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DEPT PLS PASS TO DOJ, ALSO FOR US MARSHAL SERVICE
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SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION - NO. 7
REF: SAO PAULO 1511 AND PREVIOUS
1. CONFIDENTIAL - (ENTIRE TEXT).
2. ON JUNE 14, U.S. EXPERTS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE HAND-
WRITING OF JOSEF MENGELE ON LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OBTAINED
IN POLICE RAIDS IN SAO PAULO AND THE FRG. THE INK AND PAPER
ANALYSIS, WHICH IS USED TO DETECT BACKDATING FRAUD, CONTINUES TO
BE CARRIED OUT BY A U.S. EXPERT WHO HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON.
ON JUNE 15, FORENSIC SCIENTISTS FROM THE U.S. AND WEST GERMANY
MET WITH THEIR BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS
OF IDENTIFYING THE REMAINS EXHUMED IN EMBU. AS OF NOW
THE U.S. FORENSIC EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE METHODOLOGY
INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE BRAZILIAN SIDE IS UNSCIENTIFIC,

FOR COORDINATION WITH ^{ed} STATE

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NEEDLESSLY TIME-CONSUMING, AND COULD LEAD TO A QUESTIONABLE RESULT. POLOFF AND A U.S. MARSHAL SERVICE INSPECTOR MET TODAY (JUNE 17) WITH SAO PAULO FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA TO DISCUSS THE EXPERTS' CONCERNS. TUMA ASSURED THAT THE METHODOLOGY WILL BE CHANGED, AND THERE ARE ALREADY INDICATIONS THAT THIS IS BEING DONE.
END SUMMARY.

3. IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 14, U.S. HANDWRITING EXPERTS GIDEON EPSTIEN AND DAVID CROWN INDEPENDENTLY CONCLUDED "BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT" THAT THE LETTERS OBTAINED BY THE BRAZILIAN AND WEST GERMAN POLICE WERE WRITTEN BY MENGELE. THEY FIRST REPORTED THEIR FINDINGS TO WALMIR SILVA, CHIEF CRIMINOLOGIST OF THE FEDERAL POLICE IN SAO PAULO, WHO SAID HE HAD ARRIVED AT THE SAME CONCLUSION. THEY THEN REPORTED TO TUMA, HEAD OF THE INVESTIGATION, WHO IMMEDIATELY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS. TUMA SAID THE HANDWRITING ANALYSIS CONFIRMS THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES THAT JOSEF MENGELE LIVED IN SAO PAULO.

4. U.S. CHEMIST ANTONIO CANTU, WHO SPECIALIZES IN DATING DOCUMENTS THROUGH INK AND PAPER ANALYSIS, HAD NOT COMPLETED HIS WORK BY JUNE 14. HE NEVERTHELESS RETURNED TO THE U.S. THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH EPSTEIN AND CROWN, TAKING WITH HIM LOCAL INK AND PAPER SAMPLES ALONG WITH INK PLUGS AND PAPER SLIVERS FROM MENGELES'S LETTERS, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS IN WASHINGTON. (NOTE: CANTU, CAN DETECT SOME KINDS OF FRAUD; FOR EXAMPLE, A LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITH INK OR ON PAPER AVAILABLE ONLY AFTER THE DATE OF THE LETTER.) CANTU ESTIMATED HIS ANALYSIS WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK.

5. THE FRG ADJUNCT CONSUL GENERAL IN SAO PAULO, SEPP WOELKER, TOLD POLOFF ON JUNE 14 THE PHOTOGRAMMETRIC EXPERTS IN WEST GERMANY HAD POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED JOSEF MENDEL IN PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY WOLFRAM BOSSERT, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN MENGELE'S LANDLORD IN SAO PAULO FROM 1975 TO 1979. WOELKER DESCRIBED THE PROCESS AS DIGITALIZED HEAD ANALYSIS COMPARING MEASUREMENTS FROM MENGELE'S SS PHOTOS.

6. IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 15, U.S., FRG, AND BRAZILIAN FORENSIC SCIENTISTS ALONG WITH TUMA AND AYRTON MARTINE, CHIEF CRIMINOLOGIST OF THE SAO PAULO STATE POLICE, HELD THEIR FIRST JOINT MEETING. THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED U.S. GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EXPERTS (LOWELL LEVICE, FOREN-

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