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TO: IMMEDIATE GENEVA.

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SUBJECT: JACQUES ((PELICHET)) OFFER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
WHEREABOUTS OF MUHAMMAD ((ABBAS)) (ABU ABBAS)

REF: NVGROUP MESSAGE DATED 23 OCTOBER 1985 (BEING RELAYED)

1. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR [] INFORMATION AND
USE IN DETERMINING INTEREST IN CONTACTING JACQUES ((PELICHET))
[] PER REF:

-- IN MID 1970'S HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN
GENOUD AS UNWITTING SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ARAB TERRORISM AND
HAD DEVELOPED CONTACT WITH HIS ASSOCIATE PELICHET, (SUBJECT),
WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON GENOUD'S TRAVELS AND ACTIVITIES.
OVER THE PERIOD OF A YEAR, HOWEVER, SUBJECT PROVED TO BE AN
UNPRODUCTIVE SOURCE AND BEGAN MANUFACTURING TIDBITS HE THOUGHT
MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO US. EVALUATION OF CASE IN NOVEMBER 1975
LED TO DECISION TO DROP CONTACT WITH SUBJECT AND SOLELY MONITOR
HIS ACTIVITIES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE INTEREST. IN 1976, SUBJECT
ACCEPTED A POSITION IN SOFIA, BULGARIA AND CONTACT WAS
CONSEQUENTLY DROPPED.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF GENOUD'S [] INFO
OBTAINED FROM BETWEEN 1957 AND 1975:

-- GENOUD WAS BORN IN LAUSANNE ON 26 OCTOBER 1915.
DURING WORLD WAR II HE WAS ALIGNED WITH THE NAZIS AND FASCISTS
AND WAS ALLEGEDLY AN ABWEHR AGENT. AFTER THE WAR HE WAS
DIRECTOR OF A PUBLISHING HOUSE PROFESSING NEO-NAZI SYMPATHIES
AND MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF EX-GERMAN OFFICIALS
LIVING IN ARAB COUNTRIES.

-- IN THE 1960'S GENOUD WAS CONNECTED WITH THE ALGERIAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MUHAMMAD
((KHIDIR)), AN ALGERIAN POLITICIAN, WHO FLED ALGERIA WITH A
LARGE SUM OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT MONEY. IN 1964, GENOUD WAS
SUSPECTED OF HAVING AIDED KHIDIR IN THE ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF
FUNDS, WAS PUT IN AN ALGERIAN JAIL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND
FINALLY DEPORTED.

-- GENOUD HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH ARAB EXTREMISTS AND
ACTIVE IN PRO-ARAB CIRCLES IN SWITZERLAND. IN 1970 HE
REPORTEDLY ATTENDED THE TRIAL OF THREE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED
AN EL-AL AIRPLANE IN ZURICH. AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTER OF THE
PFLP, HE ACTED AS COUNSELOR BETWEEN THE ARAB LAWYERS AND THE
PALESTINIAN PRISONERS. IN 1974 GENOUD CLAIMED TO BE IN DIRECT
CONTACT WITH GEORGE HABBASH, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PFLP, IN

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-- IN 1975 GENOUD WAS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ARAB COMMERCIAL BANK IN GENEVA AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE ARAB WORLD. HE ALLEGEDLY MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THEN LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, MAJOR ABD AL-MUNIM AL ((HUNI)), VIA A SPECIAL CONTACT IN PARIS. HE WAS REPORTEDLY ASSIGNED A SPECIAL MISSION BY THE LIBYANS TO CONTACT AND ASSESS UNNAMED REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN VENEZUELA IN MARCH 1975. THAT SAME MONTH, THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BOGOTA DENIED GENOUD'S REQUEST TO TRANSIT THE U.S. ON THE RETURN LEG OF A "BUSINESS TRIP" FROM LATIN AMERICA TO EUROPE.

-- IN 1975 GENOUD ALSO REGISTERED A HOLDING COMPANY, VALCOMAR, S.A., IN SWITZERLAND. THE COMPANY WAS REPORTEDLY CAPITALIZED BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND SERVED AS A COMMERCIAL FRONT AND FUNDING CHANNEL FOR LIBYAN POLITICAL INVESTMENTS. ACCORDING TO "SCHWEIZARISCHES REGIONENBUCH 1981", VALCOMAR WAS LOCATED IN FRIBOURG AT RUE DE ROMONT 29, APPARENTLY AT THE RESIDENCE OF A G.((CHASSOT)), ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SHAREHOLDERS. IN 1975 CHASSOT WAS DESCRIBED AS A BUSINESSMAN AND HONORARY CONSUL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AS WELL AS A RIGHT-WING TYPE WHO HAD RESIDED IN LAUSANNE FOR MANY YEARS.

3. BECAUSE OF HIGH INTEREST IN LOCATING ABU ABBAS APPRECIATE [] COMMENTS ON REF SOONEST. THANKS.

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