLENTLY CRITICIZED FRENCH "COLONIALIST POLICY" IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY IN LEBANON. IT ALSO INSISTS ON THE NECESSITY FOR PARIS TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM AMERICAN POLICY IN THIS REGION.

-- (SUBHEAD) PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WITH SYRIA, ALGERIA, AND IRAN

-- DATING FROM DECEMBER 23, THE RJO HAS REPROACHED FRANCE FOR ARMS DELIVERIES TO "THE REGIME OF SADDAM HUSSEIN, WHICH IS LEADING THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO EXTERMINATION," WHILE ITS SISTER ORGANIZATION, THE "ISLAMIC JIHAD," WHICH CARRIES THE SAME ACCUSATIONS, BELIEVES THAT THIS AID "PERMITS IRAQ TO PURSUE ITS WAR AGAINST IRAN."

-- THE RJO SEEMS TO MAINTAIN PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WITH SYRIA, ALGERIA, AND IRAN. IT MAKES MENTION OF THE MEDIATION OF THE FIRST TWO COUNTRIES IN EACH CASE OF LIBERATION OF FRENCH HOSTAGES, BUT ALGIERS IS PRESENTED RATHER AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE CAPTORS AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IRAN IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE LIBERATION OF MESSIEURS SONTAG AND COUDARI NOVEMBER 10. THE CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION (RJO) DOES NOT SEEM TO APPRECIATE PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT.

-- DATING FROM JANUARY 17, RJO'S ALLIANCE WITH IRAN SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME MORE CLEAR, WHILE RELATIONS BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND TEHERAN WERE UNDERGOING DIFFICULTIES. THE RJO CONDEMNED THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT AT KUWAIT, WHICH WAS BOYCOTTED BY IRAN BUT PARTICIPATED IN BY SYRIA AND ALGERIA. FEBRUARY 8 THE RJO INDIRECTLY TOOK CREDIT FOR THE SEIZURE OF TERRY WAITE, TREATING HIM AS THE SPY EMISSARY OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH; WAITE WAS KIDNAPPED JANUARY 20 WHILE MEETING WITH THE CAPTORS OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES TERRY ANDERSON AND THOMAS SUTHERLAND. THESE LATTER ARE IN THE HANDS OF "ISLAMIC JIHAD."

-- LAST THURSDAY, THE RUPTURE BETWEEN THE RJO AND SYRIA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONSUMMATED. FRANCE WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING ENCOURAGED SYRIAN INTERVENTION IN BEIRUT IN ORDER TO LIBERATE ITS HOSTAGES. WHILE THE TORCH IS BURNING BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND "HIZBALLAH," THE RJO HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IF THE SYRIAN ARMY TRIES AN OPERATION, IT WILL LIBERATE ONLY CORPSES.

-- THIS ORGANIZATION HAS ALWAYS MADE A POINT ABOUT

UNDERTAKINGS BY FRANCE IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN

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-- ACCORDING TO THE BIO THE TRANSACTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN

AIMED AT MONEY, ARMS, OR ECONOMIC PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS NEVER SAID SO, IT COULD BE THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN AN EXCHANGE INVOLVING LEBANESE PRISONERS DETAINED IN FRANCE, SUCH AS GEORGE IBRAHIM ABDALLAH, CONDEMNED FEBRUARY 28 TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: IT IS EVIDENT FROM ABOVE REPORT THAT CONCLUSIONS ABOUT RJO CONTAINED THEREIN ARE DERIVED FROM TEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF RJO COMMUNIQUES. CONCLUSIONS GENERALLY SEEM CONSISTENT WITH PUBLICISED CONTENTS OF COMMUNIQUES. HOWEVER, OUR READING OF FEBRUARY 8 RJO COMMUNIQUE (BEIRUT 845) DOES NOT INDICATE RJO TAKING ANY CREDIT FOR WAITE'S KIDNAPPING; IT CLAIMS THAT IMPLANTATION OF TRANSMITTING DEVICE IN WAITE'S BODY ENABLED AMERICANS TO IDENTIFY HIS LOCATION AND THAT OF OTHER HOSTAGES. END COMMENT. KELLY

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