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1. (U) THE OPPOSITION WEEKLY "CATHOLIC STANDARD" OF AUGUST 17 CLAIMS THAT OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS SEVERAL PERSONS HAVE COME FORWARD WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF GREGORY SMITH AND HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SMITH HAD BEEN A SERGEANT IN THE MARINE BRANCH OF THE GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE (GDF). (ACCORDING TO OPPONENTS OF THE GOG, SMITH, AN ELECTRONICS EXPERT, WAS THE PERSON WHO HANDED ANTI-GOG ACTIVIST WALTER RODNEY A BOOBY-TRAPPED WALKIE TALKIE WHICH RESULTED IN RODNEY'S SECRET

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DEATH BY EXPLOSION LAST JUNE 13.) THE NEWSPAPER ALSO PRINTED A PHOTOGRAPH, ALLEGEDLY OF SMITH.

2. (U) THE SAME ISSUE OF THE "STANDARD" CARRIES A STORY CITING BRITISH PATHOLOGIST DR. HUGH JOHNSON AS SAYING

ON JULY 28 THAT HE HAD ALREADY SUBMITTED HIS REPORT ON RODNEY'S INJURIES TO THE GOG AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BRITISH BOMB EXPERT DR. FRANK SKUSE HAD AGDO SUBMITTED HIS REPORT. JOHNSON REPORTEDLY STATED THAT

HE HAD HEARD NOTHING SINCE.

3. (U) THE GOG-OWNED "GUYANA CHRONICLE" OF AUGUST 15 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE POLICE HAD RECEIVED SKUSE'S REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE "CHRONICLE," THE SKUSE REPORT HAD SUGGESTED OTHER AREAS OF INVESTIGATION AND THE POLICE WERE NOW WORKING ON HIS SUGGESTIONS. THE POLICE, SAID THE "CHRONICLE," WOULD PASS ALONG THEIR FINDINGS TO SKUSE WHO WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED REPORT.

4. (C/NF) FOR MARTINIQUE: WE ARE POUCHING YOU A COPY OF THE "STANDARD" CONTAINING THE PICTURE OF SMITH, WHO NOW APPARENTLY WORKS FOR AN AMERICAN FISHING COMPANY IN CAYENNE.

5. (S/NF) OUR COPY OF SKUSE'S REPORT (PLEASE PROTECT) THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THIS REPORT) CONCLUDES THAT FROM THE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE DEBRIS OF THE EXPLOSION "IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS OR SERVICES OPERATE ON (A FREQUENCY OF 151.025 MHZ)." SKUSE ALSO REQUESTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE A HARRIS PORTA PHONE WALKIE TALKIE SYSTEM.

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(PIECES OF A HARRIS WALKIE TALKIE WERE FOUND IN RODNEY'S CAR AND BODY.) THIS, SKUSE CLAIMED, WOULD FACILITATE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTERNAL SIGNAL AND OF SMITH'S PURPORTED ACTIVITIES.

6. (S) IN LIGHT OF OTHER EVIDENCE OF GOG INVOLVEMENT IN RODNEY'S DEATH (REFTEL), THE STATEMENT THAT THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING "OTHER AREAS" SUGGESTED BY SKUSE APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT AT FOOT-DRAGGING BY THE GUYANESE AUTHORITIES. SKUSE REQUESTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE A HARRIS SYSTEM HIMSELF AND IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE ACTIVELY EASY TO DETERMINE WHO OPERATED AT 151.025 MHZ, HOW THE GOG WILL PUBLICLY HANDLE THE SKUSE REPORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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