

Exchange Mail

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FROM Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT)
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SUBJECT RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~
TO Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)

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ok, for now I will copy you in on what we are doing; if that changes, let me know.

-----Original Message-----

From: Feldman, Daniel
F. (MULTI)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2000 9:03 PM
To: Wolosky, Lee
S. (TNT)
Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

lee -- i'm
probably the guy in multi, but i'll see if others should also be involved. i ostensibly do arms trafficking, though that consists of going to IWG's at state about once every three months. i do the accountability (war crimes) aspect of sierra leone, but matt mclean is more engaged on peacekeeping, and richard wilcox has been more involved with the diamonds issue (at least from the u.n. perspective). let me know about future mtgs, though, and i'll make sure the right person is there. thanks, dan

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky,
Lee S. (TNT)
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2000 7:57 PM
To: Feldman,
Daniel F. (MULTI)
Subject: FW: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Dan:

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See

below. Got a good briefing today on this bad boy and we have a tentative action plan for moving forward. Arms trafficking, Sierra Leone, and diamond trafficking issues here, among others. Are you the right person at @multi to hook in as we move forward, or is there someone else?

Lee

-----Original Message-----

From: Dempsey, Nora B.

(AF)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 2:47 PM

To: Wolosky, Lee S.

(TNT)

Cc: Cooper, Colby J. (ADMIN)

Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer

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Lee -

I'll definitely come... let us know where in the bldg the briefing will be.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky,

Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 1:30 PM

To: Weiss, Andrew

S. (RUE); Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Tucker, Maureen E. (NONPRO);

Dempsey,

Nora B. (AF); Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)

Subject: FW: Evil arms

dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Tues. briefing will not include unstream Russia connections because ^{1.4(c)}

at this point.

We know Butt has an office in Moscow, ^{1.4(c)}

Please

let me know who plans to attend Tues brief so that we can figure out where to hold it. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky,

Lee S. (TNT)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 12:13 PM

To: Smith,

Gayle E. (AF); Tucker, Maureen E. (NONPRO); Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA
 - African Affairs; @NONPRO - Export Controls; Weiss, Andrew S.
 (RUE);
 Rosa, Frederick M. (TNT)
 Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

I've
 arranged a briefing here Tues. 11 July at 1:30. Issues include the
 items set forth below. Let me know if you will join the briefing;
 I have already been in touch with RUE.

- * overview of operations
 in Africa
- * possible ties 1.4(d)
- * existing warrants
- * ties
 to UBL/sanctions busting
- * upstream connections to ROC, Russian
 Government/arms export agencies/state-owned factories
 1.4(d)

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith,
 Gayle E. (AF)
 Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 11:13 AM
 To: Tucker,
 Maureen E. (NONPRO); Dempsey, Nora B. (AF)
 Cc: Wolosky, Lee S.
 (TNT); @AFRICA - African Affairs; @NONPRO - Export Controls
 Subject: RE:
 Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

not a bad idea, also maybe someone
 from intell

-----Original Message-----

From: Tucker, Maureen
 E. (NONPRO)
 Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 11:09 AM
 To: Dempsey,
 Nora B. (AF)
 Cc: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT); @AFRICA - African Affairs;
 @NONPRO - Export Controls
 Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Sure,
 I'd like to sit in. I haven't seen any intel on this, so I don't
 know what it indicates, but since the evil one is Russian, should

we invite someone from RUE?

-----Original Message-----

From: Dempsey,
Nora B. (AF)
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 11:06 AM
To: Tucker,
Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Cc: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT); @AFRICA - African
Affairs
Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Maureen -

we

met with Lee just after this e-mail conversation.

he had some good

ideas (re U.A.E. diplomacy), and will contact ^{1.4(c)}

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Message-----

From: Tucker, Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Sent: Friday,
July 07, 2000 8:37 AM
To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Wolosky, Lee S.
(TNT)
Cc: Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Tucker,
Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Nora/Cathy

- let me know when you get together with Lee - thanks - Maureen

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Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Monday, July 03,
2000 10:33 AM
To: Wolosky, Lee S. (TNT); Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)
Cc: @TRANSNATIONAL
- Transnational Threats; Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Byrne, Catherine
E. (AF); Tucker, Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer
~~{TOP SECRET}~~

Cool. Nora/Cathy - can you get with Lee on this
when possible?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wolosky, Lee
S. (TNT)
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2000 9:51 AM
To: Smith, Gayle
E. (AF); Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)
Cc: @TRANSNATIONAL - Transnational
Threats; Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Tucker,
Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Subject: RE: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP SECRET}~~

I

am. As you know, Butt is a Russian, and I have been interested in learning more about his network outside Africa. Suggest we get together before you grab your hammer and frequent flyer voucher.

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Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Sent: Monday, July 03,
2000 8:41 AM
To: Clarke, Richard A. (TNT)
Cc: @TRANSNATIONAL -
Transnational Threats; Dempsey, Nora B. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E.
(AF); Tucker, Maureen E. (NONPRO)
Subject: Evil arms dealer ~~{TOP
SECRET}~~

We have an evil arms dealer named Victor Butt who has networks across Africa and is effectively fuelling Angola, Sierra Leone and the Congo. We also have A LOT of intell on him. Following a briefing from them, I have asked Nora Dempsey and Cathy Byrne in my office to put together a draft strategy for shutting down his network, which they are very eager to do since they have been following him around for months and he keeps messing up their portfolios. Dick - who in your office is the get-evil-arms-dealers person, that they might touch base with? Maureen - do you think you can offer any insights or ideas into this?

Nora and Cathy are quite determined and I am convinced that if we simply turned them loose with my frequent flier miles and a hammer they could take care of this. However - want to know what legal, diplomatic, and other tools we may have at our disposal. If this network could be shut down it would be huge for Africa, both in the specific sense of his operations, but also in the bigger picture.

Thanks