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Aladdin M. Al-Tayyar (5)

A confidential source advised that Aladdin Al-Tayyar, ST First Secretary to the Iraq Mission to the United Nations, CSJ New York, New York, has, since July, 1974, been engaged in numerous inquiries and negotiations for the purchase of sophisticated weaponry, including automatic weapons with silencers. Among others he has dealt with are Military Armament Corporation of Marietta, Georgia, Defense Systems, of Powder Springs, Georgia, and American International Corporation, of Salt Lake City, Utah. 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.

The same source advised that in January, 1975, an individual named William Apikian, 21 Avenue du Jour Ferney-Voltaire, France, contacted Al-Tayyar from the Siraq Consulate in Geneva, Switzerland, concerning these weapons! dealers. Apikian subsequently traveled to the Sirated States and engaged in negotiation with these companies. He arranged for Charles Goff, Chairman of the Board of American International Corporation, to travel to Baghdad in connection with the sale of weapons to Iraq.

Another government agency, that conducts criminal and security investigations, advised that a shipment of weapons, including sub-machineguns with sound suppressors,

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- (1) Will attempt to identify and furnish background information concerning the individuals contacted by Aladdin Al-Tayyar.
- (2) Will attempt to ascertain whether any of these individuals are known to have affiliation with arms' dealers or known terrorist groups.

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were sent from Military Armament Corporation in Marietta, Georgia, to Edgard M. Lemmens in Belgium. A confidential source abroad advised that Edgard Lemmens is a suspected supplier of arms to the Irish Republican Army and to Euzkadita Azkatasunat, a Basque terrorist group. The other government agency also advised that Mitchell Werbell, III and Mitchell Werbell, IV, who operate Defense Systems, have been previously arrested by the United States Government for illegal arms' deals.

A second confidential source advised on April 16, 1975, that Al-Tayyar made telephonic contact with the following individuals in Lebanon:

 Date
 Number Called
 Individual Called

 July 16, 1974
 691+230095
 Read (phonetic)

 July 23, 1974
 691+230095
 Ryhab (phonetic)

 August 11, 1974
 040+159310
 Davis Lewis 35 Dancing Road

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