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The Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

Mr. Casey has asked me to respond to your letter of 26 February 1985, concerning the Josef Mengele case. Specifically, in that letter you requested that CIA reexamine the documents which were released to you in redacted form, and review our decision to delete the names of Felix Becker and Jose Morales, aka Enio Varella Segovia. This review has been completed and I have enclosed copies of the pertinent documents with the names of those individuals included in the texts.

You also requested information concerning approximately eleven individuals whom you believe have been connected with Dr. Mengele. In regard to this request, it is my understanding that you met with Assistant Attorney General Stephen Trott, on 18 March 1985, and agreed to withdraw the requests for information concerning Dr. Mengele which you submitted to various agencies. I understand that your agreement with Mr. Trott applies to your request to the DCI of 26 February 1985, and that we thus need not take further action with respect to the request at this time.

It is also my understanding as a result of your meeting with Mr. Trott that the Office of Special Investigations and the U.S. Marshals Service will brief you on a regular basis on the progress of their investigations. You may be confident that we are cooperating fully with both of these components of the Justice Department and expect to provide them with information pertaining to the persons you identified in your 26 February 1985 letter.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT: Response to The Honorable D'Amato re the
Josef Mengele Case

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1. ACCORDING THREE SEPARATE [REDACTED] REPORTS

✓ JOSEF MENGELE ARRIVED PARAGUAY FOR FIRST TIME AROUND 1951 AND LIVED ALTERNATELY PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY. HE WORKED FOR SOME TIME AS SALESMAN WEST GERMAN FARM MACHINERY FIRM PARAGUAY AND ARGENTINA. DURING TIME HE WAS IN PARAGUAY, MENGELE NEVER TRIED TO HIDE IDENTITY OR USE FALSE NAME, EVEN DURING FREQUENT TRIPS TO ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL. ON 27 NOV 59 WAS NATURALIZED AS PARAGUAYAN CITIZEN UNDER NAME JOSEF MENGELE, WITH BIRTHPLACE GUNZBURG, BAVARIA,

15 MARCH 1911, WIFE MARTHA MARIA WILL, SON RUDOLF OR ROLF. ACCORDING [REDACTED] HAD BEEN TRYING ACQUIRE AGRICULTURAL LAND IN ZONE OF ALTA PARANA, ACROSS FROM ARGENTINE PROVINCE OF MISIONES. (THIS IS THE SAME AREA AS FARM MENTIONED REF AS OWNED BY MENGELE, BECKSR AND VARELA.) MENGELE DISAPPEARED MYSTERIOUSLY IN 1960 AND WAS RUMORED TO HAVE GONE TO MATTO GROSSO, BRAZIL. ISRAELI AGENTS DURING THE MIDDLE OF 1960

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MADE AN INTENSIVE SEARCH BOTH IN ASUNCION AND INTERIOR PARAGUAY, DIDN'T FIND MENGELE AND FELT HE HAD GONE TO BRAZIL. WEST GERMANY REQUESTED MENGELE'S EXTRADITION 11 AUG 62 AND PARAGUAYAN COURT ISSUED DETENTION ORDER FOR HIM 7 NOV 62. 16 NOV 70 A PARAGUAYAN JUDGE STATED THIS ORDER STILL IN EFFECT. MENGELE ALSO HELD ARGENTINA CEDULA NO. 3,942,484^L ISSUED BUSNOS AIRES 27 NOV 56.

2. [REDACTED] REPORTED 19 NOV 70 HE HAD HEARD FROM UNNAMED FRIEND THAT DR. JOSE (SIC) MENVELE WAS RESIDING VILLA CURUGUATY AS RECENTLY AS 25 OCT 70. (CURUGUATY, LOCATED N.E. OF ASUNCION APPROX 45 KM FROM BRAZILIAN BORDER IN DEPARTMENT OF CAAGUAZU^L) MENGELE WAS WORKING AS AUTO MECHANIC.

3. [REDACTED] 20 NOV 70 REPORTED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGREE WITH PRONOUNCEMENTS OF GOP TO EFFECT NO INFORMATION HAS COME TO LIGHT IN RECENT YEARS TO INDICATE MENGELE IN PARAGUAY.

4. RECURRING RUMORS ARE THAT MENGELE AT WELL-GUARDED RANCH, REPORTED EITHER NEAR ENCARNACION, IN EASTERN PARAGUAY, OR IN CHACO, AND THAT HE IS PROTECTED BY STROESSNER, [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] FILE: [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Louis Bachrach
Chief of Operations - Intelligence
Drug Enforcement Administration

Mr. Vernon V. Hann
Assistant Commissioner
(Border Operations)
U.S. Customs Service

FROM: [Redacted]
Special Assistant for Coordination
of Foreign Narcotics Information

SUBJECT: Request for Traces on Dr. Josef
MENGELE, Felix BECKER, Enio VARFLA
Sepovic, [Redacted]

1. The Strategic Narcotics Team requests that the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Customs Service conduct traces on the following individuals:

a. Dr. Josef MENGELE. DPOB: 1911, Gunzburg, Germany. MENGELE is wanted by the West German government for war crimes and is believed to be hiding in Paraguay, where he reportedly lives under the protection of President Alfredo STROESSNER. MENGELE has used the following aliases which also should be traced:

Dr. Helmut GREGOR-GREGORI. Used in 1954 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he practiced medicine.

Jose MENGELE. Used in 1959 to obtain Paraguayan citizenship.

Fausto RINDON aka Fausto RONDON.

Jose ASPIAZI.

Ernst Sebastian ALVEZ.

Friedrich Idler (von) BREITENBACH. Used in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Felix BECKER, Enio VARELA Segovia [REDACTED]

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Walter HASEK

Heinz STORERT

Karl GUSKE

Dr. Fritz FISCHER aka FISHER, Used in 1963 in Encarnacion, Paraguay, where he practiced medicine.

Lars BALLSTROM

Dr. Henrique (Enrique) WOLLMAN. This is MENGELE's last known alias. It was used in 1972 in Encarnacion, Paraguay, where he practiced medicine.

b. We are also interested in any information your offices may have developed on the MENGELE family business which is located in Gunzburg, Germany. The firm, called MENGELE & Son, manufactures heavy farm machinery for export. It is believed to have branch offices in Asuncion, Paraguay, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and could serve as a mechanism to move or launder large sums of money, as well as to cover the movement of illicit narcotics. A second company that could serve a similar role is Fadro (Fardo) KG. S.A. of Buenos Aires, Argentina--a company in which the MENGELE family purchased one-half interest shortly after the War. This enterprise assembles German made tractors and other farm machinery. We would of course be interested in any additional information you might develop on the MENGELE family business interests.

c. The following are associates of Dr. Josef MENGELE and may be involved in narcotics trafficking:

Felix BECKER. Naturalized Paraguayan citizen of German extraction. Arrested in 1970 in New York City together with Enio VARELA Segovia in a narcotics case [REDACTED]. As of 1972, BECKER and VARELA were listed as the owners of record of a farm believed to be owned by Dr. MENGELE.

Enio VARELA Segovia. Arrested with BECKER in New York, per above.

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Felix BECKER, Enio VARELA Sepovia. [REDACTED]
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2. This request is being made to shed additional light on an article that the Strategic Narcotics Team has already submitted for publication in the International Narcotics Review. Any assistance you can provide is much appreciated.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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30 November 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Luis Bachrach
Chief of Operations - Intelligence
Drug Enforcement Administration

FROM : [REDACTED]
Special Assistant for Coordination
of Foreign Narcotics Information

SUBJECT: ✓ c H*
Dr. Josef MENGELE, EDIO VARELA [REDACTED]

REFERENCES : A. [REDACTED] dated 1 October 1979,
same subject
B. Your memorandum [REDACTED]
dated 15 October 1979, same subject

1. A check of this Agency's records indicates that all information available to this Agency on VARELA and his associates has been formally disseminated to interested U.S. Government agencies, including DEA. [REDACTED]

2. The only information available to this Agency linking MENGELE to reference individuals was contained in a [REDACTED] report on an individual [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brazil. A summary of this report was disseminated to several agencies, including BNDD, as "Exclusive For" [REDACTED] (Attached). The DR. WOLLMAN mentioned in this dissemination was also identified as "fnu MENGELE" in the [REDACTED] report.

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3. The proposed article concerning the MENGELE/narcotics connection mentioned in para 2 ref A/has been withdrawn from consideration for publication in the International Narcotics Review/. It is the opinion of this office that the article, although a tantalizing bit of information, is based on very circumstantial and unsubstantiated evidence and does not warrant publication as finished intelligence.

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Attachment: As stated

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SUBJECT Persons Allegedly Involved in [REDACTED]

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3. Becker (fmu), Enio Varela, and Dr. Henrique Wollmann are partners in a farm located near the airstrip at kilometer marker 45 on the highway to Asuncion. Becker and Varela both deal in stolen goods, especially automobiles. They were also arrested in late 1970 for attempting to smuggle cocaine into the United States but have managed to escape.

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[REDACTED] Since his
escape, Varela frequently visits the Hotel Naypi in Foz du
Iguazu where he has a mistress. Dr. Williams who owns the
other farm in Paraguay resides in Encarnacion, Paraguay.

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