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E.O. 13526, section 1.4(c)

SUMMARY: NONE

TEXT: 1. AS OF MAY 2003, FORMER BA'ATH PARTY MEMBER COLONEL SULAYMAN ((AL-RUSHI)) AND SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED IRAQIS, WERE LIVING IN A HOUSING COMPLEX SOUTH (NFI) OF MOGADISHU, SOMALIA, IN THE BULLA HUBAI AREA. THE IRAQIS HAD ARRIVED IN SOMALIA WITH MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI ((ANTE)). MUHAMMAD HAD BEEN A PROFESSOR AT ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES (NFI) IN IRAQ, PRIOR TO THE COALITION INVASION. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING HOW THE IRAQIS TRAVELED TO SOMALIA. THE HOUSING COMPLEX WAS HEAVILY GUARDED BY THE SOMALI TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (TNG) MILITIA. THE TNG PROVIDED THE HEAVY SECURITY BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THAT OPPOSITION GROUPS (NFI) WOULD TRY TO KIDNAP THE IRAQIS AND HAND THEM OVER TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. IN ADDITION TO AL-RUSHI AND HIS ASSOCIATES, THERE WERE MANY OTHER UNIDENTIFIED IRAQIS LIVING IN HOUSES AND VILLAS IN THE KILOMETER FOUR AND BULLA HUBAI AREAS OF MOGADISHU. MANY OF THE IRAQIS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AIDED BY THE OWNER OF ((JUBA AIRLINES)), MUHAMMAD ((DALUUF)), AND THE OWNER OF ((DALLO AIRLINES)), ((ABDULLAHI)) (LNU), AKA "HAUSADE." [REDACTED] COMMENT: BOTH MUHAMMAD AND ABDULLAHI WERE LOYAL TO TNG PRESIDENT ((ABDIKASSIM)). THE TWO MEN ALSO WERE RUMORED TO BE INVOLVED IN PURCHASING AND SMUGGLING WEAPONS (NFI) AND OTHER CONTRABAND (NFI) ITEMS.) [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT PROVIDE MORE SPECIFICS ON HOW THE IRAQIS WERE AIDED.)

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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF IRAQI BA'ATH PARTY MEMBER COL SULAYMAN AL-RUSHI IN MOGADISHU; INDICATIONS THAT DOLLO AND JUBA AIRLINE OWNERS MAY HAVE AIDED FLEEING IRAQIS

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2. IN ADDITION TO AL-RUSHI AND HIS ASSOCIATES, THERE WERE MANY

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