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1. PARA TWO FOLLOWING IS FACT SHEFT ON INCOUES ((VERGES)) AND FRANCOIS ((GENOUD)) FOR PASSAGE TO BEEN DRAWN LARGELY FROM OPEN SOURCES, AND HOS AGREES THAT FENCH SEVICES PROBABLY HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IN THEIR FILES. SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT GENOUD INITIATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AFTER ONE RECENT NEWPAPER EXPOSE OF HIS ACTIVITIES, BUT THE CASE WAS SETTLED OUT OF COURT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT A PHOTO OF GENOUD AND GEORGE ABDALLAH. PLEASE POUCH A COPY OF ANY ARTICLES THAT RESULT TO PNFIREBALL.

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JACQUES VERGES (BORN 5 MARCH 1925 IN AUBONE, THAILAND)

VERGES' FATHER WAS A FRENCH DOCTOR AND HIS MOTHER WAS VIETNAMESE. HE WAS RAISED IN REUNION. HIS FATHER WAS A FOUNDER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN REUNION, AND HIS TWIN BROTHER, PAUL, IS CURRENTLY THE HEAD OF THE PARTY.

AS A LAW STUDENT IN PARIS IN THE LATE 1940S HE WAS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF LEFTWING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE UNION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS, WHICH HAD ITS HEADQUARTERS IN PRAGUE.

DURING THE ALGERIAN WAR HE DEFENDED FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY MILITANTS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST THE WAR. HE WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE BAR IN 1961 AND LEFT THE COUNTRY.

VERGES SPENT THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENTS OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. HE CONVERTED TO ISLAM AND MARRIED ONE OF HIS FORMER CLIENTS, DJAMILA BOUHIRED, WHOM HE HAD DEFENDED WHEN SHE WAS CHARGED WITH INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM. HE LEFT ALGERIA UNDER A CLOUD IN 1963 BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH WITH MOHAMMED KHIDER, A POLITICAL DISSIDENT WHOM THE NEW GOVERNMENT REGARDED AS A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY.

FROM 1970 TO 1978 HE DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY, AND HE HAS NEVER ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HE DID DURING THIS PERIOD.

UPON HIS RETURN TO FRANCE IN THE LATE 1970S HE WAS REINSTATED IN THE BAR AND BEGAN TO TAKE UP THE DEFENSE OF WELL-KNOWN TERRORISTS. HE DID NOT ACCEPT MONEY FOR THESE CASES AND USED COURTROOM APPEARANCES TO CRITICIZE FRENCH AND US POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD. VERGES RELISHES PUBLICITY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOCK THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND EMBARRASS THE FRENCH ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH HAS NEVER ACCEPTED HIM DESPITE HIS BRILLIANCE.

IN APRIL 1982 HE DEFENDED MAGDALENA KOPP AND BRUNO BREGUET, MEMBERS OF THE CARLOS ORGANIZATION WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT WITH WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES.

IN JUNE 1983 HE TOOK OVER THE DEFENSE OF KLAUS BARBIE, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE GESTAPO IN LYON.

IN FEBRUARY 1985 HE DEFENDED VAROUDJAN GARBIDJAN, LEADER OF THE

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ASALA ATTACK AT ORLY AIRPORT IN JULY 1983.

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IN JULY 1986 HE ACTED AS DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR GEORGES ABDALLAH, THE LEADER OF LARF, WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ISRAELI AND US DIPLOMATS.

FRANCOIS GENOUD (BORN 26 OCTOBER 1915 IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND)

GENOUD IS A LAWYER AND BUSINESSMAN WITH A SHADY REPUTATION AND A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN PRO-NAZI AND PRO-ARAB ACTIVITIES. HE AND VERGES HAVE CROSSED PATHS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

IN OCTOBER 1964 GENOUD, WHO WAS THEN THE HEAD OF THE BANQUE POPULAIRE ARABE IN ALGIERS, WAS ARRESTED BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTING MOHAMMED KHIDER IN ILLEGALLY TRANSFERRING 15 MILLION SWISS FRANCS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. HE WAS DEPORTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. KHIDER WAS ASSASSINATED IN 1967 AND THE MONEY WAS NOT RETURNED TO ALGERIA UNTIL 1979.

AFTER RETURNING TO SWITZERLAND HE BECAME A LEADING FIGURE IN THE BANQUE COMMERCIALE ARABE. THE EMIR OF KUWAIT DEPOSITED 500,000 BRITISH POUNDS IN THE BANK FOR ASSISTANCE TO ORPHANS OF THE ALGERIAN WAR. THE MONEY DISAPPEARED AND GENOUD WAS ACCUSED OF DIVERTING THE FUNDS TO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS.

IN 1969 GENOUD ASSISTED IN THE LEGAL DEFENSE OF THREE PALESTINIANS WHO HAD ATTACKED AN EL AL JET IN ZURICH. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE ORGANIZED THE DEFENSE OF BRUNO BREGUET, WHO HAD BEEN SMUGGLING EXPLOSIVES INTO ISRAEL. IT HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED THAT HE ARRANGED FOR VERGES TO BECOME BARBIE'S LAWYER.

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