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1. 8 MAY: ISSUE OF LE FIGARO HAS ARTICLE ON MARCEL FRANCISCI TRIAL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 7 MAY IN PARIS AND WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED ON 11 MAY. TRIAL TAKING PLACE BECAUSE FRANCISCI HAS BROUGHT DEFAMATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST "TIME" MAGAZINE, WHICH ACCUSED HIM OF BEING ONE OF "GRAND BONNETS DE LA DROGUE".

2. STAR WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE (TIME MAGAZINE) WAS AMERICAN LAWYER HERBERT ITKIN, WHO HAS BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION IN NUMEROUS TRIALS OF MAFIA LEADERS IN THE STATES AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NARCOTICS DEALINGS IN 1967 WITH MARCEL F. ITKIN ALSO CLAIMED TO WORK FOR BKHERALD AS WELL AS FOR THE FBI. SEVERAL FORMER BNDD AGENTS WHO WERE ACTIVE IN FRANCE, WERE AT HAND TO TESTIFY AGAINST FRANCISCI. DEFENSE WANTED TO INTRODUCE INFO FROM LOUIS DOUHERET LETTER ROGATOIRE WHICH, FOR PROCEDURAL

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REASONS, WAS NOT PERMITTED BY THE COURT.

3. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MR. CUSTER  
 ATTENDED THE TRIAL. IF HQ INTERESTED STATION CAN SEND  
 CLIPPINGS.

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