Synopsis: (U) This electronic communication (EC) designates
Washington Field as "Office of Origin" to captioned

Captioned matter follows inquiries
by the House Intelligence Committee and Director to the
Counterintelligence Division (CD). Investigative objectives and
strategy are discussed. Washington Field is to give priority
attention to this matter and keep the CD fully apprized of
developments. Washington Field is to immediately identify the
responsible squad and points-of-contact (POCs).

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Details: (U) Set forth as background for Washington Field is a summary of the CD EC predicating captioned matter with Legat Rome.

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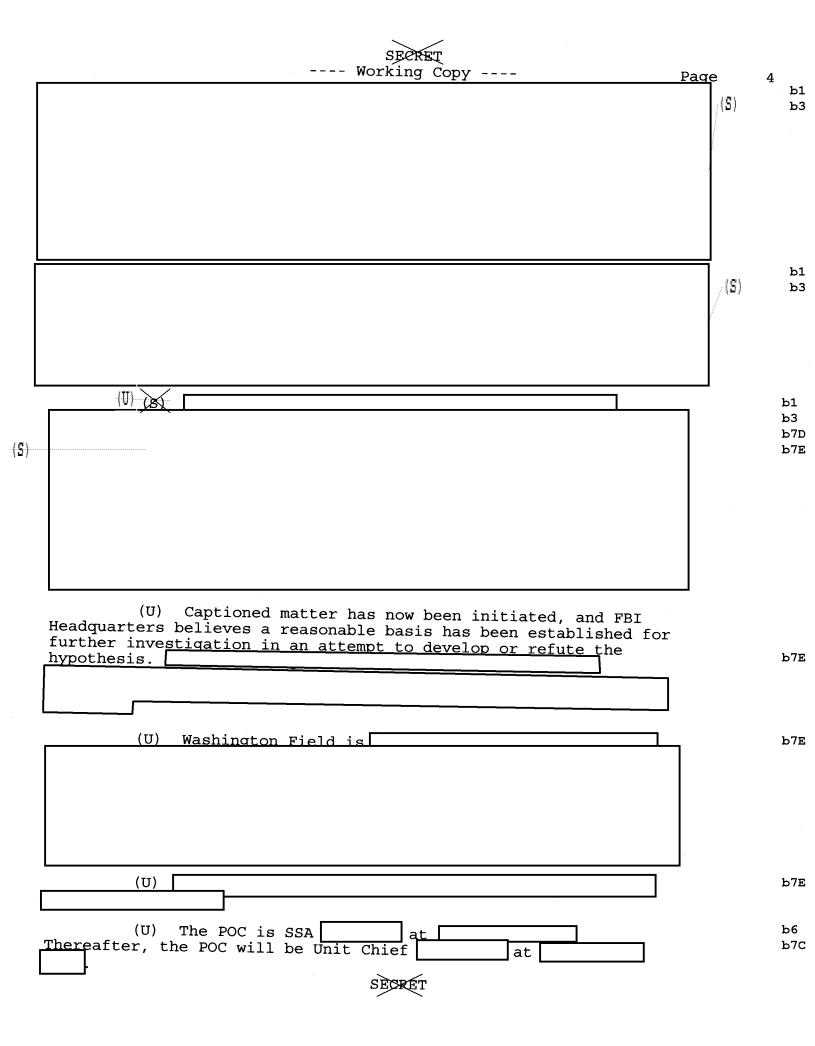
- (U) The 05/23/03 issue of The Washington Post carried an article on page A13, entitled: "CIA to Review Iraq Intelligence; Questions of Accuracy, Bias Spur Study." The article stated in part: "The House Intelligence Committee, expressing concerns about the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, asked Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet yesterday 'to reevaluate U.S. intelligence' used by the Bush administration to describe Iraq's proscribed weapons programs and its links to terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda." The article later stated that the CIA review followed criticism that the Defense Department and other parts of the Bush Administration manipulated intelligence to make the case for war in Iraq.
- (U) The above allegation has been the topic of news media coverage in the United States during recent months. The issue was recently escalated when the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency publically discredited documentary information that purported the Government of Iraq (GOI) sought uranium for its weapons of mass destruction program from individuals in Niger.
- (U) According to media reports, an unnamed individual had provided an Italian journalist with documents that purported the GOI's attempts to obtain the uranium. The source reportedly received 15,000 Euro dollars for the information. Italian authorities (not further identified to the FBI) reportedly were aware of the transaction, and may have provided the material to the American Embassy in Rome.

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For the further information of Rome and Washington Field, FBI Headquarters has been coordinating captioned matter

arrangements for the interview.



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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

of POCs. (U) Assume office of origin and promptly advise

Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

keep _____(II) Continue inquiries as discussed in this EC, and full apprised of developments.