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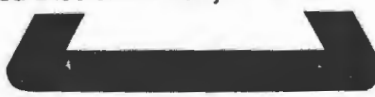
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NIC Threat Outlook

Threat to the US in the Wake of the Achille Lauro

We believe radical PLO elements are planning reprisals against the US to retaliate for seizure of the Achille Lauro hijackers. Earlier in the month PLO hardliners almost certainly pressed Yassir Arafat to approve reprisals against the US for its alleged complicity in the Israeli raid on PLO headquarters in Tunis. While Arafat probably resisted then, he may now feel compelled to yield to hardliner pressure to reverse his 1974 ban on international terrorism and attack both Israeli and US interests worldwide. The PLO leader seemed to echo the hardliner position in a press conference in Baghdad over the weekend when he stated that the Arab world would soon "witness extremely important events and developments directed against US interests in the region." Fatah has not attacked US interests since 1973, when the Black September Organization kidnapped and killed the US Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission in Khartoum.



Moreover, Palestinian leaders have grown increasingly frustrated with Washington for what they view as unquestioning support for Israel. The PLO may conclude that the only way to draw attention to its grievances with Israel and to demonstrate its viability as a national liberation movement is to stage more frequent and spectacular attacks, not only against Israel, but Israel's prime benefactor--the United States. Even if Arafat resists pressure to approve attacks against the US, PLO splinter groups will likely conduct freelance operations against the US.

Several threats have been made and some evidence of targeting uncovered:

- In Cyprus, the PLO reportedly has cased the Birds Nest Restaurant at Akrotiri Village, which is heavily frequented by American military personnel, for possible assassination targets.
- A PLO spokesman has stated that an American or Italian aircraft would be hijacked, or another American killed, to force the release of the Achille Lauro hijackers.
- On 11 October, a caller threatened to blow up the U.S. Consul General's office in Naples because the US had "captured four of our brothers."
- In an interview in Yugoslavia on 14 October, Abu Abbas, leader of the group which hijacked the Achille Lauro, claimed the US had committed an act of "state terrorism" in intercepting the Egyptian plane, thus giving Palestinians the right to use "any means available" to achieve liberation.

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Other Middle Eastern terrorists will probably try to take advantage of the current atmosphere and attack US and Israeli interests for their own reasons:

--It is likely that Syrian-supported Palestinian radicals will carry out operations in their own name to enhance their position within the Palestinian movement. At the same time they will probably also carry out attacks in the name of the PLO in an effort to further discredit Arafat and the peace process.

--Radical Lebanese Shia and Iranian-backed terrorist groups may also plan operations. Islamic Jihad has already claimed it executed William Buckley in retaliation for alleged US complicity in the Tunis raid--although other evidence suggests he may have been executed earlier this summer.

--Libya may also attempt to exploit opportunities available to it. [REDACTED] Libya, working in conjunction with radical PLO elements and dissident Tunisians, is planning an operation against the US [REDACTED] The US ambassador or military attache as well as US commercial flights to the Middle East are considered possible targets. Libya reportedly wants to demonstrate Libyan willingness to defend the Arab cause, as well as to enhance its image in the eyes of other Arab countries.

[REDACTED]

The hostage families are descending on Washington - again - Oct. 27. As usual they want to see the President, etc. This time, Congressmen are not making their appointments or seeking appointments for them with the President, etc. As a result they are ~~being~~ besieging us. My recommendation has been no recommendation to the NSC or White House by State for a meeting with the Pres. or VP. Do you have other thoughts? What about Bud?

The reason the French acted on the Basques is because the Spanish were acting unilaterally in France.

We have done unofficial things in the past, especially during wars.



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October 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to General Saulnier from
Admiral Poindexter

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The Department of State strongly prefers the straightforward approach to the French government set forth in the draft letter to other methods which have been discussed in dealing with the specific immediate problem of Mugnyah and the longer-term, general problem of combatting international terrorism.

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Executive Secretary

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Draft Letter to General Saulnier from Admiral Poindexter

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Dear General Saulnier:

I want to alert you and the highest levels of the French Government urgently to an opportunity for meaningful, precise action against one of the worst of the terrorists who have caused our two countries so much pain in Lebanon. Given the great importance which the President attaches to this case, I urge that action be taken at once.

We have learned from very reliable sources in three different countries that the senior Hizballah terrorist leader Imad Mugniyah has recently arrived in France from Lebanon; he apparently did so without the knowledge of the French Government. We do not know what he has in mind, how long he might stay, or where he might go next, but we have every reason to believe that he is presently staying in the Paris area. Therefore, he is accessible to law enforcement and judicial authorities of the civilized world.

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This individual has previously been the subject of considerable exchange of information between our respective intelligence services, and ample evidence exists of his direct involvement in the deadly 1983 bombings of the US Embassy and the headquarters of the US and French contingents of the Multinational Forces in Beirut. In addition, he has been identified as either responsible for or directly involved in other serious criminal activities of a terrorist nature, including the murder in Beirut of two French military truce observers in January, 1985, the kidnapping of several US and French citizens who are still held hostage, and the hijacking of TWA flight 847.

As you have observed in the case of Abu Abbas, whose arrest and extradition my government has vigorously sought, the United States places the greatest importance upon lawful pursuit of terrorists known to be responsible for crimes against US citizens, crimes which are now punishable under US laws adopted by the last session of our Congress. As was the case of Abu Abbas, a US court has issued a warrant for the arrest of Mugniyah. The enormity of Mugniyah's criminal actions makes us determined to see that he is brought to

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justice. Given his criminal activities against French citizens, I would expect your government shares our strong views.

Both an official request to the Government of France for Mugnyah's arrest and prosecution and ~~[a United States~~
~~warrant for his arrest, with~~ ^{provisional arrest} an official request for his ^[detention] pending extradition by the Government of France to the United States, are in the hands of Ambassador Rodgers and the legal attache of our Embassy in Paris. We are confident of our evidence. However, before officially making ^{either} ~~[a]~~ request, we wish to ensure that President Mitterrand is informed of the matter and of the views of the US Government. Of course, if the Government of France were to choose informally to deport Mugnyah into our hands, we would accept him on that basis.

Time is of the essence, given the danger that Mugnyah might suddenly disappear before action could be taken against him. There is also the possibility that knowledge of his presence in France might leak in this country. Either of these possibilities would be most unfortunate, as I am sure you understand.

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The preference of your government for quiet, bilateral cooperation in combatting terrorism has been made very clear to us at all levels. The case of Mugniyah' is the perfect occasion to demonstrate such cooperation in practice. I urge you and your government to act urgently and decisively to bring him to justice or allow us to do so. Given our common interest in pursuing the fight against terrorism, I am sure you would agree that the highest authorities and public opinion in our two countries could not understand our failure to act.

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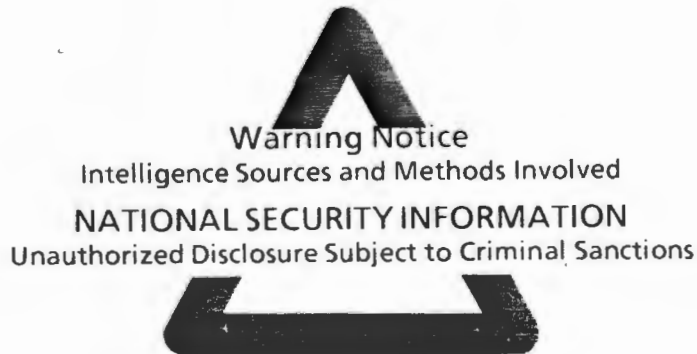
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This individual has previously been the subject of considerable exchange of information between our respective intelligence services, and ample evidence exists of his direct involvement in the deadly 1983 bombings of the US Embassy and the headquarters of the US and French contingents of the Multinational Forces in Beirut. In addition, he has been identified as either responsible for or directly involved in other serious criminal activities of a terrorist nature, including the murder in Beirut of two French military truce observers in January, 1985, the kidnapping of several US and French citizens who are still held hostage, and the hijacking of TWA flight 847.

As you have observed in the case of Abu Abbas, whose arrest and extradition my government has vigorously sought, the United States places the greatest importance upon lawful pursuit of terrorists known to be responsible for crimes against US citizens, crimes which are now punishable under US laws adopted by the last session of our Congress. As was the case of Abu Abbas, a US court has issued a warrant for the arrest of Mugniyah. The enormity of Mugniyah's criminal actions makes us determined to see that he is brought to

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justice. Given his criminal activities against French citizens, I would expect your government shares our strong views.

Both an official request to the Government of France for Mugnyah's arrest and prosecution and a United States warrant for his arrest, with an official request for his detention pending extradition by the Government of France to the United States, are in the hands of Ambassador Rodgers and the legal attache of our Embassy in Paris. We are confident of our evidence. However, before officially making a request, we wish to ensure that President Mitterrand is informed of the matter and of the views of the US Government. Of course, if the Government of France were to choose informally to deport Mugnyah into our hands, we would accept him on that basis.

Time is of the essence, given the danger that Mugnyah might suddenly disappear before action could be taken against him. There is also the possibility that knowledge of his presence in France might leak in this country. Either of these possibilities would be most unfortunate, as I am sure you understand.

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The preference of your government for quiet, bilateral cooperation in combatting terrorism has been made very clear to us at all levels. The case of Mugniyah is the perfect occasion to demonstrate such cooperation in practice. I urge you and your government to act urgently and decisively to bring him to justice or allow us to do so. Given our common interest in pursuing the fight against terrorism, I am sure you would agree that the highest authorities and public opinion in our two countries could not understand our failure to act.

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1. Imad Fayez Mughniyah is the Hizballah official responsible for holding the US hostages in Lebanon. [redacted]

[redacted]

The following chronological assessment of Mughniyah's background and activities is based on all available intelligence on him--from both unilateral and liaison reporting--as well as analytical reconstruction of his activities. [redacted]

2. Mughniyah is a Shia Muslim who was born in the southern Lebanese village of Tayr Dibba in 1962. As a teenager in southern Lebanon, he served with several Palestinian guerrilla organizations including Fatah, probably because he wanted to be involved in the struggle against Israel, according to fairly reliable sources. He presumably received his basic paramilitary training from these organizations. [redacted]

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4. Mughniyah moved to Beirut at the time of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and worked initially as a member of the bodyguard force protecting Hizballah spiritual leader Fadlallah. He soon established himself as an independent Hizballah paramilitary official, however, and began to attract a following of young radical Shia fighters. Despite his youth, Mughniyah by 1983 had become widely known in Beirut as a key Hizballah "security" official in the southern suburbs of the city, based in the Burj al-Barajinah area.

5. In December 1983, Mughniyah sent his brother-in-law and close associate Mustafa Badr-al-Din to Kuwait to participate as an explosives expert in the Da'wa car-bombings of the US and French Embassies. Badr-al-Din, traveling under the alias Ilyas Sa'b, was subsequently captured and imprisoned by the Kuwaitis along with his two Lebanese Hizballah associates and 14 Iraqi Da'wa Party members. Mughniyah's terrorist activities since December 1983 have focused on securing the release of these prisoners.

6. A campaign of assassinations and kidnapings directed against US and French citizens in Beirut began shortly thereafter, in early 1984. US Marine Multinational Force guards working at our Embassy in West Beirut were fired upon with one dead on 8 January, the president of the American University in Beirut was assassinated on 18 January, and the US defense attache escaped an assassination attempt on 5 March. A series of kidnapings began in February: French citizen Joubert (15 Feb.), Regier (18 Feb.), Levin (7 Mar.), Buckley (16 Mar.), Weir (8 May).

[Redacted]

We believe that Mughniyah, who is widely known by the honorific title "Haj", is probably the same "Haj" who visited hostage Weir several times before his release. [Redacted]

7. We believe that Mughniyah, frustrated by the failure of his kidnappings to secure the release of the Da'wa terrorists, helped plan the hijacking of Kuwait Airways flight 221 in December 1984 to try to force the issue with the Kuwaiti Government. During the week leading up to the Kuwait Airways hijacking, Mughniyah made a number of quick trips out of Lebanon, including stops in West Germany, Bulgaria, and Cyprus. The hijackers' demands were identical to Mughniyah's demands for the release of the US hostages, [Redacted]

[Redacted] Two Americans were killed in the incident. [Redacted]

8. Mughniyah again resumed his kidnappings of US and French citizens in Beirut shortly after the Kuwait Airways hijacking--Jenco (8 Jan. 1985), Anderson (16 Mar.), French diplomats Carton and Fontaine (22 Mar.), Jacobsen (28 May), Sutherland (10 June). [Redacted]

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10. Mughniyah maintains close ties to Iranian officials and has traveled to Iran at least once, last April. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Analysts also speculate that Mughniyah may be a key covert contact of Iranian intelligence official Majid Kamal, who has traveled to Beirut regularly in recent years. Kamal, in fact, may be Mughniyah's case officer. [redacted]

11. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] He is a fierce-looking, bearded young man of below-average height. Mughniyah traveled on his true-name passport at least as recently as last April and may still do so because he believes his identity remains secret. As far as we know, his name has never appeared in the press. [redacted]

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[] AMBASSADOR CHARGE FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN M. POINDEXTER.

SUBJ: IMAD MUGNIYAH: MESSAGE FOR SAULNIER FROM POINDEXTER (S)

1. ~~SECRET~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GENERAL SAULNIER FROM ADM POINDEXTER:

DEAR GENERAL SAULNIER:

I AM COMMUNICATING WITH YOU ON AN URGENT BASIS []
[] BECAUSE OF MY HIGH REGARD AND RESPECT FOR YOU AND
BECAUSE YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OURS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
MEANINGFUL, PRECISE ACTION AGAINST ONE OF THE WORST OF THE
TERRORISTS WHO HAVE CAUSED OUR TWO COUNTRIES SO MUCH PAIN IN
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[REDACTED] THAT THE SENIOR HIZBALLAH TERRORIST LEADER, IMAD MUGNIYAH, IS SECRETLY HIDING IN FRANCE FROM LEBANON. WE BELIEVE MUGNIYAH IS IN PARIS AT AN ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS: "43 88 27 00" OR "43 47 33 27." WE HAVE CONFIRMED INFORMATION FROM OUR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT INDICATING THAT MUGNIYAH'S DEPUTY, KHUDR SALAMAH, HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND THAT MUGNIYAH NOW FEELS FREE TO RETURN TO BEIRUT. HE MAY BE PLANNING TO DO SO THIS WEEKEND AS REASONS FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN PARIS NO LONGER EXIST.

MUGNIYAH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN THE PAST, AND AMPLE EVIDENCE EXISTS OF HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEADLY 1983 BOMBINGS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.S. AND FRENCH CONTINGENTS OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCES IN BEIRUT. IN ADDITION, HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS EITHER RESPONSIBLE FOR OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OTHER SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF A TERRORIST NATURE, INCLUDING THE MURDER IN BEIRUT OF TWO FRENCH MILITARY TRUCE OBSERVERS IN JANUARY 1985, THE KIDNAPPING OF SEVERAL U.S. AND FRENCH CITIZENS WHO ARE STILL HELD HOSTAGE, AND THE HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847.

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BOTH AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FOR MUGNIYAH'S ARREST AND PROSECUTION, AND AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR

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HIS PROVISIONAL ARREST PENDING EXTRADITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS. WE ARE CONFIDENT OF OUR EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, BEFORE OFFICIALLY MAKING EITHER REQUEST, WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IS INFORMED OF THE MATTER AND OF THE VIEWS OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. OF COURSE, IF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE WERE TO CHOOSE EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY TO DELIVER MUGNIYAH INTO OUR HANDS, WE WOULD ACCEPT HIM ON THAT BASIS.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, GIVEN THE DANGER THAT MUGNIYAH MIGHT SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR BEFORE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL, KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN FRANCE MIGHT LEAK IN THIS COUNTRY. EITHER OF THESE POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE, AS I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.

WARM REGARDS,
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2. AT LUNCH TODAY WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS I RAISED OUR REQUEST FOR THE ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF LEBANESE TERRORIST IMAD MUGHNIYAH IF, AS REPORTED, HE IS IN FRANCE. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WAS OBVIOUSLY WELL BRIEFED ON THE ISSUE. HE ASSURED ME THAT THEY BEGAN INVESTIGATING THE INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY

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AFTER RECEIVING IT FROM US THREE WEEKS AGO. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ADDRESSES LED NOWHERE. THEY WERE, HE SAID, THE PHOTOGRAPH WE PROVIDED, HE SAID, WAS OF SUCH POOR QUALITY THAT IT WAS NOT VERY HELPFUL. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN CHECKING AIRPORT DEPARTURES BUT WITHOUT ANY RESULTS.

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3. MITTERRAND STRESSED THAT FRANCE HAS HAD, UNFORTUNATELY, MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH TERRORISM AND WILL FIGHT IT. HE LEFT ME WITH LITTLE DOUBT THAT IF IMAD MUGHNIYAH IS IN FRANCE AND CAN BE LOCATED, THEY WILL ARREST HIM. BUT THEIR INVESTIGATION SO FAR HAS BEEN FRUITLESS.

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4. COMMENT: I WAS NOT SURE FROM MITTERRAND'S REMARKS IF THE FRENCH INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING OR NOT BUT WE WILL CHECK THIS OUT WITH POLICE SOURCES. OBVIOUSLY, ANY ADDITIONAL LEADS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WOULD BE HELPFUL. RODGERS
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Germans do as they're told

SAARBRUECKEN, West Germany — A mystery telephone caller posing as a vice squad officer and university researcher called about 20 women and told them to strip, police reported yesterday.

The caller told his victims he was Police Inspector Braun and was tracking down a sex hooligan. Should the pervert call, they should follow the man's orders and then ring the police. The man called his victims shortly afterward, and identified himself in a low-pitched voice as a Dr. Stoiber, saying he was looking for women to help with his research. After a few questions he ordered them to strip and fondle themselves.

The women, aged between 18 and 60, then called the vice squad here, where a Chief Inspector Braun actually exists, and told their story, the spokesman said. The real Inspector Braun declined comment.

Papers charge terrorist let go

PARIS — Two newspapers have accused the Socialist government of allowing a key Arab terrorist to leave France and return to his base in the Middle East despite an official U.S. request that he be detained for possible extradition to the United States.

France-Soir said President Francois Mitterrand was personally warned in a top-priority telex from President Reagan last November that Imad Mugnyah, an associate of the Abu Nidal suspected of having organized the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marines and French paratroop barracks in Beirut, was en route to Paris.

In a different version, Le Figaro said the telex was sent in December to the French Foreign Ministry with a request that Mr. Mugnyah be detained. Both papers said French counterintelligence quickly located the reputed leader of a Hezbollah "action group," but President Mitterrand's staff prevented an arrest for fear of derailing efforts to obtain the release of four Frenchmen kidnapped in Lebanon.

The Foreign Ministry denied both accounts.

Laborites to 'try' Marxist faction

LONDON — Leaders of Britain's opposition Labor Party, trying to promote a moderate image for itself in preparation for the next election, acted yesterday to destroy Militant Tendency, a Marxist faction of the party.

In a tough six-hour debate, party leader Neil Kinnock won the support of a majority of senior colleagues to put 16 leftists from the northern city of Liverpool on trial by the party for abuse of power and intimidation of Labor Party colleagues.

Unionists spurn Thatcher, set strike

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FROM COMBINED DISPATCH

MOSCOW — Soviet Gorbachev made it clear address to the 27th CPSU Party congress in Moscow that he wants to tighten not liberalize it.

He says it's "Nyektured in the Western style

The tone and content of the

"It was astonishing looking and orthodox analyst said yesterday beyond [Leonid] Brezhnev

Mr. Gorbachev's vision of Soviet social honesty, discipline and alty — just the kinds of to do.

"It was much less expected," said one of the experienced embassy "Not even Brezhnev slabs of ideological ja

Mr. Gorbachev's preceded by an unusual the state-run media drive for fresh ideas among party and gov

But diplomats were passages couched Marxist-Leninist that he devoted far to Kremlin's relations world than expected.

"He was painting world view, very ag about the United States pean diplomat said.

"It looked as if the Union to take the there's no suggestion to the outside world. tioned Western Euro

Mr. Gorbachev was engaged in psy the West, with its "paganda machine of schooled haters of

He called for vigorous efforts by the party to win convincing propaganda tion.

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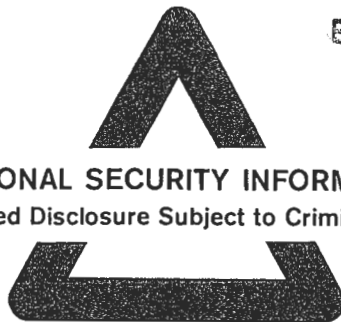
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BY THE LAST SESSION OF OUR CONGRESS. AS WAS THE CASE OF ABU ABBAS, A U.S. COURT HAS ISSUED A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF MUGNIYAH. THE ENORMITY OF MUGNIYAH'S CRIMINAL ACTIONS MAKES US DETERMINED TO SEE THAT HE IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. GIVEN HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST FRENCH CITIZENS, I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR STRONG VIEWS.

BOTH AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FOR MUGNIYAH'S ARREST AND PROSECUTION, AND AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR HIS PROVISIONAL ARREST PENDING EXTRADITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS. WE ARE CONFIDENT OF OUR EVIDENCE. HOWEVER, BEFORE OFFICIALLY MAKING EITHER REQUEST, WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IS INFORMED OF THE MATTER AND OF THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. OF COURSE, IF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE WERE TO CHOOSE EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY TO DELIVER MUGNIYAH INTO OUR HANDS, WE WOULD ACCEPT HIM ON THAT BASIS.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, GIVEN THE DANGER THAT MUGNIYAH MIGHT SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR BEFORE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN FRANCE MIGHT LEAK IN THIS COUNTRY. EITHER OF THESE POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE, AS I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.

WARM REGARDS, POINDEXTER.

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