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[Aladdin M. Al-Tayyar] (S)

A confidential source advised that [Aladdin Al-Tayyar] (S) [First Secretary] (S) to [the Iraq Mission] (S) to the United Nations, has, since July, 1974, been engaged in numerous inquiries and negotiations for the purchase of sophisticated weaponry, including automatic weapons with silencers. Among others (S) he has dealt with are the Military Armament Corporation of Marietta, Georgia, and American International Corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah. This first company manufactures counter-insurgency weapons, including the MAC M-10 and M-11 sub-machineguns. The latter company manufactures the Model 180 long rifle which is equipped with a laser sight mechanism. A factory and warehouse for American International Corporation is located in Austria under the name, Voere Ges MBH and Company. (S)

In January, 1975, an individual named [William Apikian] (S) [21 Avenue du Jour, Ferney-Voltaire, France] (S) contacted [Al-Tayyar] (S) from the [Iraq Consulate] (S) in [Geneva, Switzerland] (S) concerning (S) dealing with these weapons dealers and also with other individuals, possibly [Mitchell Werbell, III] (S) and [Mitchell Werbell, IV] (S) who operate a firm known as Defense Systems in [Powder Springs, Georgia] (S). These two individuals have previously been arrested by agencies of the United States Government for illegal arms' deals. [Apikian] (S) subsequently traveled to the United States and engaged (S) in negotiations with these companies. He arranged for [Charles Coff] (S), the Chairman of the Board of American International Corporation, to travel to [Baghdad] (S) in connection with the sale (S) of weapons [to Iraq.] (S)

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[Aladdin M. Al-Tayyar] (S)

On January 27, 1975, the same confidential source advised that [Apikian] planned to fly from New York to [Geneva] [CS] on January 29, 1975; proceed to [Munich] that evening; to [S] [CS] [Dusseldorf] on January 30, 1975; and to return to [Geneva] [CS] on January 30, 1975, aboard [Swissair] flight [525]. [Apikian] [CS] intended to contact a [Prince Kishkarian] (phonetic) in [Munich] [CS] and a [Dr. Schumeier] (phonetic) in [Dusseldorf]. He would then meet with Goff in [Geneva] and they would depart for [Baghdad] [CS] together on January 31, 1975. (S)

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(1) Will attempt to identify and furnish background information concerning [William Apikian] who claims to have a residence in [Geneva, Switzerland]. Since [Apikian's] nationality is not currently known, will determine whether he possesses [Swiss] nationality or is in possession of [Swiss] travel documents. Will ascertain whether [Apikian] has [an official governmental] capacity or has any known connection with illegal gun dealers or known terrorist groups. (S)

(2) Will attempt to determine whether there is any indication of recent shipments or anticipated shipments from [Vere Ges MBH] and [Company] in [Austria] to [Iraq] or to individuals suspected of being connected with any [Arab terrorist] organizations. Will ascertain the relationship between [Vere Ges MBH] and [Company] and American International Corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah. (S)

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