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TOR: 102050Z JUL 91

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - PAN AM 103 - [REDACTED] READY TO TRAVEL  
FOR [REDACTED] CENTER: PLEASE ADVISE [REDACTED] OF THIS MESSAGE.  
ACTION: SEE BELOW.

1. C/O [REDACTED] MET WITH [REDACTED] (P/1) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EVENING 10 JUL 91. HE LOOKED WORRIED AND READY TO DISCUSS BUSINESS AT HAND. WITHOUT PROMPTING FROM C/O, P/1 EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD MET WITH LAMIN ((FHIMAH)) CA ONE MONTH EARLIER. P/1 HAD REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN HIS ESO RELEASE PAPERS FROM ABD AL-BASIT AL-((MAGRAHI)). PER P/1, FHIMAH CAME BACK WITH A MESSAGE DIRECTLY FROM ABDALLAH ((SANUSSI)) THAT NEITHER HE NOR FHIMAH WERE PERMITTED TO LEAVE LIBYA BECAUSE OF PAN AM 103 AND THE "PROBLEMS" PER FHIMAH THAT HAD BEEN CREATED IN MALTA. FHIMAH FURTHER SAID THAT VINCENT ((VASSALLO)) HAD KEPT THEM INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS IN THE INVESTIGATION AND IMPLIED THAT THE "CIA" AND "OTHER SECRET SERVICES" HAD THICK FILES ON BOTH OF THEM. FHIMAH ADDITIONALLY SAID THAT THE USD 150,000 THAT AL-MAGRAHI HAD USED TO FOUND MED TOURS WAS FROZEN IN A BANK IN SWITZERLAND. UPON CONSIDERATION OF ABOVE, AND FACT THAT HE HAD PASSED [REDACTED] SOME 10 KG OF A YELLOW EXPLOSIVE (PROBABLY SEMTEX) IN 1988 WHICH P/1 SAID HE HAD REPORTED AT THE TIME, RUMORS IN LIBYA THAT 'IZZ AL-DIN ((HINSHIRI)) (WHO P/1 REPORTED EARLIER APPROVED THE MED TOURS OPERATION) MAY ASSUME MINISTER OF INTERIOR POSITION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH C/O'S 28 JUN TELEPHONE CALL, CONVINCED HIM IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE. P/1 DEPARTED LIBYA WITH HIS WIFE FOR TUNIS ON 7 JUL, FLEW TO MALTA AND HAS BEEN WAITING TO CONTACT C/O VIA [REDACTED] WHO RETURNED MALTA FOR SHORT VISIT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR THE UK.

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2. P/1 WAS VERY CLEAR THAT HE PREFERS NOT RETURNING TO LIBYA AND WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY. HE IS WILLING TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE, BUT WISHES TO AVOID DEPARTING FROM LUQA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. AS WE THOUGHT, P/1 IS CONCERNED THAT HE

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COULD BE SPOTTED BY LIBYANS WHO COULD FORCE THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN HIM TO LIBYA. HE SUGGESTED DEPARTING BY SEA IF POSSIBLE. AT THIS JUNCTURE, P/1 WILL CONSIDER LEAVING HIS WIFE IN MALTA UNTIL A LATER DATE WHEN HE CAN BE REUNITED WITH HER. P/1 AND HIS WIFE ARE STAYING WITH HER PARENTS.

3. THE BALL DOES SEEM TO BE IN OUR COURT. NEXT MEETING WITH P/1 SCHEDULED FOR 11 JUL, 2100 HRS, AT [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] IN BEST CASE SCENARIO, WE SHOULD PROBABLY MOVE P/1 OUT OF MALTA BEFORE 12-13 JUL, THEREFORE, REQUEST [REDACTED] STAND DOWN ON PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO MALTA. APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER.

5. [REDACTED]  
END OF MESSAGE

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