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ASALA ATTACK AT ORLY AIRPORT IN JULY 1983.

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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