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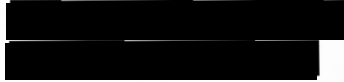
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DOS Case No. F-2014-13807

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Mr. John Greenewald



Dear Mr. Greenewald:

I refer to your request dated September 28, 2013, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was forwarded to the Department of State on July 26, 2014, for the release of certain material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552). Of the relevant documents retrieved in response to your request, all five – four being separate sections of one telegram – originated with and are considered to be of primary interest to the Department of State, and were therefore referred to us for appropriate action.

We have determined that one may be released in full, and four (comprising the four sections of a single telegram) may be released with excisions. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. In the case of a document released in part; all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed.

You have the right to appeal our determination by writing, within 90 days, to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The appeal letter should refer to the case number shown above, clearly identify the decision being appealed, and provide supporting arguments when possible. For further information, see the Code of Federal Regulations, 22 CFR 171.13.

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We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

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"FUNDAMENTALIST OF THE FIS." CHEMELLAL ALLEGEDLY REQUESTED THAT THE TWO SUSPECTS HOLD THE ITEMS FOR HIM "FOR THE GOOD OF HIS FAMILY STAYING IN ALGERIA."

THE FAF DENIES ALL

7. THE FAF, IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 6, CLAIMED THAT NEITHER MEMBERS OF THE FIS NOR ITS SYMPATHIZERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR. INSISTING THAT THE FIS IS LOYAL TO THE "NOBLE PRECEPTS OF ISLAM," THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT ALL ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN THE FAF AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WERE IN FACT LIES. AND ON APRIL 12, MOUSSA KRAOUCHE, FAF SPOKESPERSON, REAFFIRMED THAT "THE PATH OF THE FAF IS ONE OF LEGALITY." ADDING THAT "WE CONDEMN ALL ILLEGAL ACTION ON FRENCH SOIL OR ELSEWHERE," HE SAID THAT HE KNEW NEITHER OF THE TWO ACCUSED AND HAD NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE FIS SYMPATHIZERS.

THE PRESS WEAVES A WEB OF INTRIGUE

8. PRESS ANALYSES OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AFFAIR
HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY RESTRAINED:

-- THE ARMS FOUND DURING THE POLICE OPERATION HAVE BEEN
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DESCRIBED AS A "SMALL MILITARY ARSENAL";

-- THE GALIL ASSAULT RIFLE HAS BEEN NOTED TO BE A
NON-EXPORT MODEL NEVER BEFORE SEIZED IN ANTI-TERRORIST
OPERATIONS, EITHER IN FRANCE OR ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE;

-- A POSSIBLE IRANIAN CONNECTION TO THE GALIL ASSAULT
RIFLE HAS BEEN MENTIONED;

-- THE TWO SUSPECTS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLE "SLEEPING GUARDIANS" WHO COULD FURNISH, AS REQUIRED, KEY MATERIEL TO MORE ACTIVE FIS MEMBERS;

-- AND LILLE'S PROXIMITY TO THE NETHERLANDS AND ITS NOTORIOUS DRUG NETWORKS HAS BEEN USED TO IMPLY A POSSIBLE LINKAGE BETWEEN NARCOTICS AND THE FIS.

INTERIOR MINISTRY RUMINATIONS

9. WE EXPLORED THIS INCIDENT ON APRIL 11 WITH

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE

AFFAIR IS INDEED SIGNIFICANT, REPRESENTING THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF CONCRETE SUPPORT FROM FIS-AFFILIATED INDIVIDUALS IN FRANCE TO FUNDAMENTALIST HARDLINERS IN ALGERIA. ALTHOUGH HE CAUTIONED THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TALK ABOUT THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION -- NO ONE KNOWS, HE SAID, WHERE THE VARIOUS EVIDENCE TRAILS MIGHT LEAD -- [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE FOUND WAS OBVIOUS: TO ENABLE

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ANTI-REGIME INDIVIDUALS IN ALGERIA TO AVOID MILITARY
SERVICE BY DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY HAD ALREADY SERVED
IN THE ARMY, AND TO FACILITATE THEIR MOVEMENT AROUND
ALGERIA WITH FALSE IDENTITY PAPERS. SPECULATING THAT
THE BLANK DOCUMENTS HAD TURNED UP IN FRANCE BECAUSE
FIS-SYMPATHIZERS COULD MAKE USE OF THEM WHEN ENTERING
ALGERIA FROM FRENCH TERRITORY, [REDACTED] ADDED THAT IN THIS
CASE -- UNLIKE MANY OTHERS INVOLVING SUSPECTED PRO-FIS

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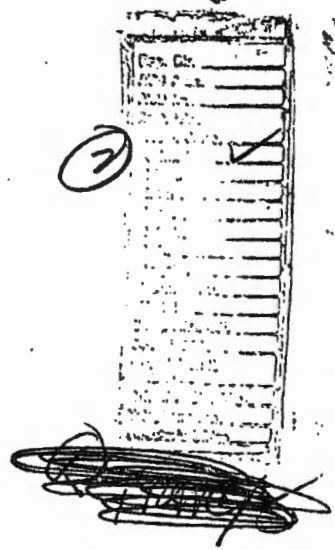
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: RECENT REVELATIONS THAT THE FRENCH POLICE DISCOVERED ARMS AND FALSE DOCUMENTS POSSIBLY LINKED WITH FIS SUPPORTERS DURING A DRUG INVESTIGATION HAVE FUELED SPECULATION ABOUT ILLEGAL ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST ACTIVITY IN FRANCE AND LINKS WITH HARDLINERS IN ALGERIA.

[REDACTED] HAS TOLD US THAT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOUND BY THE POLICE DURING THEIR INVESTIGATION -- DOCUMENTS WHICH HE REFUSES TO DESCRIBE FURTHER -- HAVE BEEN KEPT OUT OF PRESS ACCOUNTS AND ARE QUITE DAMNING. THE EVIDENCE THAT HAS SURFACED SO FAR STRIKES US AS INTRIGUING BUT INCONCLUSIVE. END SUMMARY.

3. THE FRENCH PRESS HAS RUN A SERIES OF ARTICLES TRUMPETING RECENT REVELATIONS ARISING FROM THE ARRESTS MARCH 22 AND 23 OF TWO ALLEGED FIS SYMPATHIZERS. MEDIA

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ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT CHAID EDDOUR, AGE 39, AND
28-YEAR-OLD AHMED SEBA -- BOTH REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF
THE FIS-LINKED ALGERIAN FRATERNITY IN FRANCE (FAF) --
WERE PICKED UP BY POLICE AT THEIR RESIDENCES IN LILLE
AND OUTSIDE PARIS, RESPECTIVELY. THE OPERATION WAS
PART OF A "MUNDANE" DRUG INVESTIGATION, BEGUN IN
DECEMBER 1993, OF A LILLE DRUG RING THAT TRAFFICKED IN

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ABOUT THREE KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN EACH MONTH AND WAS
REPORTEDLY LINKED TO PROSTITUTION ACTIVITY.

4. ALTHOUGH POLICE WERE SAID TO HAVE FOUND NO DRUGS
DURING THEIR SEARCHES OF THE TWO RESIDENCES, THEY DID
UNCOVER FALSE ALGERIAN DOCUMENTS, ARMS, AND MUNITIONS
-- DISCOVERIES THAT THE FRENCH CONTEND MAY FINALLY
ESTABLISH THAT THE FIS IN FRANCE PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT

ILLEGAL SUPPORT TO ANTI-REGIME MILITANTS IN ALGERIA.
(NOTE: THE FRENCH PRESS INDICATES THAT FALSE DOCUMENTS
ALSO WERE FOUND DURING THE NOVEMBER "ROUNDUP" IN FRANCE
LAST YEAR OF SUSPECTED FIS SYMPATHIZERS, BUT THAT THESE
EARLIER DOCUMENTS WERE FEW IN NUMBER AND OF INFERIOR
QUALITY. END NOTE.) THE TWO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH "CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORIST ACTION."

WHAT WAS FOUND

5. ACCORDING TO MEDIA ACCOUNTS, AT THE HOME OF EDDOUR
-- SAID TO BE AN ALGERIAN WHO HAS LIVED IN FRANCE FOR
ABOUT TWO YEARS -- POLICE REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED MORE
THAN A THOUSAND FALSE ALGERIAN ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS
(ABOUT 500 BLANK ALGERIAN IDENTITY CARDS AND ABOUT 600
BLANK ATTESTATIONS OF COMPLETED MILITARY SERVICE) AS
WELL AS SOME COPIES OF THE JOURNAL "CRITERE" PUBLISHED
BY THE FIS-LINKED ALGERIAN FRATERNITY IN FRANCE (FAF)
AND BANNED BY THE GOF. AND IN THE APARTMENT OF SEBA, A
FRENCH NATIONAL, AUTHORITIES CAME ACROSS SOME HANDGUNS,
AMMUNITION CLIPS, BOXES OF NINE MILLIMETER AMMUNITION,
AND AN ISRAELI GALIL ASSAULT RIFLE, AS WELL AS STAMPS.

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FOR MANUFACTURING FALSE DOCUMENTS.

"THEY WEREN'T OURS, BUT . . ."

6. AFP REPORTED APRIL 6 THAT, ACCORDING TO THE
ACCUSED, THE DOCUMENTS, ARMS, AND MUNITIONS HAD
ACTUALLY BELONGED TO A BOUDJELHAL CHEMELLAL, WHOM THEY
HAD MET NEAR A PARIS MOSQUE AND DESCRIBED AS A

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13. EVEN MORE PROBATIVE FOR [REDACTED] HOWEVER, WAS THE FIND OF SEVERAL VERY INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS WHICH REVEAL, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXTENSIVE FUNDAMENTALIST SUPPORT STRUCTURE "IMPLANTED" IN FRANCE AND IN SEVERAL OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

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[REDACTED] WOULD NEITHER DESCRIBE THE DOCUMENTS FURTHER NOR NAME THE OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED, BUT HE CLAIMED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THESE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AND THEIR CONTENTS HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY OMITTED FROM ALL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE AFFAIR.

COMMENT

14. WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE ADDITIONAL, UNSPECIFIED DOCUMENTS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED], IT IS HARD TO EVALUATE THE FRENCH CASE. MUCH OF IT SEEMS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE (E.G., TALK OF DRUG PROCEEDS GOING TO FINANCE ALGERIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS). THE FRENCH PRESS AND OUR INTERIOR CONTACT SEEM TO BE READING BROAD

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POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS INTO THE DISCOVERY OF A FEW ARMS
IN THE POSSESSION OF SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS, WHO
MIGHT LOGICALLY HAVE THEM FOR OTHER REASONS. THE CACHE
OF BLANK ALGERIAN IDENTIFY CARDS AND MILITARY SERVICE
ATTESTATIONS FOUND BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES APPEARS MORE
PROBLEMATIC, BUT ALSO COULD BE EXPLAINED AS PART OF A
SIMPLE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE RATHER THAN AS PROOF OF

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LINKS WITH ALGERIAN FUNDAMENTALIST MILITANTS. GIVEN
THE GRAVITY OF ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THIS AFFAIR,
HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS STORY AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS WITH RELEVANT CONTACTS.

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ACTIVITY -- THE ACCUSED HAVE MADE NO CLAIMS OF COMPLETE
INNOCENCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, OF THE TWO AMMUNITION
CLIPS FOUND BY THE POLICE DURING THEIR SEARCHES, ONE
WAS FOR THE GALIL AND THE OTHER WAS FOR ANUZI.

THE DRUG ANGLE

10. [] ALSO OPINED THAT THE DRUG INVESTIGATION THAT
LED TO THE ARRESTS OF THE TWO ALGERIANS COULD HAVE
WIDER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. SOME TIME AGO, HE SAID,
LEADERS OF THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY IN FRANCE WERE
REPORTED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN AN ANTI-DRUG CRUSADE IN
THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS (REF). [] NOTED THAT FRENCH
AUTHORITIES DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS
CAMPAIGN MAY HAVE BEEN ORCHESTRATED TO GAIN CONTROL OF
THESE MARKETS FOR THE FIS, RATHER THAN ELIMINATING THEM
ENTIRELY, AND THEREBY FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF
DRUG-LINKED MONEY TO ISLAMIC MILITANTS IN ALGERIA.

[] CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS THEORY REMAINS

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UNPROVEN; HIS MINISTRY SO FAR LACKS CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED LINK IN FRANCE BETWEEN ALGERIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. (NOTE:

[REDACTED] HESITATION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN ECHOED BY OTHER GOF OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO AN UNNAMED FRENCH ANTITERRORIST SPECIALIST QUOTED IN THE PRESS, "MANY PEOPLE ORBIT THE FIS, GOING ABOUT THEIR OWN BUSINESS,

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DRUGS OR SOMETHING ELSE, BUT HELPING THE FUNDAMENTALISTS OUT WITH GIFTS OR FALSE DOCUMENTS. UNLIKE THE KURDISH WORKER'S PARTY, WE CANNOT FORMALLY SAY THAT THE FIS IS FINANCED BY DRUGS IN FRANCE, UNLESS IT IS INDIRECTLY." END NOTE.)

[REDACTED] - AGAIN

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11. [REDACTED] USED THE OCCASION OF OUR MEETING TO RAISE BRIEFLY THE SUBJECT OF [REDACTED]. THE GOF, SAID [REDACTED] IS CONVINCED THAT [REDACTED]'S STATEMENTS -- WHICH HE NOTED INCLUDE CALLS FOR ATTACKS ON FOREIGNERS IN ALGERIA -- MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. [REDACTED] DID NOT EXPLICITLY OBJECT TO USG POLICY ON [REDACTED] -- INDEED, HE RECOGNIZED U.S. LEGAL CONSTRAINTS IN CURTAILING [REDACTED]'S COMMENTS -- BUT HE REQUESTED, IN THE INTEREST OF "RECIPROCITY," THAT THE USG SHARE WITH THE GOF ANY INFORMATION IT DEVELOPS ON [REDACTED]'S CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES. (NOTE: THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S INTEREST IN SHARING FIS INFORMATION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH QUAI AND PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR'S CRITICISM OF SUCH CONTACTS. END NOTE.)

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[REDACTED]: INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS; I CAN'T SAY MORE

12. WE ALSO MET ON APRIL 11 WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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CONCURRED WITH OUR INTERIOR CONTACT, VIEWING THE CASE

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AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN CONFIRMING THE
MACHINATIONS IN FRANCE OF THE FIS IN SUPPORT OF
FUNDAMENTALIST MILITANTS IN ALGERIA.

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HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GALIL ASSAULT RIFLE
FOUND BY THE POLICE, ASSERTING THAT ITS MILITARY
CHARACTER AND ITS RARITY OUTSIDE ISRAEL SUGGEST THAT
THE TWO INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED WERE MORE THAN MERE
CRIMINALS.

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