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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 10/06/2003

**To:** Counterterrorism

**Attn:** SSA [redacted]

International Operations  
Washington Field  
Rome  
Paris

**Attn:** UC [redacted]

**Attn:** SSA [redacted]

**Attn:** Legat

**Attn:** Legat

Section/Rm413

**From:** London

**Contact:** [redacted]

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**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

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**Case ID #:** ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

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~~(U)~~ **Title:** ~~(S)~~

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN TO  
ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING  
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS  
TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;  
FCI-X

~~(U)~~ **Synopsis:** ~~(S)~~

To clear leads set to London.

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~~Derived From : G-3~~

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**Reference:** (S)

[redacted]

telcall between SSA

and ALAT [redacted]

~~(U)~~ **Details:** ~~(S)~~

In referenced EC, dated August 21, 2003, Legat London was provided with FBIHQ's analysis of captioned investigation. As a result of FBIHQ's analysis and telcall between SSA [redacted] and ALAT [redacted] London is taking no further action in this matter.

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~~(U)~~ ~~(S)~~

London will clear all leads.

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(U) To: Counterterrorism From: London  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 10/06/2003

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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: 10/01/2003

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted] x4501  
SA [redacted] x2521

Approved By: [redacted] *yes! tom*  
[redacted] *cmf*

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Drafted By: *cm* [redacted]: cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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);  
OO: WFO

Synopsis: (U) Request authority to [redacted]

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

(U) [redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ Captioned [redacted]

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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG F54M93K42  
REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)  
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2028  
DATE: 11-04-2015  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/14/2003

To: Rome	Attn: LEGAT	[Redacted]
Paris	Attn: LEGAT	[Redacted]
Counterterrorism	Attn: ASC	[Redacted]
	SSA	[Redacted]
Washington Field	Attn: SSA	[Redacted]
	A/SSA	[Redacted]
Counterintelligence	Attn: [Redacted]	Chief
	SSA [Redacted]	detailee

From: Counterintelligence

[Redacted] /Room 4133

Contact: SSA [Redacted] Extension [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

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Drafted By: [Redacted] viz (S)

Case ID #: (S) [Redacted] (Pending)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI  
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER  
FCI - X

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ This electronic communication updates previous reporting concerning captioned and requests further investigation by Legats Rome and Paris [Redacted] and by [Redacted]

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

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ Background. Referenced CD EC dated 09/04/03. Referenced EC set forth tear-line material for use by Legat Rome in connection with the interview of the Panorama journalist, [Redacted] and discussion with [Redacted] FBI Headquarters considers both events critical to the resolution of captioned allegation.

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(U) Director's Letter to [Redacted] As Rome is already aware, FBI Headquarters has prepared a letter for signature by the Director

Downloaded from ALS on 11/13/03  
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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/14/2003

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to [redacted] FBI Headquarters expects to send the letter via Federal Express within the next few days for immediate delivery upon receipt by Legat. The letter was prepared to provide

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[redacted]

The text to the letter is set forth below for information.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/14/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Interviews of Panorama employees. [redacted] was interviewed by Legat Rome on 09/04/03. At the time, the Panorama [redacted] was not available for interview. The intention for interviewing [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ During the course of the 09/04/03 interview, Rome and [redacted] discussed [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ FBI Headquarters believes that [redacted]

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[redacted] FBI Headquarters further believes that [redacted]  
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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/14/2003

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For the further information of [redacted] set forth below are descriptions of the seven documentary enclosures to the CD EC dated 08/06/03, serial [redacted]

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(U) 1. [redacted]

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(U) 2. [redacted]

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(U) 3. [redacted]

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(U) 4. [redacted]

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/14/2003

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(S) [redacted] X  
[redacted] X

(U) Questions concerning this matter are to be directed to  
SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/14/2003

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Should either of the two be located,  
coordinate arrangements for interview with Legat Paris.

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ

(U) For [redacted] conduct interviews as discussed in this  
EC.

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Set Lead 3: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

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Set Lead 4: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) Interview [redacted] and re-interview [redacted] as  
discussed in this EC.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Expeditiously provide [redacted] with the hard-copy,  
Director's letter and make arrangements to receive evidence.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S)  10/14/2003

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Set Lead 5: (Info)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(U) None. For information only.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/04/2003

To: International Operations  
Counterintelligence

Attn: UC [redacted] IOU1  
Attn: UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
UC [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince  
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt  
ASAC CI [redacted]  
ASAC IT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: Legat [redacted]

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jmc (S)

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Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

(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);  
OO : WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide details regarding Legat, Rome  
interview of Panorama Magazine Journalist [redacted]  
D/POB: [redacted] in Italy, at the U.S. Consulate in Milan,  
Italy on October 29, 2003. [redacted] was accompanied by her  
attorney, [redacted] was previously  
interviewed by Legat, Rome on September 4, 2003.

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~~(S)~~ (U) Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME  
Reason : 1.5(c)  
Declassify On: X1

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] advised that her intention after her original  
interview with Legat, Rome was to gather additional information  
regarding how her source obtained the Uranium from Niger  
documents. [redacted] advised that her goal was to determine whether

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To: International Operations Attn: UC [redacted]  
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/04/2003

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or not her source was acting in good faith when he passed her the information and documents.

[redacted] advised that soon after she began this investigation [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that after the meeting with [redacted] in approximately [redacted] the source called her. The source asked [redacted] if [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she would be willing to contact the source and ask source if he would be willing to meet with Legat, Rome. [redacted] further advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she will make contact with the source in the near future and is amenable to re-contact by Legat, Rome.

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To: International Operations Attn: UC [REDACTED]  
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 11/04/2003

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/04/2003

To: International Operations  
Counterintelligence

Attn: UC [redacted]  
Attn: UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
UC [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: SAC Michael E. Rolince  
SAC Ronald A. Nesbitt  
ASAC CI [redacted]  
ASAC IT [redacted]

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jmc (S)

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Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

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

(U) ~~(S)~~ Synopsis: To provide details regarding Legat, Rome interview of  
Panorama Magazine [redacted] at the U.S. Consulate in Milan  
on October 29, 2003.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Classified By: 7982, LEGAT/ROME  
Reason: 1.5(c)  
Declassify On: X1

(U) ~~(S)~~ Details: [redacted] D/POB: [redacted] in Italy, advised that  
he first became aware of documents pertaining to Uranium from Niger  
when his deputy showed him documents [redacted] a Panorama  
Journalist, received from one of her sources. After reviewing the  
documents [redacted] believed the documents could be a "smoking gun" if  
proven authentic. [redacted] advised that Panorama Magazine had taken a  
very supportive stance to the U.S. policy in Iraq and therefore if the  
documents were real this could turn into a very important story.  
However, [redacted] advised that experience made him very cautious about

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To: International Operations Attn: UC [redacted]  
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/04/2003

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the authenticity of the documents. [redacted] met with [redacted] and advised [redacted] to travel to Niger attempting to gain information regarding the documents. Additionally, [redacted] advised [redacted] to go to the U.S. Embassy and request feedback as to whether the documents were valid.

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[redacted] advised that he trusts his reporters and because of this he never inquired as to the identity of [redacted] source. To this day he does not know the source's identity.

To assist [redacted] contacted his source at [redacted] [redacted] advising [redacted] that [redacted] with information and an inquiry. [redacted] contacted [redacted] because [redacted] is well respected.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] received no information in Niger or from the U.S. Embassy. This caused him concern. [redacted] advised that he began to have a "bad feeling" and did not feel comfortable publishing a story. At this point [redacted] ordered the story cancelled.

When the story broke in another publication, [redacted] did not believe that it was related to the earlier information received from [redacted] source. When it became clear to him that the stories were related [redacted] he had very serious doubts regarding the information provided to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the only persons privy to this information were himself, [redacted] and [redacted] although [redacted] was not aware of any details concerning the information.

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[redacted] advised that he was not directed by anyone to contact the embassy and that decision was solely his decision. Additionally, there was no information or indications that would make [redacted] believe that either the U.S. Government nor Panorama Magazine was [redacted]

[redacted] believes that whoever was the originator of this information did not believe that Panorama would check this information as closely as they did.

[redacted] advised that in his opinion this information was provided for monetary gain.

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[redacted] has been a [redacted] and has worked for [redacted] He has been associated with [redacted]

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To: International Operations Attn: UC [redacted]  
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/04/2003

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Panorama Magazine for [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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To: International Operations Attn: UC [REDACTED]  
IOU1 Counterintelligence From: Rome  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 11/04/2003

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REASON: 1.4 (C)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/24/2003

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)  
(S) [redacted] (Pending)

(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);  
OO: WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3  
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(U) [redacted]

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

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(S) [redacted]	b3	[redacted]

(U) The above sub-file should be opened and assigned to SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/19/2003

To: Washington Field

Attn: ASAC [redacted]  
ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
W/SSA [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: SAC Edwin Worthington  
SSA [redacted]

Rome

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] Chief

Vienna

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

Paris

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence

[redacted] / Room 4133

Contact: SSA [redacted] Extension [redacted]

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Approved By: Berezney Timothy D *BT*

Borgia Stanley J. *Stanley*  
[redacted]

Drafted By:

[redacted] *wjz*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted]

(Pending) [redacted] (S)

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~~(U)~~ Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Details: Reference is made to the CD electronic communication (EC) dated 10/14/03. The EC updated previous reporting concerning captioned matter and requested further investigation by Legats Rome and Paris, [redacted] personnel, [redacted] FBI Headquarters believes the investigation is essential in providing an explanation for the events that occurred in September 2001, when the [redacted] introduced the information purporting an Iraq - Niger uranium transaction.

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Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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~~(S)~~ On 10/29/03, Legat Rome interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] Panorama Magazine, and re-interviewed [redacted]  
concerning the basis for the latter's contact with the  
American Embassy. [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Based on the above reports and other relevant  
investigation, FBI Headquarters assembled the below time-line as a  
ready-reference for recipients.

To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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(U) ~~(S)~~ October 9, 2002: [redacted] Panorama Magazine provided documents to Embassy Political Officer.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ September 4, 2003: Legat Rome interviewed [redacted] concerning the source of documents and basis for contacting the American Embassy.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ October 29, 2003: Legat Rome interviewed [redacted] [redacted] Panorama Magazine, and [redacted] concerning basis for the contact with the American Embassy.

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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[redacted] FBI Headquarters also desires the information as it prepares to respond to questions from the Congressional committees having an interest in the matter. The desired investigation would be:

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Follow-up contact with [redacted] for direct and expedite access to her source. (Legat Rome)

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] is in possession of [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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(U) 1. [redacted]

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(U) 2. [redacted]

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(U) 3. [redacted]

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(U) 4. [redacted]

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(U) 5. [redacted]

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(U) 6. [redacted]

[redacted]

(U) 7. [redacted]

[redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ For the information of [redacted] captioned matter was initiated at the request of the Director in response to [redacted]. The original objective of the investigation is [redacted].

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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~~(S)~~ The above documents surfaced on October 9, 2002, when an Italian journalist provided them to the American Embassy in Rome. The documents purport [redacted]

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[redacted] The documents included references to [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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(U) Questions concerning this matter are to be directed to  
SSA [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/19/2003

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**LEAD (s) :**

**Set Lead 1: (Action)**

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

(S) ~~(S)~~ Contact the [redacted] for available background information as discussed above. b1  
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(S) ~~(S)~~ Expeditiously conduct interviews [redacted] as discussed above.

**Set Lead 2: (Action)**

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] assist Washington Field with the investigation as discussed above.

**Set Lead 3: (Action)**

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT BAGHDAD, IRAQ

(S) ~~(S)~~ For [redacted] [redacted] as discussed in this EC. b1  
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**Set Lead 4: (Action)**

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(S) ~~(S)~~ Attempt to verify and obtain details concerning the [redacted] as discussed above. b1  
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(S) ~~(S)~~ Conduct follow-up contact with [redacted] for access to her source of the documents. [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

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To: Rome, From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [REDACTED], 11/19/2003

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Set Lead 5: (Action)

VIENNA

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

(S) ~~(S)~~ Expediently attempt to locate [REDACTED] and  
advise [REDACTED] through FBI Headquarters.

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Set Lead 6: (Info)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(U) None. For information only.

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AG-35

[redacted] (S)

3 December 2003

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Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government  
to obtain Uranium from Niger

Urgent Request

[redacted] is investigation the circumstances surrounding the purported attempt by the  
Government of Iraq to obtain uranium from the Nigerian Government. [redacted]

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[redacted] As this matter is urgent, we  
kindly request a response at the earliest possible opportunity.

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REASON: 1.4 (C)  
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DATE: 11-05-2015

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and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
ALLEGED PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT INVOLVING  
IRAQ - NIGER URANIUM TRANSACTION ~~(S)~~ (U)  
Our file:  (S)

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1999 - 2000: The purported period of the uranium transaction  
between the Governments of Iraq and Niger. (U)

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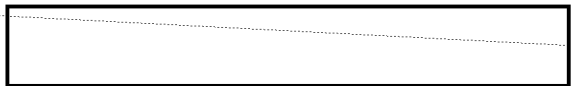


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Filed.....

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September 24, 2002:

[Redacted]

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October 1, 2002: The "National Intelligence Estimate" (NIE) was published. (U)

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[Redacted]

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October 9, 2002: [redacted] visited the American Embassy in Rome and provided 17 pages of documents. (U)

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Details: [redacted] is interviewed by the Political Officer who received the documents and maintained them under Department of State control. [redacted]

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Details: [redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted] The FBI reviewed the July 25, 2003, Panorama Magazine article by [redacted] with the introduction by [redacted]. The two journalists have been interviewed by the FBI. (September 4, 2003, [redacted] and October 29, 2003; [redacted] on October 29, 2002) [redacted]

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Issue: The identification and interview of [redacted] source is critical to verifying the above observation.

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October 11, 2002: An American Embassy, Rome, cable to the Department of State reported [redacted] had visited the Embassy.

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October 15, 2002 (approximately): Seventeen pages of documents were sent by facsimile from the American Embassy, Rome, to the Department of State. ~~(S)~~

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January 28, 2003: The President of the United States issued his "State of the Union" address. (U)

Issue: Subsequent to the address, media reports in the United States suggested that [redacted] documents were the source of the 16-word reference in the address to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction capability. The observation follows the media reports [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

March 3, 2003: The Iraq Nuclear Verification Organization of the International Atomic Energy Agency provided its analysis of [redacted] documents to [redacted] Department of State.

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(S) [redacted]

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Details: The documents are evaluated to be fraudulent. (U)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/12/2004

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

IT-4

Contact: SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: CM [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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);  
OO: WFO

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Request authority to [redacted]

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

(U) [redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ Captioned [redacted] No  
investigation has been conducted since that date. FBIHQ  
Counterintelligence Division (CD) directed WFO to open this  
investigation. WFO has completed all investigation possible at  
WFO. There are remaining leads overseas, and CD has directed WFO  
to keep captioned investigation open. Therefore, authority is  
requested to [redacted]

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01/12/2004

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01/14/04  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/14/2004

To: Counterintelligence  
Paris  
Rome  
Washington Field

Attn: [redacted] SC Stan Borgia  
SSA [redacted]  
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]  
A/ASAC-CI [redacted]

From: Washington Field  
IT-4

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *ps/rom*

Drafted By: *CMP* [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

(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);  
OO: WFO

Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Results of re-interviews of [redacted] (S)

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

(U) [redacted]  
[redacted]

Reference: (S) [redacted]

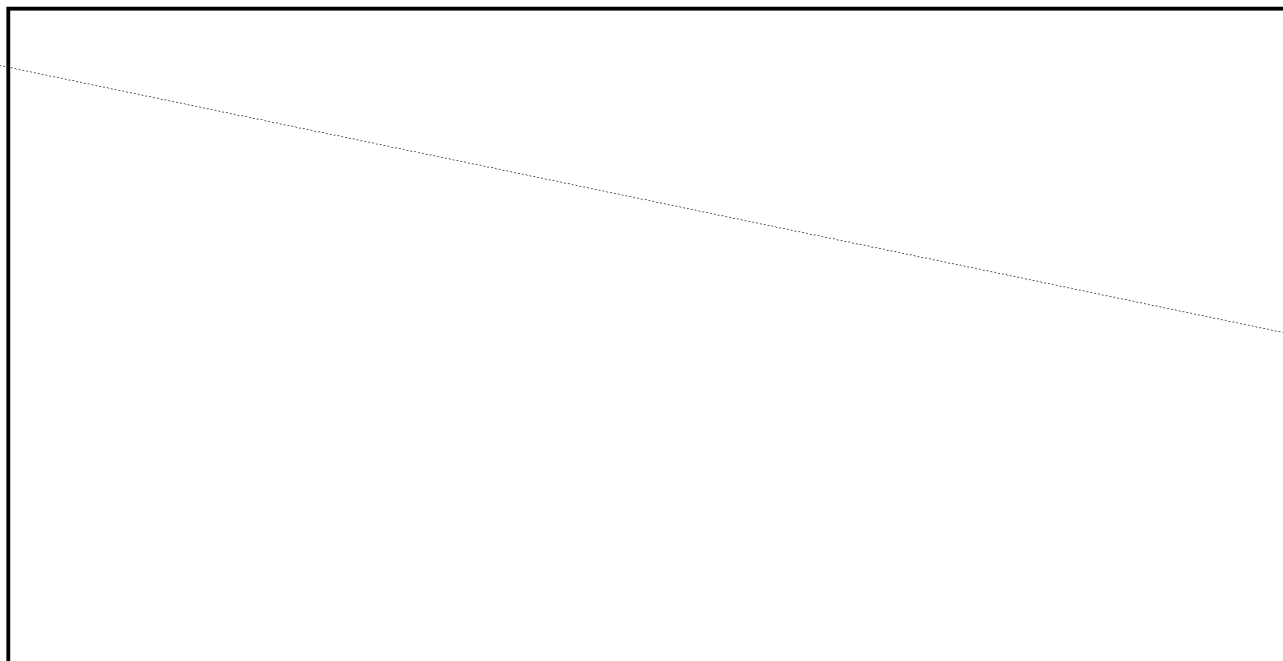
(S) [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 01/14/2004

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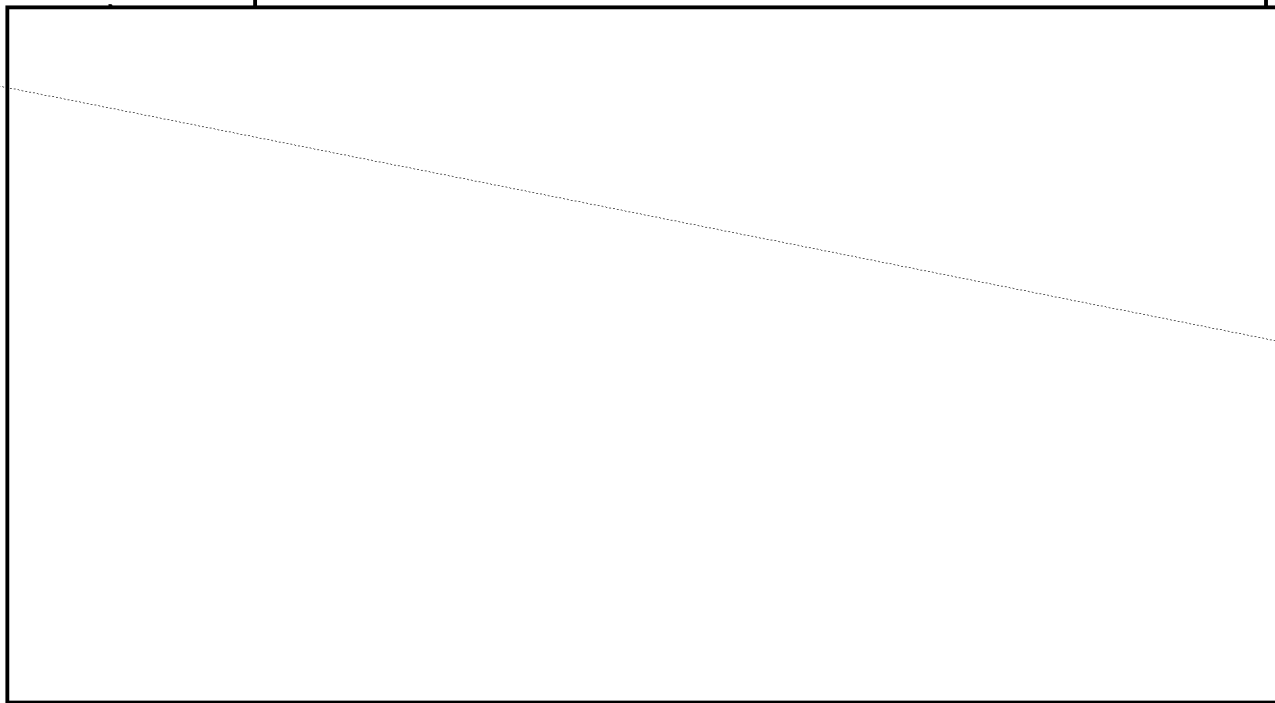


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(S) Referenced serial [redacted] page three, states that [redacted] advised Legat Rome that she received the documents from her source on 10/07/2002. [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 01/14/2004

(S) ~~(S)~~ Referenced serial [redacted] page three, states that

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(S) [redacted]

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[redacted] WFO considers this lead covered.

(S) [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 01/14/2004

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(S) [redacted]

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[redacted] This lead is considered covered.

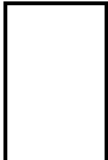
(S) (S) As noted in referenced serial [redacted] captioned investigation was initiated due to an inquiry made by the U.S. Congress as to the possibility that the false information was part of a perception management campaign by an unnamed foreign government to influence the President's decision to invade Iraq. Therefore, serial [redacted] set a lead for the CD to identify the Member(s) of Congress/Congressional staffers who made the inquiry, and grant authority for WFO to interview them. The purpose of the interview(s) [redacted]

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[redacted]. This lead is still outstanding.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, DC 20535  
January 27, 2004

(U) [Redacted]

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(S) File Number: [Redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ USPER \_\_\_ Presumed USPER X Non-USPER \_\_\_

(U) ~~(S)~~ Individual \_\_\_ Group \_\_\_ Unknown X

(U) ~~(S)~~ Subject's Name: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)

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

(U) ~~(S)~~ [Redacted]  
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(U) ~~(S)~~ Predication for Initiation:  
Per AGG/NSI Part II.B.1.:

[Redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ WFO was directed by FBIHQ to initiate this investigation. Predication: The Director received a letter from a Member(s) of Congress requesting that the FBI investigate the possibility that false information regarding an alleged deal between Iraq and Niger (in which Iraq allegedly attempted to purchase uranium from Niger) was part of a perception management campaign by an unnamed foreign government to influence the President's decision to invade Iraq.

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REASON: 1.4 (C)  
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2029  
DATE: 11-05-2015

Derived From : ~~G-3~~  
Declassify On: ~~X1~~

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Sensitive National Security Matter

X Any other matter which, in the judgement of the official authorization an investigation, should be brought to the attention of FBIHQ and other DOJ officials

(U) ~~(S)~~ The predication (see above) of this investigation was a request from a Member(s) of Congress.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/27/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn:

[Redacted]

SSA

[Redacted]

From: Washington Field

IT-4

Contact: SA [Redacted]

Approved By:

[Redacted]

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Drafted By:

*Cmp*

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Case ID #: (S)

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*cmp*

(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);  
OO: WFO

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~

Provides required

[Redacted]

LHM.

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Derived From : ~~G-3~~  
Declassify On: ~~X1~~

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(U) Reference: ~~(S)~~

66F-HQ-C1384970 Serial 5872

(U) Enclosure(s): ~~(S)~~

[Redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~

As required by referenced serial, enclosed is the  
required [Redacted] LHM for dissemination to DOJ.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 01/27/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) [redacted] is requested to disseminate the enclosed LHM  
to DOJ as appropriate.

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AG-11 (Our File [redacted])

1 March 2004

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Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government  
to obtain Uranium from Niger

**Urgent Request**

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REASON: 1.4 (C)  
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DATE: 11-05-2015

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/01/2004

To: International Operations  
Rome  
Counterterrorism

Attn: IO 1  
Attn: Legat [redacted]  
Attn: SSA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

SA [redacted]  
IA [redacted]  
Attn: SSA [redacted]  
[redacted] Room

Washington Field

4113 SSA [redacted]  
Attn: SSA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

From: Vienna

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] *MSB*

Drafted By: [redacted] : spw *SM* (S)

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

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*(U)* Title: ~~(S)~~ Unknown Subject (s);  
Possible Perception Management  
Activity Directed Against the U.S.  
Government;  
False Information Provided to the U.S.  
Government re: Iraqi Effort to Obtain  
Uranium from Niger  
FCI - Perception Management

*(U)* Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To respond to lead set forth by  
Counterintelligence.

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

Reference: (S) [redacted]  
(S) [redacted]

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*B- Pls. mark all leads covered Txs.*

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*(S)*  
*068 lbs v2 cc*  
*ecbci*

To: International Operations From: Vienna  
Re: (S) [redacted] 03/01/2004

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(U) Vienna considers leads in referenced communications to be covered.

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To: International Operations From: Vienna  
Re: (S)  03/01/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

All Receiving Offices

(U) For information. Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/10/2004

To: Counterintelligence  
Washington Field

Attn: [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
Attn: Media Office  
Attn: IT-4  
SA [redacted]

From: Washington Field  
Squad CI-9  
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] [signature]

Drafted By: [redacted] acr

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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);  
OO: WF

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To document contact by writer regarding the  
captioned matter and to request FBIHQ concurrence to interview  
writer for additional information regarding captioned matter.

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

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(U) [redacted]

(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ On 03/09/2004, SA [redacted] was contacted by [redacted]  
who gave her name as [redacted] (PHONETIC). [redacted] wanted to  
speak to SA [redacted] regarding the captioned matter, indicating she  
had additional information SA [redacted] may not be aware exists. SA  
[redacted] advised [redacted] he could not confirm the existence of such a  
case nor if he was assigned to such a case and inquired how [redacted]  
obtained his name. [redacted] claimed she had "a Bureau source." SA

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SA [redacted] [signature]  
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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 03/10/2004

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[redacted] pressed for additional details but [redacted] declined to elaborate.

(U) ~~(S)~~ SA [redacted] invited [redacted] to the Washington Field Office so the information [redacted] claimed to have could be discussed in a secure setting. [redacted] declined the invitation and insisted the meeting take place at a nearby coffee shop. SA [redacted] indicated he would re-contact [redacted] if an interview of [redacted] was necessary. SA [redacted] reiterated that the meeting would be an interview where [redacted] would provide SA [redacted] whatever information she may possess regarding the captioned matter and SA [redacted] would not be in a position to answer questions or provide any information. SA [redacted] obtained [redacted] telephone number and the call was ended.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ SA [redacted] spoke with SSA [redacted] who indicated that he did not have an issue with SA [redacted] interviewing [redacted] but that the issue should be raised and approved by SA [redacted] chain of command. SA [redacted] then spoke to the WFO Media Coordinator, SSA [redacted] and ASAC [redacted] and relayed the aforementioned details. All agreed that an interview would be in order to account for any potential additional information heretofore unknown regarding the captioned matter. It was also agreed that [redacted]

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[redacted] SA [redacted] will re-contact [redacted] and attempt to set up an interview.

(U) ~~(S)~~ SA [redacted] will ascertain any pertinent information [redacted] may possess as well as attempt to identify the referenced "Bureau source" and document the interview to the captioned case file.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 03/10/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] will authorize the interview of [redacted]  
by WFO regarding the information [redacted] claims to possess  
regarding the captioned matter.

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DATE:

4/18/04

TO:

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FROM:

LEGAT ROME

RE:

File Number

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Attached are following **ORIGINAL SERIALS** for your file.

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[Large Redacted Area]

~~SA~~

~~LETTER~~  
~~FBI~~

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/16/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
[redacted] SSA [redacted]

Paris  
Rome  
Washington Field

Attn: LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: ASAC-IT [redacted]  
ASAC-CI [redacted]

From: Washington Field  
IT-4

Contact: SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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);  
OO: WFO

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Results of re-interview of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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

(U) [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Reference: (S) [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

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*Embassy of the United States of America*

Office of the Legal Attache  
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London, W1A 1AE

File No. #4 [redacted] (S)  
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29 April 2004

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(S) [redacted]

**URGENT / TIME SENSITIVE**

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) POSSIBLE PERCEPTION  
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN TO  
ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING  
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO  
OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

Reference is made to my letters to you dated 20 June 2003, 23 June 2003, and 9  
October 2003, captioned as above, requesting your assistance in [redacted]  
prepared by [redacted]  
[redacted]

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As you are aware [redacted]  
[redacted]

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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In support of this effort, FBIHQ again requests assistance in determining:

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As always, the assistance of [Redacted] is greatly appreciated.

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For: [Redacted]  
Legal Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 05/17/2004

To: Counterintelligence  
Counterterrorism

Attn: [redacted] Section / Rm 4058

SSA [redacted]

Attn: UC R. [redacted]

[redacted] Rm 4972

IOS [redacted]

International Operations

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]

From: London

Contact: ALAT [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jh

(S) Case ID #: (S) [redacted]

(Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: (S) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT;  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RE: IRAQI  
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER  
FCI- PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

(S) [redacted]

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

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(U) Details: (S) In referenced EC, dated April 28, 2004, Legat was  
provided with the results of [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

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REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)  
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(S) To: Counterintelligence From: London  
Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 05/17/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Read and clear.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/15/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn:

[Redacted] UC [Redacted]  
[Redacted] SSA [Redacted]

From: Washington Field

[Redacted]  
Contact: SA [Redacted]

Approved By:

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Drafted By:

CM [Redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S)

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(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);  
OO: WFO

*Approved  
6/18/04  
[Signature]*

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~

Requests FBIHO authority to [Redacted]

[Redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~

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Reference: (S)

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Details: ~~(S)~~ All logical investigation has been conducted in  
furtherance of captioned matter. Referenced serial [Redacted] from CD

[Redacted]

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Re: (S) [redacted] 06/15/2004

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~~(S)~~ FBIHQ authority is requested to extend  
captioned [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 06/15/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) [redacted] ~~(S)~~ [redacted] is requested to [redacted]  
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[redacted] (WF) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 12:25 PM

To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: [redacted]-Iraq/Niger case

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Importance: High

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RECORDED [redacted]

[redacted]

(S) The attached is serial [redacted] of the Iraq/Niger case, and requests FBIHQ authority [redacted]

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Sorry for the rush [redacted]

and I'll print out the message and put it in the file, and then [redacted]

Thanks.

[redacted]

~~DERIVED FROM: G-3 FBI Classification Guide G-3, dated 1/97, Foreign CounterIntelligence Investigations  
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[Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 12:48 PM

To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [Redacted]

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(S) ~~SECRET~~  
~~RECORD~~ [Redacted]

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Thank you for your serial reference regarding [Redacted] request, I was not aware of that previous request since I just stepped into the picture.

Based on our recent e-mails which provide [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Please keep us in your copy count for this request and we will assist as needed.

[Redacted]

Thanks.  
UC [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 9:32 AM  
To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

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(S) ~~SECRET~~  
~~RECORD~~ [Redacted]

[Redacted]

The only remaining investigation at WFO is to interview [Redacted]

(S) [Redacted]

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In terms of [Redacted]

(S) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

(S) [Redacted] anv  
information he provides during an FBI interview [Redacted]

(S) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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6/16/2004



-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 8:12 AM  
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: [redacted]

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As you are aware [redacted]

(S)

It is important that WFO provide the status of the investigations pending at WFO so a determination can be made [redacted]

[redacted] Please contact me today with this information in lieu of SSA [redacted] since [redacted] is not available this week.

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[redacted]  
Unit Chief  
[redacted]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/17/2004

To: Counterintelligence  
Rome

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
[redacted] SSA [redacted]  
Attn: LEGAT

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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);  
OO: WFO

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Sets lead for Rome to advise of status of  
discussions with Italian journalist [redacted] regarding  
the [redacted]

[redacted]

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

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 06/17/2004

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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~ As LEGAT Rome is well-aware, referenced serial [redacted] set a lead for LEGAT Rome to continue contacts with the Italian journalist [redacted]

[redacted] coordinate an interview with WFO. Within the past week, WFO has received [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

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[redacted] CD has directed WFO to coordinate with LEGAT Rome to have [redacted]

(S) [redacted] WFO respects [redacted] that [redacted]

(S) [redacted] Therefore, a lead is being set for LEGAT Rome to advise WFO and CD as to the status of its discussions with [redacted] regarding [redacted]

(U) WFO greatly appreciates all of LEGAT Rome's work and assistance in captioned matter.

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 06/17/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME

(U) ~~(S)~~ LEGAT Rome is requested to advise WFO and CD of  
the status of its discussions with Italian journalist  
[redacted] regarding the identity of the individual who

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/18/2004

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence  
[redacted]

Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jjc

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

Serial [redacted] (S)

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

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ [redacted]  
[redacted] Also, referenced leads covered.

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

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ FBIHQ authorizes [redacted]  
[redacted] Prior to interviewing [redacted]  
[redacted] WFO should obtain FBIHQ approval of questions  
to be posed to the subjects.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ 07/31/2003, SSA [redacted] addressed the  
issues regarding the interview of [redacted]  
via FBI e-mail to SACs Michael Rolince and Ronald Nesbitt.

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted], 06/18/2004

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(S) covered. (S) [redacted] considers leads on Serials [redacted]

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To: Washington Field From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [REDACTED], 06/18/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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[REDACTED] Prior to interviewing [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WFO should obtain FBIHQ approval of questions to  
be posed to the subjects.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/20/2004

To: International Operations  
Washington Field

Attn: IO 1  
Attn: ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] Section, A/SC [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
UC [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]

From: Vienna

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] *Na*

Drafted By: [redacted]: spw *sw*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] Pending)

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(U) 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

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide results of investigation in Austria.

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

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To: International Operations From: Vienna  
Re: (S)  07/20/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/05/2004

To: International Operations

Attn: UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
LS [redacted]

Attn: Language Specialist [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Stanley Borgia,  
Unit Chief [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: UC [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *3/6*

Drafted By: [redacted] bef

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(U) 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

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide results of investigation in Italy.

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

Reference: (S) [redacted]  
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*WFC*

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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/05/2004

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(S) ~~Administrative:~~ (S) Referenced Serial [redacted]  
(S) [redacted], per a directive given by [redacted] to Legat Rome  
(S) on 07/23/2004. Serials [redacted] report on previous contacts by Legat Rome [redacted]

(U) ~~Enclosure(s):~~ (S) Enclosed for Language Services are photocopies of the Italian newspaper articles that are rough draft translated below.

Details: (S) As the Counterintelligence (CI) Office of International Operations (OIO) and Washington Field Office (WFO) is aware, at the direction of CI, [redacted]

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(S) [redacted]

(S) [redacted]

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(U) (S) On Wednesday of the present week, 08/04/2004, [redacted] identity was divulged in the Italian major daily newspapers. Legat Rome has prepared rough draft translations of those articles. Legat Rome wishes to emphasize that these articles are rough draft translations and should not be relied upon until authenticated, or, modified by the final translations that will come from the Language Services Section. Hereafter are the aforementioned newspaper articles:

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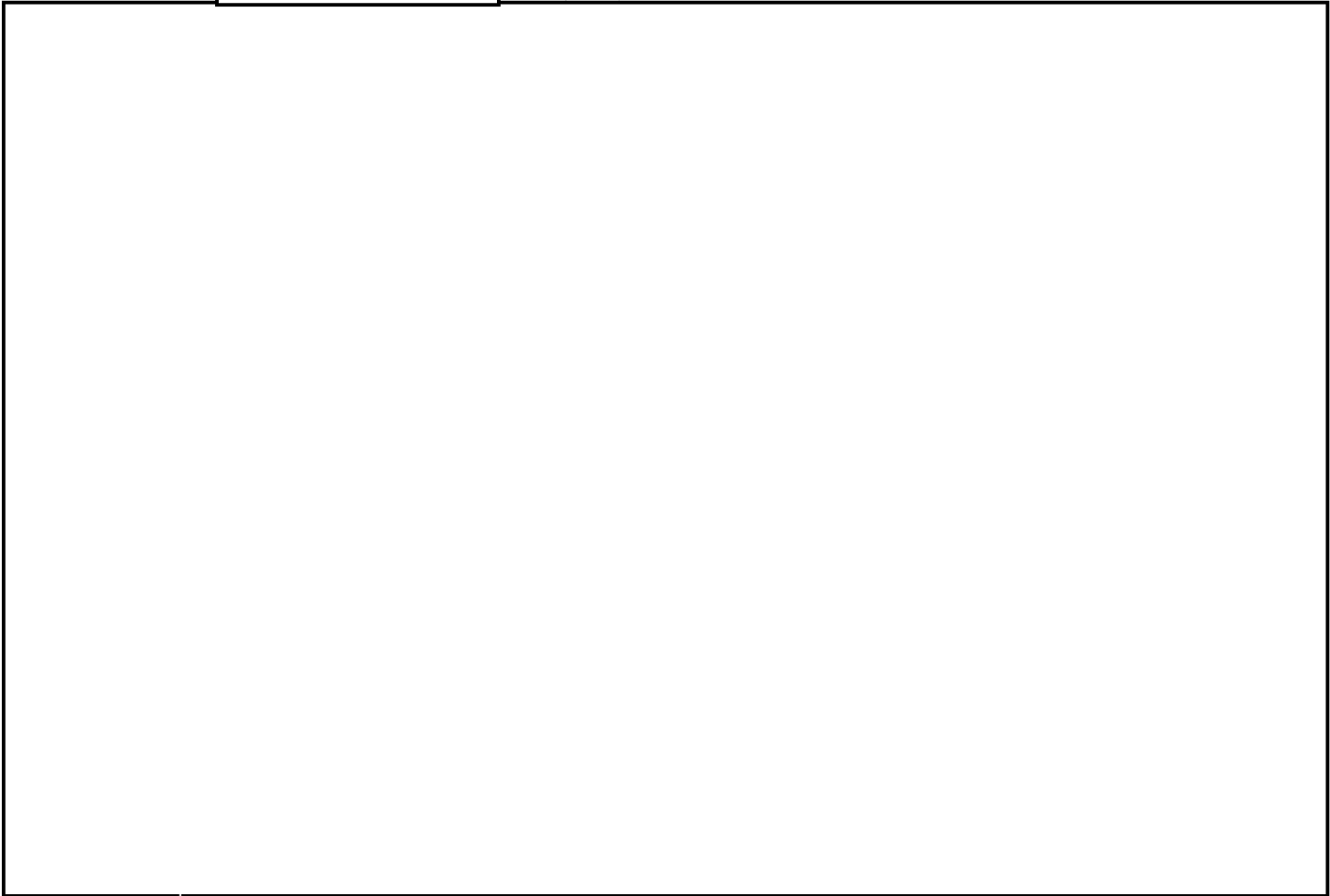
(U) (S) The first article is from the Italian daily newspaper, L'Unità. Although all the following newspaper articles clearly fall within the public domain, [redacted]

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(U) (S) Begin translation:

To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/05/2004

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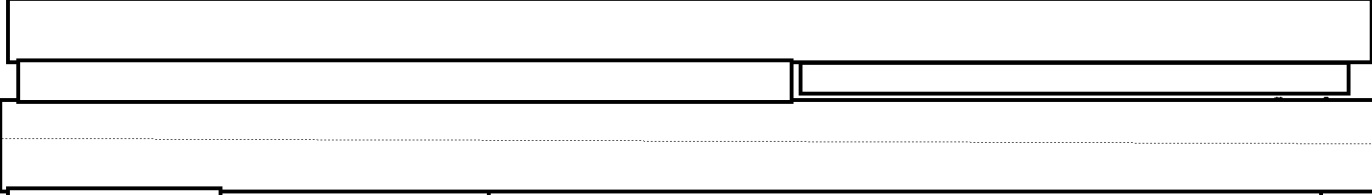


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(U) ~~(S)~~ End translation:

~~(S)~~ As Receiving Offices will note, referenced in the Italian press coverage is the interview that [redacted] granted to the London Financial Times, the text of which was provided to CI and WFO on 08/05/2004. It is Legat Rome's opinion that [redacted]

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[redacted] The articles [redacted]  
[redacted]



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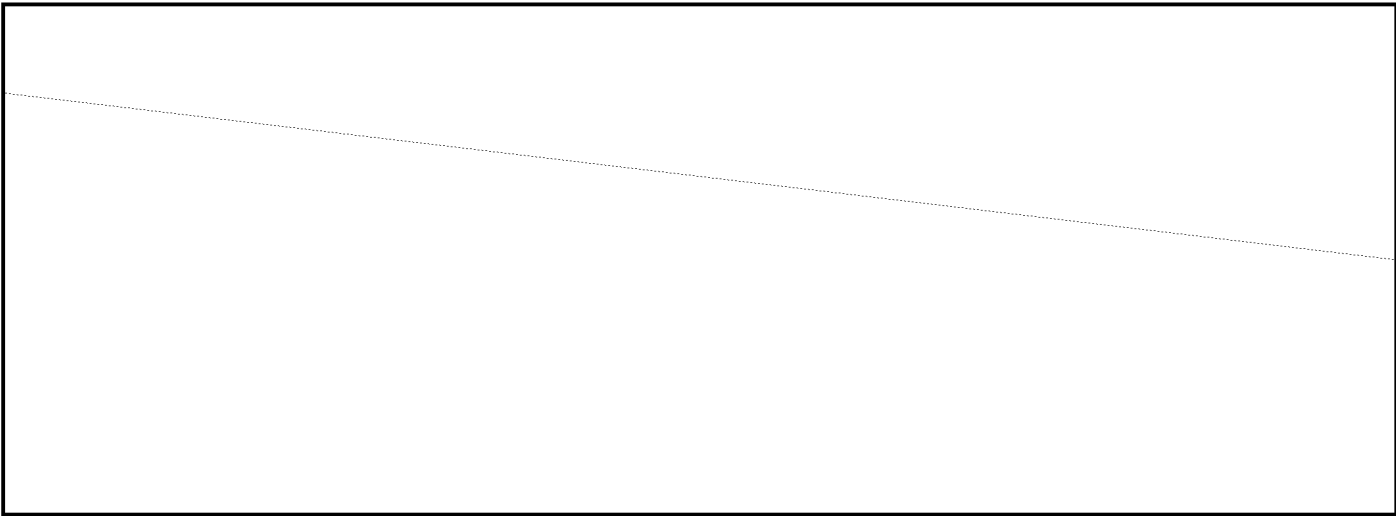
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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 08/05/2004

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~~(S)~~ Legat Rome looks forward to continuing to work closely with CI and WFO on this matter. Legat Rome will keep receiving offices apprized of all developments in this matter in a very timely manner. Investigation at Legat Rome continuing.

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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 08/05/2004

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L'Unità  
Rome, Italy  
pages 1 and 11  
(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Date: 08/04/2004  
Edition: Morning

Title: False Nigerian Uranium:  
Italian Swindler revealed

Character: Counter-proliferation  
or  
Classification: [redacted] b1 b3  
Submitting Office: Legat Rome (S)

Indexing:  


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# Falso uranio del Niger:

## svelato il «bidone» italiano

*I magistrati identificano l'autore del dossier:*

*è Rocco Martino, un «faccendiere» espulso dai servizi*

ROMA Il traffico di uranio tra Niger e Iraq? Una patacca rifilata da uno spione di serie B al settimanale "Panorama". Tutte false, inventate le prove che servirono da pretesto per la guerra contro l'Iraq. Lo spione ora ha un nome: è Rocco Martino un passato tra le fila del Sid, il vecchio servizio segreto italiano. Una catena di bufale e bidoni arrivata fino a Bush. La procura di Roma interrogherà nei prossimi giorni il "fantasioso" faccendiere.

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ORIGINAL SERIAL

CIPRIANI A PAGINA 11

*BCF*

Avrebbe fabbricato le prove con la complicità di un funzionario del Niger. Un passato nel Sid, confidente del Sismi fino al '99

# Uno spione di serie B fabbricò le prove contro l'Iraq

Identificato l'uomo del falso dossier uranio: è Rocco Martino, «faccendiere» dei servizi

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Gianni Cipriani

**ROMA** Un passato remoto da funzionario del Sid, il vecchio servizio segreto italiano degli anni Settanta; un passato prossimo da confidente del Sismi fino al 1999. Un presente da «free lance» dell'intelligence con contatti con diversi servizi segreti stranieri, nonché fonte - come nel caso del settimanale Panorama - per servizi o scoop giornalistici. La figura di Rocco Martino, l'uomo che con il falso dossier sul presunto traffico di uranio tra Niger e Iraq ha fornito il più ghiotto dei pretesti per giustificare la guerra voluta da Bush e Blair, è dunque un personaggio dai contorni piuttosto inquietanti, inserito a pieno titolo in quel sottobosco degli 007, laddove il confine tra informazioni riservate e «patacche», tra bufale e verità è assai incerto. Un mondo per certi versi non lontano da quello che si è manifestato intorno al caso TeleKom-Serbia. Ed infatti, da quanto era già emerso a margine degli accertamenti disposti dal Comitato di controllo sui Servizi segreti, è stato proprio Rocco Martino, in virtù di un rapporto consolidato, a fornire il falso dossier sull'uranio al settimanale di proprietà del presidente del consiglio.

Come si ricorderà nell'estate-autunno del 2002, quando gli «alleati» erano alla caccia di prove che inchiodassero Saddam Hussein, nel mercato delle informazioni cominciò a circolare nuovamente un dossier in parte vero, in parte contenente informazioni clamorosamente errate, che avrebbero dovuto rappresentare la prova-provata del fatto che il regime irachenese comprando uranio dal Niger. Proprio per la sua inattendibilità alcuni 007 avevano considerato quei documenti poco più che carta straccia. Anzi alcuni servizi segreti, tra cui il Sismi, avevano escluso che esistessero prove di tale commercio. Il dossier a quel punto finì nelle mani di Panorama che decise di consegnarlo «per riscontrarne la veridicità» all'Ambasciata Usa di Roma. Da qui le carte furono trasmesse a Washington. Cosa sia successo a quel punto non è ancora chiaro. Certo è che di lì a poco la vicenda dell'uranio divenne una «verità» sbandierata per giustificare la guerra.

Da quel che si è potuto capire Rocco Martino avrebbe fabbricato il dossier con la complicità di un funzionario dell'ambasciata del Niger. Forse perché, con il clima internazionale del periodo, il «commercio» di documenti avrebbe potuto rivelarsi un ottimo affare.

Martino, intervistato dal Sunday Times ha cercato di dare la colpa al Sismi, sostenendo di essere in buona fede e di essere stato attirato in una trappola. In realtà il Comitato di controllo ha già accertato che l'uomo, come detto, era da tempo sul mercato dell'intelligence e offriva le sue informazioni al miglior offerente. Ciò sarebbe testimoniato dal fatto che Martino, proprio perché agiva autonomamente, avrebbe offerto i suoi documenti sia ai servizi segreti russi che a quelli francesi. Insomma, un intrigo internazionale per una vicenda che ha avuto tragiche ripercussioni.

Tra l'altro, secondo alcuni fonti di intelligence riprese dal Financial Times, dal 1999 Rocco Martino sarebbe diventato una fonte del servizio segreto estero francese, con il compito proprio di monitorare la vicenda dell'uranio e del Niger. Secondo queste fonti, Martino sarebbe stato regolarmente stipendiato dai francesi attraverso l'ambasciata di Bruxelles. Agli 007 di Parigi, proprio a partire dal 1999, Martino avrebbe fornito un documento in cui ipotizzava l'esistenza di un possibile «commercio» tra Iraq e Niger. Un rapporto che aveva allertato tutti i servizi segreti occidentali. In seguito, però, l'uomo avrebbe fornito anche ai francesi documenti assolutamente inattendibili.

Insomma, stando a quello che emerge, Rocco Martino aveva lavorato per più servizi segreti, spesso mostrandosi poco affidabile. Per queste ragioni era stato allontanato dal Sid; per le stesse ragioni nel 1999 il Sismi chiuse con lui ogni rapporto anche come confidente e per lo stesso motivo, dopo una fase iniziale, l'uomo avrebbe inviato agli 007 francesi notizie che poi si sarebbero verificate non attendibili.

Ecco dunque una parte del retroscena della guerra all'Iraq. Il resto dovrà essere accertato sia dalla procura di Roma, che ha da tempo aperto un fascicolo, che dal Comitato di controllo sui servizi segreti. Ma è chiaro che siamo di fronte ad una catena incredibile di falsi, bufale e voci che sono rimbalzate per mezzo mondo fino a finire nei discorsi ufficiali di Bush e nelle dichiarazioni di Berlusconi. E ciò nonostante la parte più avvertita dell'intelligence avesse messo in guardia dal rischio di bufale. Sembra davvero una riedizione di Telekom-Serbia. Solo che il falso dossier messo in giro da Rocco Martino è stato utilizzato per giustificare la guerra. Con le conseguenze tragiche che tutti conosciamo.

Oggi rifila scoop alla stampa. Sarebbe stato anche a libro paga degli 007 francesi in cambio delle informazioni ”

La procura di Roma lo sentirà nei prossimi giorni. Una catena incredibile di falsi e bufale arrivata fino a Bush ”

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## la cronologia

- **Gennaio 2001:** il Sismi prepara un rapporto, giudicato inaffidabile, su una possibile compravendita di uranio tra Iraq e Niger.
- **24 settembre 2002:** per Tony Blair Saddam Hussein ha tentato acquistare uranio in Africa. Si sospetta del Niger.
- **ottobre 2002:** «Panorama», il settimanale di Berlusconi, per volontà del direttore Carlo Rossella, consegna all'ambasciata Usa di Roma un dossier, giudicato falso, con le prove della compravendita.
- **19 dicembre 2002:** gli Usa fanno per la prima volta il nome del Niger.
- **7 marzo 2003:** Muhammad al-Baradai, direttore dell'Aiea, rivela che i documenti sulla vendita di uranio «non sono autentici».
- **15 marzo 2003:** il «Los Angeles Times» rivela che il dossier era stato acquistato dall'Intelligence italiana che poi lo aveva girato ai colleghi britannici e americani.
- **22 marzo 2003:** il segretario di Stato Colin Powell ammette che la Cia aveva messo in guardia Bush sull'autenticità dei documenti.
- **6 luglio 2003:** Joseph C. Wilson, dopo avere indagato in Niger per conto della Cia, dice che il caso è una montatura.
- **8 luglio 2003:** la Casa Bianca riconosce l'errore sull'affare dell'uranio e lo imputa alla Cia.
- **16 luglio 2003:** «La Repubblica» rivela che, nell'ottobre del 2001, fu un diplomatico africano a vendere al Sismi il dossier.
- **1 agosto 2004:** l'inglese «Sunday Times» accusa il Sismi di avere fabbricato il dossier; a diffonderlo sarebbe stato un tale Giacomo, informatore dei servizi. Il governo italiano smentisce.



Rocco Martino ripreso a Bruxelles nei giorni scorsi

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# La procura di Roma indaga sul falso dossier del commercio di uranio con Baghdad

# Si riapre in Italia il caso Nigergate

## Palazzo Chigi smentisce il «Sunday Times», che aveva chiamato in causa il Sismi

**ROMA** ■ Finisce nel mirino della procura di Roma la vicenda del Nigergate, il falso dossier su un presunto traffico di uranio tra il Niger e l'Irak di Saddam Hussein. I magistrati inquirenti della capitale sentiranno nei prossimi giorni Rocco Martino, un imprenditore italiano che, secondo il «Financial Times», «ha ammesso di aver fatto della vendita di informazione una vera e propria carriera». Un fascicolo è stato già aperto dal pubblico ministero Franco Ionta.

La vicenda è riemersa domenica scorsa, dopo la pubblicazione sul «Sunday Times» di una conversazione con Martino che sostiene di essere in possesso di un Cd-rom con le «prove di quello che lui dice essere un complotto ispirato dal Governo italiano per cercare di incastrare l'Irak per aver cercato di acquisire clandestinamente materiale nucleare».

È partita subito la nota di Palazzo Chigi, che sottolinea come «nessun documento, né direttamente né in forma mediata, è stato mai consegnato ad alcuno, né tantomeno sono state

svolte attività o intese con chicchessia». Martino, che nel colloquio con il «Sunday Times» si fa chiamare "Giacomo", dice di essere un ex componente delle forze armate italiane e sostiene che sarebbe stato il Sismi a falsificare i documenti, giunti a lui attraverso un funzionario dell'ambasciata nigerina a Roma.

In realtà Martino è stato un collaboratore dei servizi segreti soltanto temporaneamente e all'epoca del Sid, vale a dire negli anni 70.

La faccenda dei dossier è invece molto complessa ma non è così recente come appare. Dovrebbe risalire, infatti, perlomeno al 2000: ben prima, dunque, dell'11 settembre 2001. Non solo: alcuni osservatori ritengono che il riemergere della polemica dei dossier falsi sull'uranio — una questione sulla quale ha dovuto fare pubblicamente

retromarcia il presidente degli Stati Uniti, George Bush — non sarebbe nient'altro che una pressione di alcuni gruppi elettorali anti-neocons, in vista delle elezioni americane.

La vicenda sarebbe nata da un'operazione dell'intelligence francese, che sorvegliava la produzione in Niger di uranio. Non solo la Francia, ma gli 007 dei principali Paesi industrializzati erano in allerta contro l'eventuale commercio clandestino di uranio a scopo di produzioni di ordigni nucleari. Questa situazione avrebbe alimentato un «mercato di documenti» nato, dunque, ben prima della guerra all'Irak. E sembra che Rocco Martino a partire almeno dal 1999 abbia avuto incontri regolari con funzionari dell'intelligence francese a Bruxelles. Inizialmente Martino avrebbe fornito documenti autentici che ri-

velavano come l'Irak potesse avere il progetto di espandere il commercio con il Niger. Questa documentazione, d'un colpo, acquisì un valore enorme: si poteva ipotizzare, infatti, che questo commercio potesse riguardare l'uranio, che rappresenta la principale esportazione del Niger.

A questo punto, secondo alcune ricostruzioni confermate dal «Financial Times», i funzionari francesi chiesero a Martino ulteriori informazioni e da lì prese il via l'ipotesizzato «mercato dei documenti» che, secondo alcuni funzionari dell'intelligence, sarebbero stati creati nel 2000.

Insomma: se questo commercio di documenti è cominciato quattro anni fa, non si comprende perché sarebbero stati falsificati ad hoc per giustificare l'invasione in Irak. Inoltre, sostengono esperti di intelligence, se fossero stati falsificati addirittura da un servizio di sicurezza nazionale non ci sarebbero state quelle numerose incongruenze rilevate dalla Aiea; l'agenzia Onu sull'energia atomica.

MARCO LUDOVICO

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**DOCUMENTI SUL URANIO E IRAQ**

# Nigergate, dall'ex 007 dossier falsi anche ai francesi

ROMA — Altre carte sul *Nigergate* sarebbero state consegnate ai servizi segreti francesi. E al centro dell'affaire che ormai da un anno coinvolge l'amministrazione degli Stati Uniti e il governo britannico, c'è ancora una volta Rocco Martino, l'ex 007 italiano che un anno fa ha veicolato il falso dossier sulla vendita di uranio dal Niger all'Iraq. Una decina di giorni fa l'uomo ha incontrato a Bruxelles un emissario dell'intelligence di Parigi. E a lui potrebbe aver fornito nuovi documenti.

La storia è nota. Il 28 gennaio 2003, durante il discorso sullo stato dell'Unione, il presidente George W. Bush dichiarò di essere in possesso di informazioni che provavano l'acquisto da parte di Saddam Hussein di uranio da utilizzare per scopi militari. Era una «bufala», come si scoprì appena qualche mese dopo. L'affermazione si basava su atti manipolati. Il dossier sull'acquisto del mate-



Rocco Martino sarà sentito dai pm romani

riale proibito era stato consegnato proprio da Martino a una giornalista del settimanale *Panorama* che disse di non pubblicarlo, ma ne consegnò una copia all'ambasciata Usa di Roma che poi lo girò alla Cia. Quelle carte furono utilizzate per giustificare l'intervento militare in Iraq alla ricerca di armi di distruzione di massa.

Nei prossimi giorni Martino sarà interrogato dai magistrati della Procura di Roma. Il suo nome è noto alle cro-

nache giudiziarie. Ex ufficiale del Sid, poi passato al Sismi come consulente, fu condannato nel 1985 per una serie di falsi e truffe. I suoi rapporti con il servizio segreto militare si sarebbero interrotti nel 1999 quando è stato ritenuto «fonte non attendibile». Lui lo nega. Anzi, in un'intervista rilasciata tre giorni fa al *Financial Times* ha sostenuto che fu proprio il Sismi a consegnargli il «dossier patacca». Immediata è arrivata la smentita di palazzo Chigi: «Nessun documento, né direttamente né in forma mediata, è stato mai consegnato o fatto consegnare ad alcuno, né tantomeno, di conseguenza, sono state svolte attività o intese con chicchessia».

I pubblici ministeri, che un anno fa hanno aperto un'inchiesta su questa vicenda, vogliono adesso accertare quale sia stato realmente il ruolo di Martino e soprattutto che tipo di rapporti abbia adesso con i servizi segreti d'Oltralpe.

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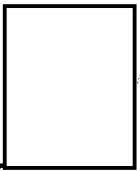
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U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORTS  
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FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (S);  
OO: WFO

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~~(S)~~ Synopsis: Summarizes investigation to date, and  
identifies WFO's remaining investigative plan for captioned  
investigation.

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~~(S)~~ Administrative: Reference 08/10/2004 call from [redacted] SSA  
[redacted] to WFO [redacted] SSA [redacted] Reference  
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[redacted] and WFO/ [redacted] SA [redacted] Reference 08/19/2004  
e-mail message from Rome A/Legat [redacted] to CD and WFO.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Enclosure(s): ~~(S)~~ Questions for Re-Interview of [redacted]  
[redacted] Questions for [redacted] Source/Sub-Source.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Details: ~~(S)~~ During referenced telcal, [redacted] SSA [redacted]  
[redacted] requested that WFO provide [redacted] with an EC stating  
WFO's remaining investigative plan for captioned case. During  
referenced meeting with UC [redacted] she made a similar request.  
Below is the information requested. All of this information  
has already been provided in previous serials, all of which  
are available on ACS.

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(U) Predication:

(U) ~~(S)~~ 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:

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[redacted] In 10/2002, an Italian journalist, [redacted]  
[redacted] 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.

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(U) FBI Investigation To Date:

~~(S)~~ Given the unusual circumstances of captioned matter, WFO Case Agents (CAs) [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] have conducted as thorough an investigation as possible. This thorough investigation would not have been possible without the outstanding work and assistance of Legats Rome, Paris, London, and Vienna, as well as [redacted] [redacted] personnel. Investigation included, but was not limited to, the following: [redacted]

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(U) Current Status:

~~(S)~~ It has been established that the documents provided by [redacted] to the USG in 10/2002 were forgeries, and that there was no deal between Iraq and Niger. Therefore, the leads previously set by former [redacted] SSA [redacted] to

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~~(S)~~ What has not been established is [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ The FBI was requested by Senator Rockefeller to conduct an investigation regarding whether the information provided to the USG concerning the alleged deal between Niger and Iraq was actually a perception management campaign to

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influence U.S. policy toward Iraq. It cannot be determined

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(U) Remaining Investigative Action Necessary:

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(U) Based upon all of the above, WFO plans to follow the below course of action:

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(S) 1) CAs [redacted] upon receiving authority from FBIHQ, will interview Senator Rockefeller. Serial [redacted] dated 07/31/2003, set a lead for CD to grant authority for WFO to interview the Member of Congress whose inquiry prompted this investigation, i.e., Senator Rockefeller. CD has never officially responded to this lead.

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(S) Referenced serial [redacted] advised that former SSA [redacted] addressed the issues regarding the interview of Senator Rockefeller in an 07/31/2003 e-mail message to WFO SACs Michael Rolince and Ronald Nesbitt. CAs [redacted] and [redacted] were not privy to former SSA [redacted] e-mail message; nor was it made a part of the official file by former SSA [redacted]

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(U) (S) WFO believes it is necessary for CAs [redacted] and [redacted] to interview Senator Rockefeller so as to "close the loop" on captioned investigation, and obtain any additional details Senator Rockefeller may have which led him to believe this was a perception management campaign.

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[redacted] either Legat Rome will re-interview [redacted] or CAs [redacted] and [redacted] will travel to Italy to conduct the interview. The purpose of this interview will be to [redacted]

[redacted] Enclosed is the list of proposed questions to be asked of [redacted]

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(S) (S) 4) [redacted] and/or anyone else identified by [redacted] as her source, CAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] Enclosed is the list of proposed questions to be asked of [redacted] and/or whomever [redacted] identifies as her source.

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~~(S)~~ WFO believes the above five points are the only investigation remaining at this time, and that all other leads can and should be discontinued. [redacted]

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Subject: RE: Iraq

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Hi [Redacted]

I ran this by SC Borgia. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Thanks-- [Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2004 5:08 PM  
To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Cc: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Subject: Iraq

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In response to your question regarding the initiation of this investigation, I went back through the file and found the letter from Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV. The letter is addressed to Director Mueller, dated 03/14/2003, and discusses his concerns regarding a "deception campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and foreign policy regarding Iraq." It also requests a "thorough investigation...at a minimum..." I hope that answers your questions. I will burn a copy of this for



your file if you do not have one. Please let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks--

[Redacted]

SSA [Redacted]  
Counterintelligence Division

Global Section [Redacted]

Room 4133

Work: [Redacted]

Pager: [Redacted]

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Voice #:

From:

Subject:

Case ID: (S)

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Comments:

This translation is related to a very important case to Legat Rome and to Agents assigned to CI and WFO. When it is done being translated, besides E-mailing me a copy, could you kindly copy-count Unit Chief  Division 5, and SSA  WFO? I would appreciate it. Thank you very much

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Sincerely, *BEF*

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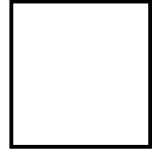
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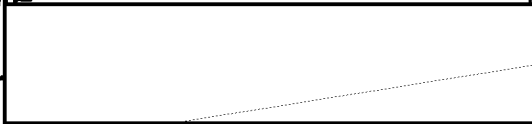
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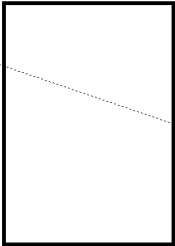
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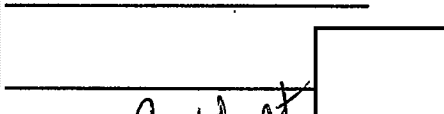


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Translation:

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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;  
OO: WFO

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- Priority
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Date: 9/15/04

Facsimile Number: (202) 278-2000

Attn:  Telephone

From: FBIHQ  
Name of Office

Subject: LETTEL Predicating case

Special Handling Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Originator's Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/06/2003

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: SC Stanley J. Borgia  
SSA [redacted]

From: Counterterrorism

[redacted]  
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *WJW*

Drafted By: [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)  
(S) [redacted] (Pending)

Title: (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORT TO  
OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER  
FCI - X

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Derived From: G-3  
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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

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[redacted] The enclosed FD-302 documents the interview.

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Date of transcription 12/02/2003

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Investigation on 12/01/2003 at [redacted]

File # [redacted] Date dictated 12/02/2003

by [redacted] SSA [redacted]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 09/23/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

Amman  
London  
Paris  
Rome  
Vienna

Attn: LEGAT  
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Attn: LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: A/LEGAT [redacted]  
Attn: LEGAT

From: Washington Field

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: *Cmp* [redacted] cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(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)

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Sets leads as directed by the  
Counterintelligence Division (CD).

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

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(U) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Reference 09/23/2004 e-mail message from  
[redacted] SSA [redacted] to WFO SSA [redacted] SA [redacted]  
[redacted] and SA [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/23/2004

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Details: Referenced e-mail message requested WFO to issue an IMMEDIATE EC setting the below leads. As WFO and receiving offices are aware, most of these leads have already been set via previous serials in captioned case. WFO is well-aware that some of the LEGATs have encountered, and continue to encounter, challenges in attempting to cover these leads.

(U) ~~(S)~~ The point-of-contact for additional details/clarification of these leads is FBIHQ/[redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/23/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT LONDON, ENGLAND

(S) [redacted]

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

(S) [redacted]

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Set Lead 3: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Interview [redacted] and [redacted]

Set Lead 4: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Interview [redacted] source, if identified.

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Set Lead 5: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

(S) [redacted]

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/23/2004

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[redacted]

Set Lead 6: (Action)

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AT ROME, ITALY

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Set Lead 7: (Action)

ROME

AT ROME, ITALY

(U) ~~(S)~~ Interview RSO regarding the 01/2001 break-in at the Nigerien Embassy in Rome, Italy.

Set Lead 8: (Action)

VIENNA

AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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Set Lead 9: (Action)

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AT AMMAN, JORDAN

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Set Lead 10: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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To: Counterintelligence      From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted]      09/23/2004

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Set Lead 11: (Action)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/23/2004

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: *cmh* [redacted]; cmp

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending) [redacted] (S)

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

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Synopsis: Documents WFO's receipt of written  
communications from FBIHQ/Counterintelligence Division (CD)  
and the 09/16/2004 meeting between WFO and FBIHQ/CD personnel  
regarding captioned matter.

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

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Administrative: (U) Reference 09/16/2004 meeting at  
FBIHQ/ [redacted] between [redacted] UC [redacted] SSA [redacted]  
[redacted] former [redacted] SSA [redacted] SSA [redacted]  
[redacted] SA [redacted], and WFO/CI-9 SA [redacted]  
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To: Washington Field From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/23/2004

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Enclosure(s): (S) Copy of 09/15/2004 two-page fax from [redacted] Unit Chief [redacted] to WFO SA [redacted] subject: "Letter Predicating Case;" Copy of 09/17/2004 e-mail message and attachment from [redacted] UC [redacted] to WFO SAs [redacted] and [redacted] subject: "Chronology;" copy of 09/17/2004 e-mail message from SA [redacted] to UC [redacted] subject: "RE: Chronology;" Copy of 09/21/2004 e-mail message and attachment from [redacted] SSA [redacted] to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] subject: "Briefing;" Copy of 09/21/2004 e-mail message from SA [redacted] to UC [redacted] subject: "A needed correction."

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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~ Serial [redacted] is a fax (copy enclosed) dated 09/15/2004, from [redacted] UC [redacted] to WFO SA [redacted] [redacted] The fax is a copy of the 03/14/2003 letter from Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV) to FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, which predicated captioned matter. Prior to 09/15/2004, WFO had never been provided with a copy of the Senator's letter. Instead, via serials [redacted] former [redacted] SSA [redacted] advised WFO that the captioned case was predicated on Congressional inquiries, and that the

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[redacted] In subsequent conversations between WFO Case Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and former [redacted] SSA [redacted] former SSA [redacted] frequently stated that it was specifically Senator Rockefeller's letter which had predicated captioned investigation. Referenced serial [redacted] written by former SSA [redacted] states in part, "Captioned investigation was predicated pursuant to a request by the Honorable John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV."

(U) ~~(S)~~ The 03/14/2003 letter (copy enclosed) from Senator Rockefeller states in part, "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...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." [redacted]

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To: Washington Field From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/23/2004

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[redacted]  
[redacted] During referenced 09/16/2004 meeting at FBIHQ  
SA [redacted] pointed out [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Former SSA [redacted] advised that  
he had [redacted]  
[redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] UC [redacted] had requested the 09/16/2004 meeting so that all participants could review and discuss captioned matter. UC [redacted] advised that after the meeting,

[redacted]

[redacted] On 09/17/2004, via e-mail (copy enclosed), [redacted] UC [redacted] sent WFO Case Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Immediately upon review, SA [redacted] sent an e-mail message (copy enclosed) to UC [redacted] with suggested changes. On 09/21/2004, SSA [redacted] sent [redacted] via e-mail (copy enclosed), SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Immediately upon review, SA [redacted] sent a response e-mail (copy enclosed) to UC [redacted]

[redacted] All of these e-mail messages and their attachments are enclosed, and are self-explanatory.

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Attn:  Telephone

From: FBIHQ  
Name of Office

Subject:

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Originator's Name:  Telephone:

Originator's Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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[Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

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ON 11-17-2015

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

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Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 11:53 AM

To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: Chronology

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Pls review and provide any input asap. I tried to maintain it as we discussed. [Redacted]

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UC [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Global Section  
[Redacted]

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9/17/2004

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO AN ITALIAN  
JOURNALIST PURPORTING GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM  
FROM NIGER; FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
(UNKNOWN GOVERNMENT)

(U) ~~(S)~~ This investigation was initiated in response to a request received from Honorable Jay D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) in March of 2003. Senator Rockefeller IV requested that the FBI 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. (See Tab A)

(U) ~~(S)~~ The focus of the FBI investigation has been [redacted]  
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(U) ~~(S)~~ The FBI investigation has closely examined the introduction of false documents to US Embassy Rome as the basis for [redacted]  
[redacted] b7E

(S) ~~(S)~~ On 06/09/2004, the FBI received information indicating one, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the false documents provided to US Embassy Rome. [redacted] b1  
[redacted] b3  
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Chronology of FBI Investigation Conducted to Date:

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(U) (S) On 10/9/02, an Italian journalist [redacted] provided 17 photocopied pages, in French and Italian, to a Political Officer at the American Embassy in Rome. [redacted] indicated she obtained the information from a subsource who requested 15,000 Euro for it. [redacted] indicated to USDS that she wanted to validate the documents through the United States Embassy Rome prior to publishing. A photocopy of the information was forwarded by U.S. Embassy Rome to the United States Department of State (USDS) Headquarters in Washington D.C.

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(U) (S) On 03/07/2003, in a statement before the United Nations Security Council, IAEA General Director Mohammed El Baradei referred to several documents addressing a uranium transaction between the Governments of Iraq and Niger as forgeries. This evaluation was based on noted errors in the format of the printed material, the letterhead markings, and the actual text. (See Tab B)

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[redacted]

(U) (S) On 04/02/ 2003, the FBI met with United States Department of State (USDS) officials in Washington D.C. who provided copies of the documents received by US Embassy Rome from the Italian journalist, [redacted]. These documents addressed [redacted]. [redacted] The FBI has utilized this set of documents as exhibits over the course of its investigation.

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(U) (S) On 04/16/2003, upon reviewing the document exhibit [redacted]

(U) (S) A letter dated [redacted] (See Tab D)

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~~(S)~~ On 06/24/2003, the FBI provided SSCI with an updated briefing and confirmed that [Redacted]

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[Redacted] This response was also documented in a letter. (See Tab E)

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~~(S)~~ On 07/16/2003, the Italian newspaper "La Repubblica" published 6 documents of the exhibit. Subsequent research by [Redacted] indicated that a journalist working through a website had sold the information to "La Repubblica", paying an unknown African diplomat for the information.

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~~(S)~~ On 08/05/2003, consultation with the FBI Laboratory determined that examination of photocopies [Redacted]

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~~(S)~~ On 09/04/2003, Legat Rome interviewed [Redacted] journalist for Panorama Magazine at the U.S. Consulate in Rome. During the course of this interview [Redacted] identified her source as an [Redacted] indicated she had received information from this source

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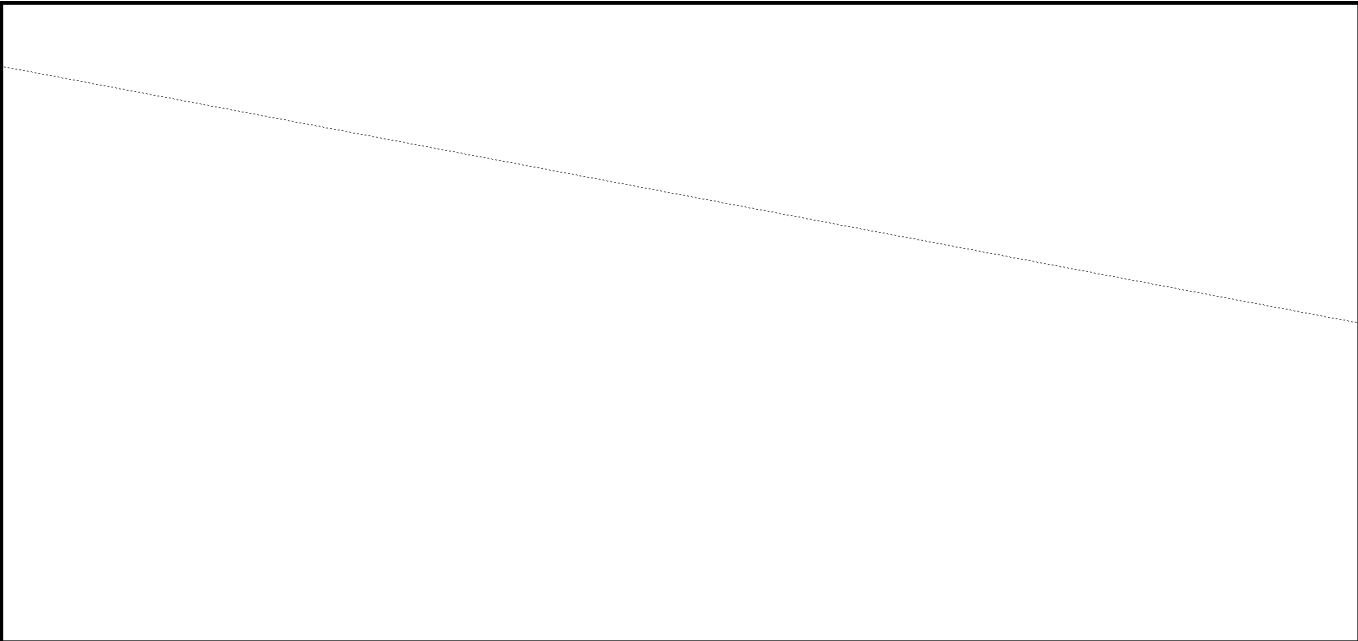
[Redacted] Later in 1995, the source provided [Redacted] with



[redacted]  
[redacted] the source whom  
[redacted] describes as a [redacted] recontacted [redacted]  
Rome. The source told [redacted] that he had [redacted]  
[redacted]  
and believes the source's motivation for providing the information is money. [redacted] added that the  
source has [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Introduction of the documents to the United States Government. The documents represented [redacted]

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Hence, the FBI investigation considered the events associated with the introduction of the documents and the motivation behind the introduction.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On June 9, 2003, the FBI Legal Attache (Legat) In Rome interviewed the two Political Officers assigned to the United States Embassy who met with an Italian journalist, [redacted]. According to the officers, on or about October 8, 2002, the [redacted] Panorama Magazine contacted the American Embassy and advised that a Panorama journalist in Milan [redacted] had information to provide.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The Political Officers advised on October Ms. 9, 2002, [redacted] visited the United States Embassy and met with [redacted] them. she pulled out a folder holding numerous documents claimed came from a "contact" who had provided reliable information to her in the past. She was unwilling to provide the name of the "contact." The "contact" had requested 15,000 Euro for the information.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ According to the officers, [redacted] made 17 pages of documents available to them for photocopying. She also requested the Embassy advise of the accuracy to the contents; however, the officers declined. She declined the officers' request to contact Italian authorities. The officers subsequently passed photocopies of the documents to [redacted] on approximately October 15, 2002, sent copies via secure facsimile to USDS.

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(U) One of the documents provided by [redacted] to the United States Embassy officials was the purported [redacted]

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See and Rome. The documents were described in some detail in an article written by [Redacted] for the July 24, 2003, issue of Panorama, entitled: liThe Scoop that Wasn't. II

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(U) In the same article, [Redacted] described her acquisition of the documents and her unsuccessful initial attempt to validate the information by travel to Niger. [Redacted] required validation of the material before she would publish an article. In the same article, the Panorama [Redacted] [Redacted], described how he had recommended [Redacted] contact the United States Embassy to validate the material.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On September 1 and October 29, 2003, [Redacted] was interviewed by Legat Rome. The journalist, while cooperative, was unable to provide more specific information concerning the origin of the documents and/or the existence of originals. [Redacted] acquired the documents from a sub-source who, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] stated that her basis for contacting the United States Embassy in Rome was an attempt to validate the documents in anticipation of publishing an article. In spite of repeated attempts by Legat Rome [Redacted] was unwilling to provide the FBI with the identity of or access to her source.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On October 29, 2003, [Redacted] Panorama magazine was interviewed by Legat Rome. [Redacted] stated he was not asked by a third-party to get the documents to the Americans. Rather, [Redacted] wanted to authenticate the documents before he would permit a story to be run.

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(U) The interview results indicated that [Redacted]

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[redacted] The FBI would have had to [redacted]  
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[redacted] Based on this review, the FBI concluded that the documents contained fabricated text which was pasted onto Government of Niger (GON) stationery. The documents referred to Iraqi efforts to procure uranium from the Republic of Niger.

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[Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

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From: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 12:44 PM

To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: RE: Chronology

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Suggested Changes:

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2004 11:53 AM

To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: Chronology

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Pls review and provide any input asap. I tried to maintain it as we discussed..

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 Global Section

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From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 1:03 PM

To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Subject: Briefing

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(S) ~~RECORD~~ [Redacted]

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Here is the version sent up following recommended changes by WF. Thanks [Redacted]

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September 20, 2004

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO AN ITALIAN  
JOURNALIST PURPORTING GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO OBTAIN URANIUM  
FROM NIGER; FCI-PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
(UNKNOWN GOVERNMENT)

(U) ~~(S)~~ This investigation was initiated in response to a request received from Honorable John D. "Jay" Rockefeller IV, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), in March of 2003. Senator Rockefeller IV requested that the FBI 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. (See Tab B)

(U) ~~(S)~~ The focus of the FBI investigation has been

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The FBI investigation has closely examined the introduction of false documents to U.S.

Embassy Rome as the basis for

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~~(S)~~ On 06/09/2004, the FBI received information indicating one, [Redacted] may be

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(S) the source of the false documents provided to U.S. Embassy Rome.

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If [Redacted] is confirmed as the source

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September 20, 2004

Chronology of FBI Investigation Conducted to Date

(U) ~~(S)~~ On 10/9/02, an Italian journalist, [redacted] provided 17 photocopied pages, in French and Italian, to a Political Officer at the American Embassy in Rome. [redacted] indicated she obtained the information from a source who requested 15,000 Euro for it. [redacted] indicated to the United States Department of State (USDS) that she wanted to validate the documents through the U.S. Embassy Rome prior to publishing. A photocopy of the information was forwarded by U.S. Embassy Rome to USDS Headquarters in Washington D.C.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 03/07/2003, in a statement before the United Nations Security Council, IAEA General Director Mohammed El Baradei referred to several documents addressing a uranium transaction between the Governments of Iraq and Niger as forgeries. This evaluation was based on noted errors in the format of the printed material, the letterhead markings, and the actual text. (See Tab C)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 04/02/2003, the FBI met with USDS officials in Washington D.C. who provided copies of the documents received by U.S. Embassy Rome from [redacted]. These documents addressed [redacted]. The FBI has utilized this set of documents as exhibits over the course of its investigation.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ In a letter to SSCI, on 04/16/2003 [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] (See Tab E)

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~~(S)~~ On 06/24/2003, the FBI provided SSCI with an updated briefing and confirmed that a [Redacted] This response was also documented in a letter. (See Tab

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~~(S)~~ On 07/16/2003, the Italian newspaper, La Repubblica, published 6 documents of the exhibit. Subsequent research by [Redacted] indicated that a journalist working through a website had sold the information to La Repubblica, paying an unknown African diplomat for the information.

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~~(S)~~ On 08/05/2003, consultation with the FBI Laboratory determined that examination of photocopie [Redacted]

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(S) On 09/04/2003, Legat Rome interviewed [redacted] journalist for Panorama Magazine in Italy. During the course of this interview, [redacted] identified her source as an [redacted] [redacted] indicated she had received information from this source [redacted] [redacted] for the information. Later in 1995, the source provided [redacted] with information [redacted] [redacted] did not pay the source for this information. [redacted] the source whom [redacted] described as a [redacted] " re-contacted [redacted] Rome. The source told [redacted] that he had [redacted] [redacted] and believed the source's motivation for providing the information was monetary. [redacted] added that the source [redacted] [redacted]

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[Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

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Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 2:11 PM

To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

Subject: A needed correction

(S) ~~SECRET~~  
RECORD [Redacted]

[Redacted]

After reviewing the briefing pages I noticed a paragraph that requires correction. The paragraph that begins

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(S) [Redacted]  
[Redacted] As we have shown, [Redacted]  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/28/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
[redacted]  
TA [redacted]  
[redacted]

From: Washington Field

[redacted]  
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cmp

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(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);  
OO: WFO

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Discontinues lead 2, serial [redacted] of captioned  
investigation.

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Reference: (S) [redacted]

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ As recipients are aware, in referenced serial  
Counterintelligence Division (CD) set a lead (Lead 2) for

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To: Counterintelligence From: Washington Field  
Re: (S) [redacted] 09/28/2004

(S) Counterterrorism Division (CTD) [redacted] 1)  
expedite efforts [redacted]  
[redacted] and 2) advise CD as  
to the status of CD's pending request for [redacted]  
(S) [redacted] This lead is  
being discontinued, and WFO will mark it as such in ACS. WFO  
appreciates CTD's and the [redacted]  
assistance with captioned matter.

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**URGENT**

Re: Purported effort by the Iraqi Government  
to obtain Uranium from Niger

As previously advised, we are investigating the circumstances surrounding the purported attempt by the Government of Iraq to obtain uranium from the Nigerian Government. [Redacted]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 10/05/2004

To: International Operations  
Counterintelligence

Attn: IO 1

Attn: [redacted] UC [redacted]  
[redacted] SSA [redacted]

Amman  
Rome  
Washington Field

Attn: Legat [redacted]  
Attn: A/Legat [redacted]  
Attn: [redacted] SA [redacted]

From: Vienna

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *MD*

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Drafted By: [redacted] spw *SW*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Title: ~~(S)~~ Unknown Subject(s);  
False Information Provided to  
U.S. Government Re: Iraqi Efforts  
To Obtain Uranium from Niger;  
FCI - Perception Management

(U) ~~(S)~~ Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide results of investigation in Austria.

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

Reference: (S) [redacted]

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*Pls. mark lead in Serial [redacted] (S)*  
*Covered. Trs.*

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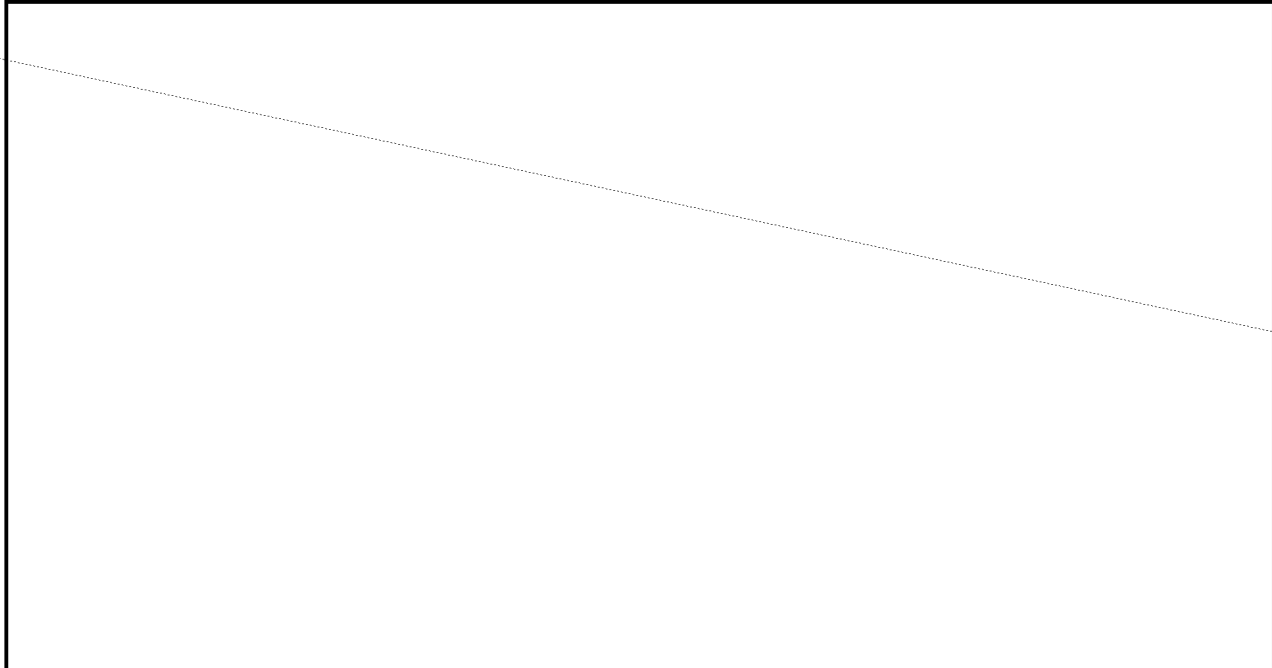
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To: International Operations From: Vienna  
Re: (S) [redacted], 10/05/2004

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(U) Vienna considers the lead in referenced communication to be covered but remains available to assist WFO, as required.

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To: International Operations From: Vienna  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 10/05/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) For information. Read and clear.

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*Embassy of the United States of America*

Office of the Legal Attache  
24 Grosvenor Square  
London, W1A 1AE

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File No.

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6 October 2004

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**URGENT / TIME SENSITIVE**

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S) POSSIBLE PERCEPTION  
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN TO  
ITALIAN JOURNALIST DISCLOSING  
GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ EFFORTS TO  
OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED  
"SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.~~

Thank you for your prior reporting on this matter.

As you 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)

Recent developments in this investigation have identified [Redacted] as a source of those documents which were given to an Italian journalist [Redacted] and subsequently presented to the US embassy in Rome in 2002.

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In a previous letter, this office requested clarification on several issues. The issues and [Redacted] responses are set forth below:

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This matter will be addressed with your representative in Washington, D.C. in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Assistant Legat Attache

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For:

[Redacted]

Legal Attache

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** PRIORITY

**Date:** 10/15/2004

**To:** Office of Intelligence

**Attn:** TSS/Translation and Deployment Unit;

[Redacted]

**From:** Counterintelligence

Global Section [Redacted] Room 4133

**Contact:** SSA [Redacted] ext. [Redacted]

**Approved By:** [Redacted] *AKB*

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**Drafted By:** [Redacted] : du *du*

**Case ID #:** (S) [Redacted] (Pending)

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

(U) ~~(S)~~ **Synopsis:** ~~(S)~~ Request Translation & Deployment Unit (TDU),  
Language Services Section (LSS), provide Italian interpreter to  
partake in interviews in Rome, Italy.

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

(U) ~~(S)~~ **Administrative:** ~~(S)~~ Re telcall between SSA [Redacted]  
[Redacted] and Program Specialist [Redacted] TDU, on  
10/15/2004.

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**Details:** ~~(S)~~ [Redacted] Global Section, in conjunction with  
Washington Field Office and Legat Rome, have requested interviews  
with individuals involved in the above-captioned matter. The  
interviews will take place in Rome, Italy; however, the dates  
are unknown. at this time. [Redacted]

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(S) [Redacted] Due to prior commitments, the  
ALATs assigned to Legat Rome may not be available to provide  
interpretation during the interviews. [Redacted] requests TDU to  
provide an Italian interpreter to assist in these interviews.

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To: Office of Intelligence From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/15/2004

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The interpreter will be needed for discussions between FBI and Italian officials, as well as with other individuals involved in this counterintelligence matter. The interviews are expected to take place in late October, or early November, 2004. [redacted] will advise TDU as soon as the dates are finalized. In addition, [redacted] will obtain the interpreter's country clearance for Italy.

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(U) If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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To: Office of Intelligence From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [REDACTED] 10/15/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) ~~(S)~~ Translation and Deployment Unit, Language Services Section, is requested to provide an Italian interpreter for interviews that will be conducted in Rome, Italy. The tentative dates of travel are late October, or early November, 2004. TDU will be notified when the dates are finalized.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 10/19/2004

To: International Operations

Attn: UC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
LS [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: ASAC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: AD David W. Szady  
DAD Timothy D. Berezney  
SC Stanley J. Borgia, Global  
Section  
Unit Chief [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
Contractor [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: UC [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]

From: Rome

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] bef *BS*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] Pending)

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(U) 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

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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To provide results of meetings with the [redacted]  
[redacted] (PROTECT), on 10/15/2004 and  
10/18/2004 at Rome, Italy.

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

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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/19/2004

(S) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Referenced Serials [redacted] were an E.C.s, dated 08/05/2004 and 08/19/2004, providing a status of the investigation at Rome. Instant communication provides a current update. Also reference telcall on 09/24/2004 between Acting Legal Attaché [redacted] Legat Rome, and SSA [redacted]  
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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~ As the Counterintelligence Division(CI), Office of International Operations (OIO) and Washington Field Office (WFO) are aware, [redacted]  
[redacted] Assistant Legal Attachés [redacted] (Acting Legal Attaché) and [redacted] [redacted] (assigned Agent at Rome) met with [redacted] [redacted] on Friday, October 15, 2004 and on Monday, October 18, 2004. A summary of the discussions of those two meetings follows:

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~~(S)~~ On Friday, 10/15/204, ALATs [redacted] and [redacted] met with [redacted] and delivered [redacted]  
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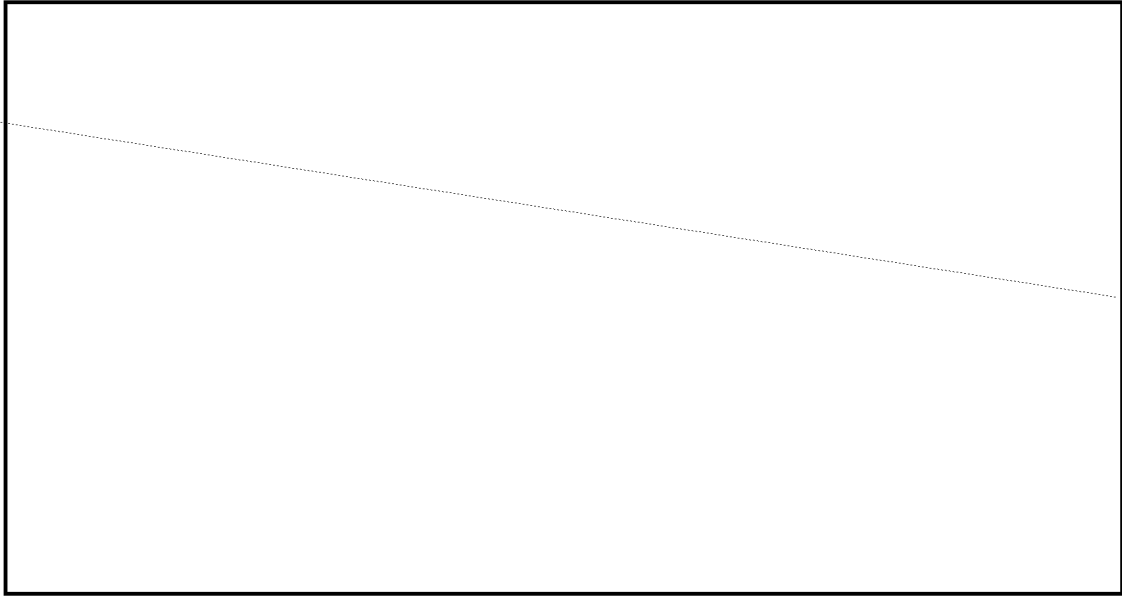
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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/19/2004

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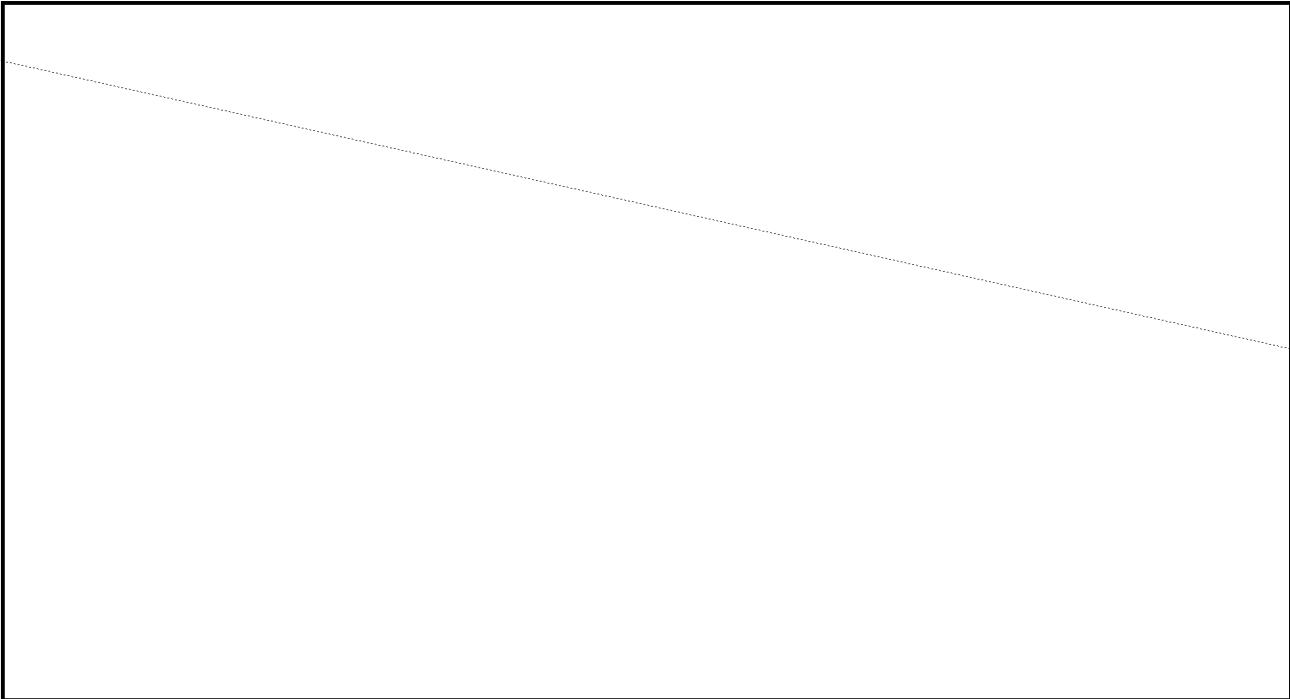
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(U) ~~(S)~~ On Monday, 10/18/2004, ALATs [redacted] and [redacted] met with [redacted] and another [redacted] [redacted] provided the following information:

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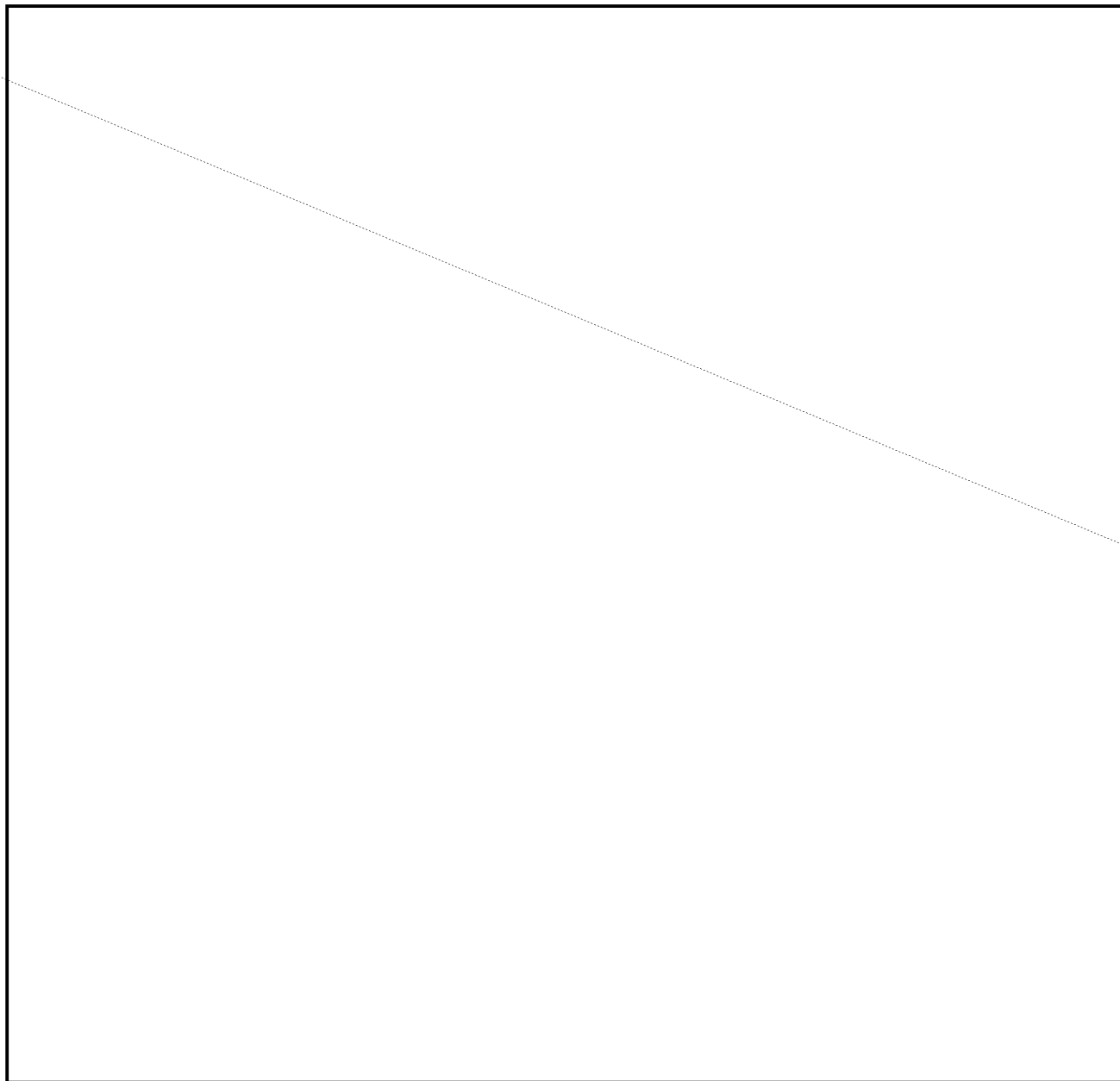
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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/19/2004

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(S) Legat Rome will continue to engage [redacted] 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.

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To: International Operations From: Rome  
Re: (S)  10/19/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) For information and any action deemed appropriate.

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DATE: 10/25/04

TO: WFO

FROM: LEGAT ROME

RE: File Number

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Attached are following **ORIGINAL SERIALS**  
for your file.

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From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
To: [redacted] [CD] [FBI]  
Date: 10/20/04 9:07PM  
Subject: Update on Iraq/Niger

(S) SECRET RECORD [redacted]

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Searched .....  
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Serialized .....  
Filed ..... *JA*

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We will stay in touch, thanks for all your efforts!

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Pls let us know asap.

LIC [Redacted]

[Redacted] Global Section

[Redacted]

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REASON: 1.5(a)  
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CC:

[FBI]

[Redacted]

[WF] [FBI]

[Redacted]

[CJIS] [FBI]

[CD] [CON],

[Redacted]

[CD]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/29/2004

To: Counterintelligence

Attn: A/ASC [redacted]

A/UC [redacted]

Counterterrorism

Attn: UC [redacted]

International Operations

Attn: SSA [redacted]

Washington Field

Attn: ASAC [redacted]

ASAC [redacted]

SSA [redacted]

SSA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: (S) [redacted]

(Pending) [redacted] (S)

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI  
EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER;  
FCI - PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT (X)

(S) [redacted]

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

(S) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Reference [redacted]

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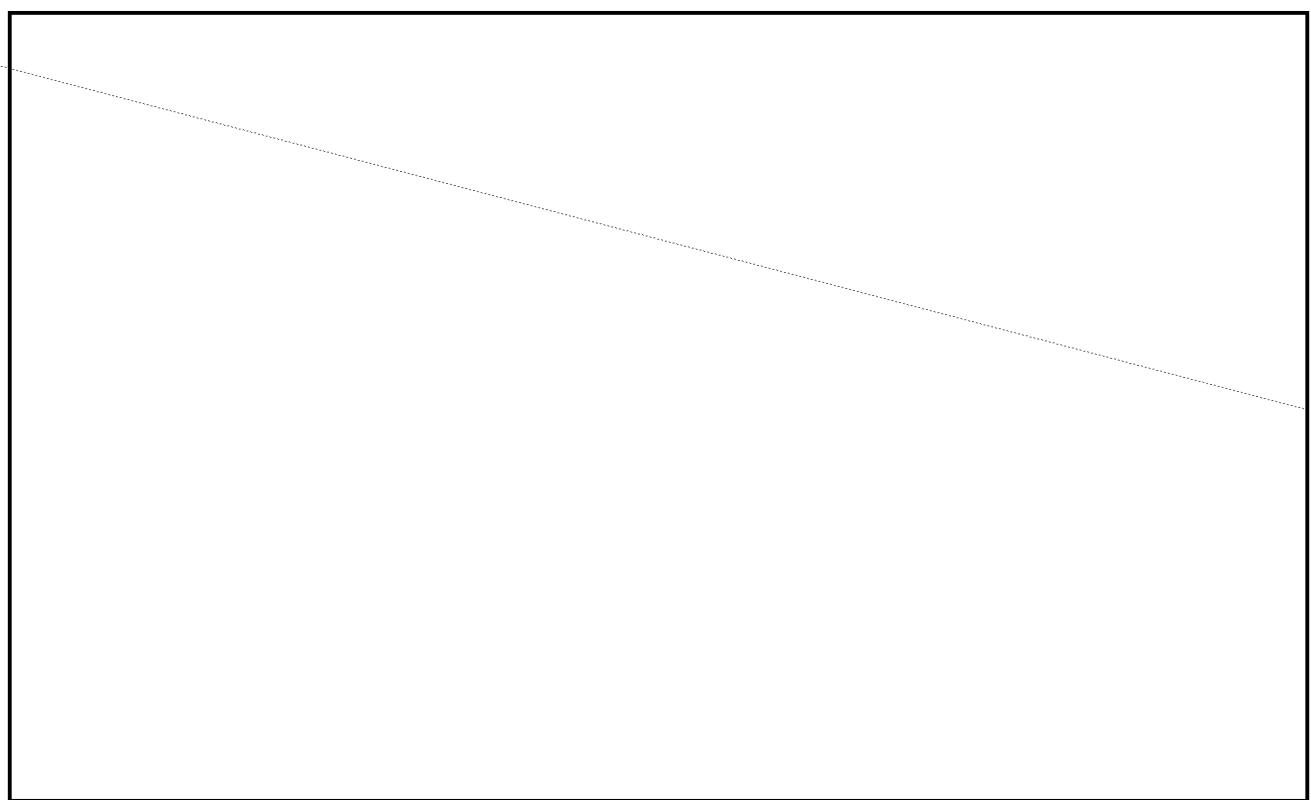
SA [redacted] *camp*

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To: Counterintelligence From: [redacted]  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/29/2004

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(S) ~~(U)~~ [redacted] considers lead [redacted] covered.

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To: Counterintelligence From: [redacted]  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/29/2004

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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[Redacted] (WF) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 1:44 PM  
To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE:

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Sensitivity: Private

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RECORD [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
Please leave this dialogue with us for the moment. We continue to work with [Redacted] on all these issues and must leave [Redacted] to focus only on coordinating with [Redacted] at this time.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 12:42 PM  
To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE:  
Sensitivity: Private

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RECORD [Redacted]

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(S) [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2004 10:12 AM  
To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE:  
Sensitivity: Private

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Dear [Redacted]  
I think we have a plan. [Redacted]

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--I will check on the status of the "new" original letter today. It was left for Szady signature last week. (Hopefully you can deliver this one asap!)

[Redacted] is in the process of prepping a detailed ec answering [Redacted] questions in your ec, point by point. She will return on Thursday and should have it out before the end of the week.

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[Redacted]

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Thanks for your response, [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2004 9:56 AM  
To: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (OIO) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
Subject:  
Importance: High  
Sensitivity: Private

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(S) [Redacted]

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Recipients:

(S) [Redacted]

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Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

>>> [Redacted] (CD) (FBI) 10/25/04 10:10PM >>>

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have to wonder if you're back at work yet...but again you're being asked to provide a status of affairs.

At our last meeting here with [redacted] and [redacted] we discussed the possibility of following former Legat [redacted] suggestions...this is where we left off:

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\* We would DHL the original of the May 8th letter to you once it was signed.

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We're looking for your input at this time to make a decision. Again, if you are not back at work yet due to your loss, we will understand. [redacted]

UC [redacted]  
[redacted], Global Section  
[redacted]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/20/2004

To: Rome Attn: A/Legat [redacted]  
 Washington Field Attn: SSA [redacted]  
 SA [redacted]  
 SA [redacted]  
 International Operations Attn: UC [redacted]  
 SSA [redacted]  
 Counterintelligence Attn: SC Stanley J. Borgia  
 A/SC [redacted]

From: Counterintelligence  
 Global Section [redacted] Rm. 4133  
 Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *MB*

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Drafted By: [redacted] *duff*

Case ID #: (S) [redacted] (Pending)

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

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ Provide Legat Rome with Counterintelligence  
 Division's response to the [redacted]  
 [redacted].

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

Reference: (S) [redacted]

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(U) Administrative: ~~(S)~~ Re telcall between SSA [redacted]  
 [redacted] and ALAT [redacted] on 10/19/2004; e-mail from UC  
 [redacted] to ALAT [redacted] on 10/20/2004; meeting between  
 SSA [redacted] and [redacted] on 10/20/2004; and, meeting  
 between SC Stanley J. Borgia, UC [redacted] SSA [redacted] and [redacted]  
 [redacted] on 10/21/2004.

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 REASON: 1.4 (B,C,D)  
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 DATE: 11-17-2015

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/20/2004

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ In regards to referenced EC from Legat Rome, [redacted] provides the following response to [redacted] statements to Legat:

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~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Under separate cover, FBIHQ is sending Legat Rome the "May 08, 2004" letter (on FBI letterhead) to be passed to [redacted] upon receipt. This will be mailed to Legat Rome, via DHL.

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/20/2004

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(S) [redacted]  
[redacted] Legat Rome is  
requested to provide assistance in expediting this visit.

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To: Rome From: Counterintelligence  
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/20/2004

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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DATE: 11-17-2015  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/29/2003

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]  
IOS [redacted]

Counterintelligence

Attn: SC [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

From: Counterterrorism

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Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: ~~(S)~~ [redacted]  
(S) [redacted]

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Title: (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ UNKNOWN SUBJECT (S);  
POSSIBLE PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT;  
FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT RE IRAQI EFFORT TO  
OBTAIN URANIUM FROM NIGER  
FCI - X

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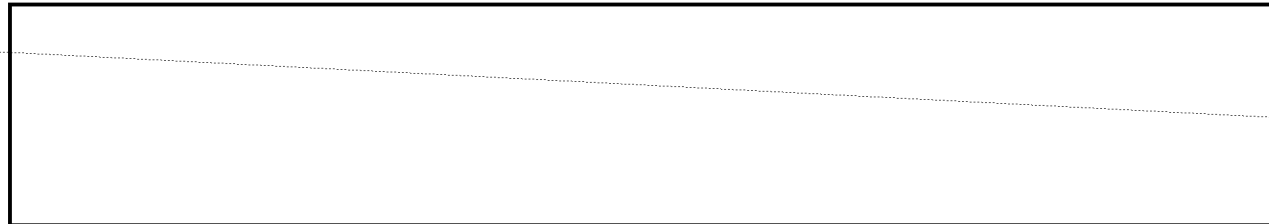
To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

(U) Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 11/29/2003

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Enclosure: Original and one copy of an FD-302, dated 11/28/2003; file photographs of subject (undated).

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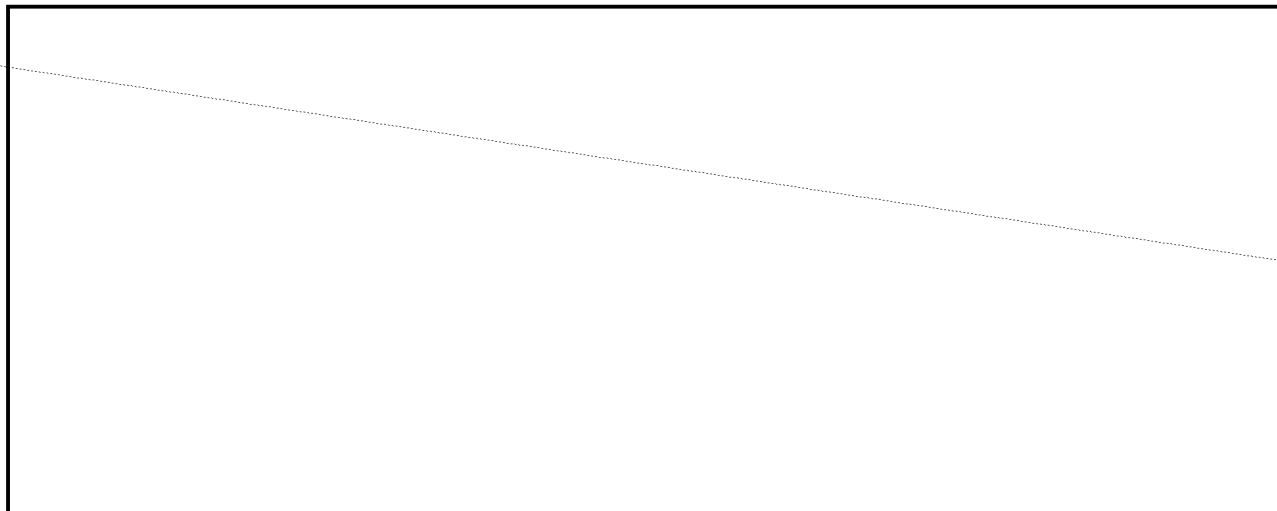


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The enclosed FD-302 documents  
the interview.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Counterterrorism

(U) Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 11/29/2003

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) For information only.

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Set Lead 2:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT [redacted]

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