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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, IT, SW, US  
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EASTERNER ARRESTED BY SWISS IN  
- CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON  
- EMBASSY ROME: NEED FOR U.S. DEMARCHE

REF: BERN 96

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. ACTION MESSAGE -- PARAGRAPH SEVEN.
3. ITALIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO SWITZERLAND TO HOLD AL ATAT, THE LEBANESE ARRESTED IN ZURICH AIRPORT NOVEMBER 18 WHILE BRINGING EXPLOSIVES TO ROME FOR A PRESUMED ATTACK ON OUR EMBASSY.
4. THESE ITALIAN OFFICIALS HAVE LEARNED THAT SWITZERLAND WILL SCHEDULE AL ATAT'S TRIAL IN A FEW DAYS AND WILL PROBABLY SENTENCE HIM QUICKLY TO LESS THAN 18 MONTHS IN PRISON, AND THEN EXPEL HIM IMMEDIATELY.
5. THE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE (STRICTLY PROTECT) IN CHARGE OF THE CASE OF THE SEVEN MIDDLE EASTERNERS ARRESTED IN ITALY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESUMED ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY TOLD US THAT HE HAS COMPLETED THE REQUESTS FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF AL ATAT, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT HIS DOCUMENTATION TO

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BE OFFICIALY RECEIVED BY SWISS AUTHORITIES FOR FIVE OR SIX DAYS. HIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS IS THAT SWITZERLAND STRUCK A DEAL WITH AL ATAT'S FAMILY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE SWISS CHARGE IN BEIRUT -- DESPITE SWISS DENIALS -- AND THAT THE SWISS MAY BE TRYING TO EXPEL AL ATAT BEFORE THE EXTRADITION REQUEST IS RECEIVED.

6. COMMENT

WE HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION THE ITALIANS HAVE RECEIVED IS INCORRECT

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7. ACTION REQUESTED

WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT AL ATAT BE HELD UNDER ARREST AT LEAST UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND BETTER THE NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS BEHIND THE PLANNED ATTACK ON THIS EMBASSY. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES, AND AS APPROPRIATE, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY BERN BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE SWISS GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S SERIOUS INTEREST IN AL ATAT, THAT THE SWISS BE QUERIED OFFICIALLY AS TO THEIR INTENTIONS TOWARD HIM, AND THAT APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE BE USED IF ITALIAN SUSPICIONS APPEAR FOUNDED.

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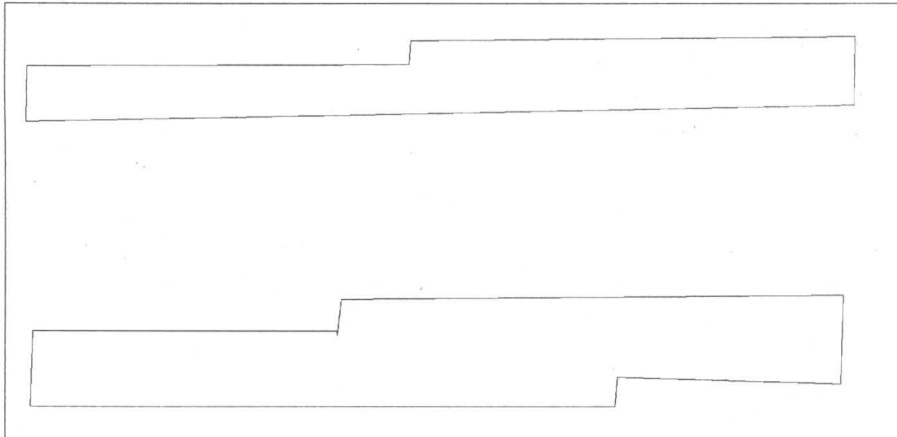
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, LE  
SUBJECT: THREAT TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR AND REPORT  
OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BRUSSELS

1. SERET ENTIRE TEXT.



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A. ON TUESDAY JANUARY 15 MAN WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF VISITED BELGIAN EMBASSY. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE HAD MISTRESS WHO IS WIFE OF HIZBALLAH LEADER AND THROUGH HER HAD LEARNED THAT HIZBALLAH WAS PLANNING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BRUSSELS ON 25 JANUARY AGAINST TWO WESTERN EMBASSIES AND ONE

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## MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

ARABIC EMBASSY. BELGIANS ASKED INDIVIDUAL TO RETURN WITH ANY EVIDENCE THAT HE HAD. INDIVIDUAL RETURNED TO EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH FILE, IN ARABIC, CONCERNING THREAT. INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT THREAT WAS "VERY SERIOUS" AND THAT HE WAS PASSING IT ON "TO PREVENT A DISASTER."

B. EMBASSY THEN WARNED BRUSSELS, WHO INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO SEND FILE TO BRUSSELS, WHICH IT DID. THURSDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 17 EMBASSY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOSE EMBASSY IN WEST BEIRUT AND AUTHORIZING ALL BELGIANS IN EMBASSY TO LEAVE LEBANON IMMEDIATELY.

C. ON FRIDAY JANUARY 18 BELGIAN STAFF WENT TO EMBASSY AND RECEIVED FOUR THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.; AT 11:45 A.M., THEY GOT A FIFTH CALL, DESCRIBED AS AN "URGENT" ONE, IN WHICH CALLER SAID "LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, THIS IS THE LAST CALL." BELGIAN STAFF THEN LEFT EMBASSY; BELGIAN NUMBER TWO, ONLY OTHER BRUSSELS-BASED DIPLOMAT HERE BESIDES AMBASSADOR, LEFT FOR BRUSSELS. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DECIDED HE WOULD REMAIN, DID NOT STAY AT HIS YARZE RESIDENCE AND NOT GO TO WEST BEIRUT.

D. FRIDAY EVENING, SECRETARY-GENERAL BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR DIRECTLY TO TELL HIM THAT BRUSSELS WAS TAKING SITUATION, SPECIFICALLY FILE EMBASSY HAD FORWARDED, "VERY SERIOUSLY" AND INSTRUCTED HIM NOT TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE BUT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

E. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAS MET WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION/INTERIOR JOSEPH SKAFF AND LAF 6-2 SIMONE GASSIS AND PASSED ON MUCH OF ABOVE INFORMATION. LEBANESE ARE ARRANGING HELICOPTER TRANSPORT FROM JOUNIE TO LARNACA FOR AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE SUNDAY JANUARY 20. UNTIL THEN AMBASSADOR IS NOT LEAVING YARZE AREA.

5. AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED CORNET D'ELZIUS IF BRUSSELS HAD PASSED ANY OF THIS TO US EMBASSY BRUSSELS; CORNET D'ELZIUS WAS UNCERTAIN BUT SAID "PROBABLY YES."  
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, PINS, PREL, IN, LE  
SUBJECT: IRANIAN LINKAGE TO TERRORISM IN LEBANON

REF: STATE 16236

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHARGE MET WITH QUAI SECGEN GUTMANN EVENING OF JANUARY 18 TO CARRY OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTION. DRAWING FULLY ON REFTEL TALKING POINTS, CHARGE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT FRENCH RELATIONS WITH IRAN WERE ALMOST AS BAD AS OURS, BUT THAT OUR EFFORT WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW THE IRANIANS THAT A BROAD SPECTRUM OF COUNTRIES WERE AWARE OF AND INDIGNANT ABOUT IRANIAN USE OF TERRORISM. WE THOUGHT THAT PARALLEL DEMARCHES BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON IRANIAN LEADERS.

3. GUTMANN WAS IMMEDIATELY SYMPATHETIC AND THOUGHT THROUGH WITH CHARGE THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ACTION. HE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH WERE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASSASSINATIONS OF THEIR OBSERVERS IN BEIRUT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE STATED FRANKLY THAT THE FRENCH FELT PARTICULARLY EXPOSED BECAUSE OF THEIR OBSERVERS, WHO WERE SITTING DUCKS, THEIR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN WHILE THEY ARE OPENLY SUPPORTING IRAQ, AND THEIR UNIFIL CONTINGENT. HE SAID THE FRENCH CURRENTLY HAD SEVERAL HYPOTHESES REGARDING WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THEIR OBSERVERS, BUT WERE NOT YET COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT IT WAS IRAN. THE INFORMATION

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WE PROVIDED WAS THEREFORE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THEM.

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4. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE ACTIONS, GUTMANN SAID THE KEY WAS TO GET INTO THE RIGHT CHANNEL AND TO GET TO THE RIGHT IRANIAN OFFICIALS. HE DOUBTED THAT EITHER CALLING IN THE IRANIAN CHARGE IN PARIS OR SENDING THE FRENCH CHARGE IN TEHRAN TO CALL AT THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH FONMIN DUMAS WHAT OTHER CHANNELS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL DEMARCHE. DUMAS, WHO WAS DUE TO RETURN TO PARIS LATE ON JANUARY 18, IS MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE INFORMAL CHANNELS WHICH HAVE BEEN USED BY MITTERRAND TO CONTACT THE IRANIAN LEADERSHIP.

5. MEANWHILE, GUTMANN HAD TWO SUGGESTIONS:  
(1) HE THOUGHT OUR EFFORT WOULD HAVE MORE CHANCE OF INFLUENCING THE IRANIAN LEADERSHIP IF MORE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED. HE URGED US TO APPROACH AS MANY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AS WE FELT WE COULD. HE EVEN SUGGESTED APPROACHING SYRIA, THOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THIS MIGHT NOT BE EASY FOR US. CHARGE NOTED THAT WE STRONGLY SUSPECTED SYRIAN COOPERATION WITH IRANIAN TERRORISM IN LEBANON. IN REPLY, GUTMANN SAID THIS WAS NOT IMPORTANT. ISLAMIC JIHAD IS NOT A FIRM ORGANIZATION, HE SAID, BUT A LOOSE, SHIFTING, NEBULOUS ASSOCIATION OF FANATICS WITH SOME WELL-PLACED SUPPORTERS. A DEMARCHE TO SYRIA COULD THUS HAVE SOME EFFECT EVEN IF (AS HE ALSO ASSUMED) SOME SYRIAN OFFICIALS WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THE JIHAD.

(2) GUTMANN ALSO NOTED THT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE IRANIANS WERE NOT IMPRESSED BY DEMARCHES FROM INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, DEMARCHES FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DID APPEAR TO IMPRESS THEM, SINCE THE TEN REPRESENTED A LARGE ENTITY WITH WHAT THE IRANIANS SAW AS CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE. GUTMANN THEREFORE URGED US TO APPROACH THE EC PRESIDENCY TO REQUEST AN EC DEMARCHE TO IRAN. CHARGE NOTED THAT WE WERE REQUESTING ACTION FROM THE ITALIANS ANYWAY, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY EASY TO REQUEST AN EC DEMARCHE AT THE SAME TIME.

6. RECOMMENDED ACTION: WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT

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CONSIDER GUTMANN'S TWO SUGGESTIONS, AND THAT, IF NO  
DIFFICULTY IS PERCEIVED, EMBASSY ROME BE INSTRUCTED  
TO REQUEST AN EC DEMARCHE TO IRAN BY THE ITALIAN EC  
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