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JUSTICE FOR RYAN AND MARWELL
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: CFED, FR
SUBJECT: **KLAUS BARBIE** UPDATE--US AND SOVIET INVESTIGA-
- TIONS/LAWYER'S REMARKS
1. FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "L'HUMANITE" ON JUNE
27 REPORTED THAT A USG INVESTIGATOR (VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED
AS "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASHINGTON PROSECUTOR
CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING THE LINKS BETWEEN BARBIE AND
THE CIA" AND "A CIA FUNCTIONARY") HAD BEEN TO LYON TO
STUDY FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DOCUMENTS. "L'HUMANITE"
ARTICLE DESCRIBES PRESSURES IN US TO OPEN BARBIE INVES-
TIGATION AND CITES DABRINGHAUSE REVELATIONS THAT SINCE
1945 BARBIE HAD BEEN USED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SER-
VICES IN THE "ANTI-COMMUNIST FIGHT" AND NBC REPORT
ON THE "COMPLICITY OF AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO KEEP BARBIE

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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FROM FRENCH JUSTICE". ARTICLE ALSO CITES ERNEST VOLK-
MAN'S RECENT ARTICLE WHICH CLAIMS BARBIE "REGULARLY
TRANSMITTED INFORMATION TO THE CIA UNTIL 1982 WHILE
BEING INVOLVED IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING TOWARDS THE US.
"L'HUMANITE" ASKS: "WITH THIS BACKGROUND, WHAT WAS THIS
CIA FUNCTIONARY LOOKING FOR (IN LYON)?"

2. "L'HUMANI "

ALSO MENTIONS THAT SOVIET
AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO LOOK AT BARBIE'S "DOSSIER" AND TO
QUESTION (#)

JUSTICE OFFICIAL DE GOUTT
OF SSOVIET REQUEST DURING
JUNE 7

MEETING IN PARIS.)

3. IN AN "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEW IN THE JUNE 25 "QUOTI-
DIEN DE PARIS", BARBIE'S FORMER LAWYER, ALAIN DE LA
SERVETTE, COMMENTED ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE BARBIE
CASE ("IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH VERGES"),
HIS REASONS FOR ACCEPTING THE CASE ("IT WAS THE BARBIE
AFFAIR, NOT BARBIE, THAT INTERESTED ME") AND BARBIE'S
DEPARTURE FROM BOLIVIA. DE LA SERVETTE NOTED THAT BAR-
BIE WAS NEITHER EXPELLED NOR EXTRADITED FROM BOLIVIA BUT
THAT "THE LAW WAS TAKEN INTO ONE'S OWN HANDS". HE
POINTED OUT THAT WHILE BARBIE'S PROSECUTORS COULD MAIN-
TAIN THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE FACT BARBIE
WAS IN FRANCE, AND NOT HOW BARBIE WAS BROUGHT TO FRANCE,
THERE WAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE OF COMPLICITY BETWEEN THE
BOLIVIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS THAT THE COURT SHOULD
DETERMINE IF THERE WERE IRREGULARITIES IN THIS MATTER.

4. DE LA SERVETTE FELT THAT, WHILE THERE WERE "CERTAIN
PEOPLE" WHO WISHED THERE BE NO BARBIE TRIAL, THE TRIAL
WOULD INDEED TAKE PLACE (#)

CAUTIONED THAT BARBIE

("WHO REMEMBERS

THIS EVENT VERY WELL") WAS CAPABLE OF SAYING ANYTHING:
"WHO KNOWS IF HE WILL TELL THE TRUTH?" GALBRAITH

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