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FOR: LIMIT CE/BOGYA INFO CE/BF, CE/BOG, C/CE/PLANS,
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SLUGS: WNINTEL [] BGFIEND
SUBJECT: BGFIEND CLAIMANT - HABIB AHMET KABASHI

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE PARA 6 BELOW.

2. ON 25 SEP STATION OSO [] MET WITH HABIB AHMET ((KABASHI)) (SUBJECT) TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON HIS BGFIEND CLAIM. DURING CONVERSATION WITH SUBJECT, STATION OSO VERIFIED SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, AND POSED REF 3 PARA 3 AND 4 QUESTIONS. IN REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY SUBJECT, [] NOTED THAT MANY WERE EXTREMELY OLD. STATION BELIEVES THIS IS IMPORTANT IN THAT THESE OLDER, MUCH MORE WORN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WOULD BE MUCH HARDER TO FALSIFY THAN NEW DOCUMENTS, OR DOCUMENTS THAT HAD BEEN RE-ISSUED. STATION OSO ALSO ASKED SUBJECT WHY HE DID NOT HAVE ANY OF THE ALBANIAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RELATING TO HIS FATHER'S INVOLVEMENT WITH NWBOLTON, AS DO MANY OTHER BGFIEND CLAIMANTS. SUBJECT EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO HIS FAMILY'S SUDDEN RELOCATION FROM ALBANIA TO KOSOVO IN THE WAKE OF HIS FATHER'S PARTICIPATION IN BGFIEND, SUBJECT'S FAMILY DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER THE ARTICLES, DOCUMENTS, AND ASSORTED BELONGINGS WHICH MOST BGFIEND CLAIMANTS USUALLY POSSESS.

3. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT AFTER HIS FATHER'S PARTICIPATION WITH NWBOLTON BECAME PUBLIC, SUBJECT'S MOTHER, XHILE ((AGUSHI)), RELOCATED WITH SUBJECT AND SUBJECT'S BROTHER, AGUSH ((KABASHI)), TO KOSOVO. SUBJECT'S MOTHER CHANGED THE FAMILY LAST NAME FROM KABASHI TO SUBJECT'S GRANDFATHER'S MIDDLE NAME, AGUSHI. THIS WAS DONE TO AVOID ANY RETRIBUTION BASED ON HER HUSBAND'S PARTICIPATION IN BGFIEND. (NOTE: DURING A RECENT INFORMAL

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DINNER WITH [] OFFICERS AND SPOUSES, [] WHILE SHARING WITH STATION OFFICERS HIS EXPERIENCES DURING ALBANIA'S COMMUNIST PERIOD, NOTED THAT DURING THE HOXHA YEARS, MANY POLITICALLY OPPRESSED FAMILIES LEGALLY CHANGED THEIR NAMES IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION). REF A PARA 6 CONFIRMS THAT BGFIEND PARTICIPANT'S COMPLETE NAME WAS AHMET AGUSH ((KABASHI)). AS ALBANIAN MIDDLE NAMES ARE PATRONYMICS (I.E. FORMED FROM THE FATHER'S FIRST NAME), THIS MATCHES SUBJECT'S STORY AND EXPLAINS WHY SUBJECT'S SURNAME ON MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS HE PROVIDED IS AGUSHI. SUBJECT'S PASSPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, READS HABIB AGUSHI INSTEAD OF HABIB KABASHI.

4. SUBJECT PRESENTED HIS PARENT'S OLD PASSPORT AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, AS WELL AS THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER AND SUBJECT'S OWN BIRTH CERTIFICATE. SUBJECT ALSO PRESENTED HIS MOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE AND OLD IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT'S GRANDMOTHER. SUBJECT ALSO PROVIDED MORE RECENT DOCUMENTATION INDICATING THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER HAS ONLY TWO SONS AND ONE WIFE. DURING THE INTERVIEW, STATION OSO USED SOME OF THE GIVEN NAMES MENTIONED IN REF C, WITHOUT MENTIONING SURNAMES. SUBJECT WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT LAST NAME AND EXPLANATION OF WHO THE PERSON WAS, ALONG WITH THEIR CONNECTION TO NWBOLTON. SUBJECT WAS FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHEN HIS FATHER LEFT ALBANIA, WHICH MEANS MOST OF THE THINGS HE KNOWS ABOUT HIS FATHER AND HIS FATHER'S PARTICIPATION IN BGFIEND HE LEARNED FROM FRIENDS OF HIS FATHER, AS WELL AS OTHER RELATIVES, SUCH AS SAQIR ((KABASHI)). KABASHI IS A COUSIN OF SUBJECT'S FATHER WHO NOW LIVES IN BUFFALO N.Y. (PHONE NUMBER 716-634-2379). SHAQIR IS ALSO MENTIONED ON REF C. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT ILMI AND AHMET KABASHI, COUSINS OF SUBJECT'S FATHER, ALSO WORKED FOR NWBOLTON AND THAT THEY WERE PARACHUTED INTO ALBANIA AND DIED ON IMPACT. SUBJECT NARRATED TO STATION OSO THAT HIS FATHER, AHMET AGUSH KABASHI, WAS PARACHUTED INTO ALBANIA WITH HAMET MATJANI AND BEQIR ((BAJGORA)). SUBJECT INDICATED THAT HE LAST SAW HIS FATHER IN 1951 AFTER SUBJECT'S FATHER PARACHUTED INTO ALBANIA. SUBJECT'S FATHER WAS NOT CAPTURED DURING THE INFILTRATION, AND BEFORE ESCAPING TO GREECE, HE VISITED SUBJECT AND HIS FAMILY IN KOSOVO FOR FIVE DAYS. SUBJECT NEVER SAW HIS FATHER AGAIN. SUBJECT'S EXPLANATION AGREES WITH INFO PROVIDED IN REF A PARA 4, WHICH INDICATES THAT COS [] IN MARCH 1951 POUCHED AN ENVELOPE WHICH CONTAINED LETTERS FROM AHMET KABASHI AND BEQIR BAJGORA TO THEIR FAMILIES. STATION BELIEVES THE MATCHING STORIES AND DATES OF SUBJECT'S EXPLANATION ALL BUT ELIMINATES ANY DOUBT REGARDING SUBJECT'S RELATION TO BGFIEND PARTICIPANT AHMET AGUSH KABASHI.

5. REGARDING OTHER POSSIBLE RELATIVES, SUBJECT INDICATED THAT HIS FATHER HAD ONLY ONE BROTHER, REXHEP ((KABASHI)), WHO DIED IN GREECE. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT HIS FATHER ONLY HAD ONE WIFE, SUBJECT'S MOTHER, XHILE AGUSH, NOW DECEASED, AND TWO CHILDREN, SUBJECT AND SUBJECT'S BROTHER, BOTH OF WHOM ARE STILL ALIVE. SUBJECT HAS INDICATED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT HE IS CLAIMING COMPENSATION FOR HIMSELF AS WELL AS FOR HIS BROTHER. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, SUBJECT'S BROTHER, AGUSH AGUSHI, HAS BEEN LEAVING IN GERMANY FOR THE PAST 25 YEAR, AND IS AWARE AND IN AGREEMENT WITH SUBJECT CLAIMING COMPENSATION ON HIS BEHALF. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT IF THERE IS ANY COMPENSATION DUE TO SUBJECT AND HIS BROTHER, THE AMOUNT SHOULD BE PAID TO SUBJECT, WHO WILL IN TURN GIVE HALF OF IT TO HIS BROTHER IN GERMANY. UNFORTUNATELY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER IS ABLE TO TRAVEL ONLY TO KOSOVO AND FEARS

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TRAVELING TO TIRANA. SUBJECT EXPLAINED THAT AGUSH AGUSHI IS AFRAID TO TRAVEL FROM GERMANY TO KOSOVO AND THEN TO TIRANA BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT THE ALBANIAN POLICE MAY TAKE HIS PASSPORT AWAY (NFI), AND HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO GERMANY WHERE HE IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE HIS PENSION.

6. IT IS STATION'S BEST ASSESSMENT, BASED ON DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY SUBJECT AND BASED ON SUBJECT'S STORY, THAT SUBJECT IS INDEED THE SON OF BGFIEND PARTICIPANT, AHMET AGUSH KABASHI, AND THEREFORE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION. STATION FEELS COMFORTABLE WITH THE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO PROCEED WITH COMPENSATION. PER REF B PARA 4, HOWEVER, STATION BELIEVES THAT BOTH LIVING SONS OF AHMET AGUSH KABASHI ARE EQUALLY ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION, THEREFORE THE SUM STATED ON REF B PARA 4 SHOULD BE SPLIT IN TWO EQUAL AMOUNTS. SO AS TO CLOSE THIS CLAIM, STATION WOULD LIKE TO VERIFY THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHER IN GERMANY IS AWARE OF AND AGREES WITH THE FACT THAT SUBJECT REPRESENTS HIM. SUBJECT'S BROTHER, AGUSH AGUSHI, LIVES IN AUGSBURG, GERMANY, AND STATION HAS A TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HIM. PENDING HQS CONCURRENCE, STATION WILL DRAFT A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE AGUSHI/KABASHI BGFIEND CLAIM FOR [] AND REQUEST THAT A [] OFFICER CONTACT AGUSHI AT HIS HOME, TO VERIFY THAT HE IS AWARE OF HIS BROTHER'S CLAIM IN TIRANA.; THIS WOULD ALSO ALLOW SUBJECT'S BROTHER TO REQUEST DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS DIRECTLY TO HIM IN GERMANY. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THERE IS NO [] OFFICER AVAILABLE, STATION WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND AN OFFICER TO TALK WITH MR. AGUSHI IN AUGSBURG. ONCE STATION HAS VERIFIED THAT BOTH BROTHERS ARE AWARE OF THE CLAIM, STATION WILL DISCUSS DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS WITH SUBJECT.

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