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FROM : *Am/amb* SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: ALADDIN M. AL-TAYYAR  
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(NYFILE 105-137187) (S) (S)

IRAQ MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
IS-IRAQ  
(BUFILE 62-77787-282) (S)  
(NYFILE 105-21730) (S)

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This letter and enclosed LHM are being classified "Secret" to protect sensitive sources utilized and to prevent disclosure of sensitive nature of this investigation regarding diplomatic personnel. (S)(u)

Re WFO airtel to the Director dated 2/5/75; New York nite to the Director dated 2/14/75; FBI HQ letter to New York dated 2/23/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies and for recipient offices 2 copies each of an LHM regarding subject. One copy each of enclosed LHM being furnished locally to U.S. Customs and [CIA-FRD.] (S)(u)

The Special Agent observing the departure of CHARLES GOFF from John F. Kennedy International Airport was SA DAVID E. VON HOLLE. The Special Agent who interviewed ROSSER SCOTT REEVES, III was SA JAMES T. BURNETT.

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- (2-62-77787-282) (S)
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Telephone toll records concerning the residence telephone of AL-TAYYAR were obtained through the Security Supervisor, New York Telephone Company.

The first confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is NY 14567-IA.

The second confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is NY 2340-S.

For the information of recipient offices, first-captioned subject is the First Secretary of the Iraq Mission to the United Nations. He arrived in New York on 5/13/73 following assignments for the Iraq Government in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada. Investigation to date indicates that at least since the Summer of 1974, subject has expressed an interest in the purchase of weapons, including silencers. He has made some legitimate purchases of revolvers for export to Iraq. On 12/21 and 22/74, the subject and an individual named ISSAM ABI RAFEH, North Bergen, New Jersey discussed the transfer of 70 "units" and 2,000 rounds of ammunition in New York. These "units" may have been destined for use in the United States or for transportation to Montreal, Canada.

On 1/18/75, WILLIAM APIKIAN, an individual of unknown nationality, giving an address of 21 Avenue de Jour, Ferne-Vollaire, France, arrived in New York with NATIK SHAKIR, a cousin of AL-TAYYAR, and a high official of the Iraq Government. SHAKIR underwent medical consultation in New York for an equilibrium disorder. APIKIAN made contact with several arms dealers in New York, as well as with CHARLES GOFF, American International Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, and GEORGE SALESKY, of Military Armament Corporation, Marietta, Georgia. Both of these firms produce highly sophisticated counter-insurgency weapons. On 1/29/75, GOFF embarked on a trip to the Middle East to demonstrate these weapons. APIKIAN may be contacting European representatives of U.S. arms firms in connection with weapons purchases.

For the information of FBI HQ, on 2/18/75, SA MICHAEL FAHY, U.S. Customs, New York, checked the records of the Lanas Import Company, 41 West 30th St., NY, NY, under the guise of a routine examination. These records and interview of OSCAR LOPEZ, proprietor of Lanas, indicated that the firm does business with many diplomats, especially from Latin America. Among the transactions indicated on the books of Lanas were the delivery of gifts of wine from the Algerian Mission to the United Nations to other United Nations Missions during several days prior to Christmas, 1974. These deliveries would appear to

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Provide a plausible explanation for the presence of the Lanas truck in the vicinity of the Iraq Mission on 12/23/74. SA FAHY further advised that U.S. Customs border officials have been alerted regarding the return of CHARLES GOFF to the United States. (S)

For the further information of FBI HQ, CIA-ERD advised the NYO that NATIK SHAKIR, aka NATIK SHAKIR MAHMUD AL-TIKRITI, born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1942, entered the United States on 9/24/69, as an Attache. He was also the bodyguard for ABDUL KARIM AL-SHAIKHLY, currently Iraq Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN, in Kuwait in 1971. He is the brother of SADUN SHAKIR, Director of General Intelligence in Iraq. (S)

On 2/4/75, CLYDE BRYANTE, U.S. State Department, telephonically contacted the NYO and advised that the travels of CHARLES GOFF to the Middle East for the purpose of demonstrating the use of firearms may constitute a violation of Title 22, US Code, Section 1934, and Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 121-128. BRYANTE further indicated that United States Customs Department, Investigations Unit, handles investigations for the State Department in connection with violations of munitions control regulations, such as the above-mentioned provisions. (S)

As indicated in WFO airtel to the Director dated 2/5/75, Central Records of INS were checked with negative results by WFO re APIKIAN and SHAKIR. (S)

A search of INS records per D. F. LEONE, Records and Information Section, 20 West Broadway, NYC, re SHAKIR and APIKIAN proved negative on 2/14/75. (S)

REQUEST OF FBI HQ

FBI HQ is requested to furnish NYO with any information in Bureau files re NATIK SHAKIR and WILLIAM APIKIAN. (S)

FBI HQ is also requested to advise the NYO of the status of NYO request for additional coverage of the subject as set forth in FBI HQ nitel to New York dated 1/24/75 and New York nitel to Director dated 1/30/75.

FBI HQ is requested to contact at headquarters level representatives of U.S. Customs Service and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Unit of the U.S. Treasury Department to determine the status of any current or recent investigation relating to GEORGE SALESKY or ROSSER SCOTT REEVES, III, or their firm, Military Armament Corporation, CHARLES GOFF, or his firm, American International Corporation, or MITCHELL WERBELL, III, MITCHELL WERBELL, IV, or their firm, Defense Systems, of Powder Springs, Georgia, which may relate to instant investigation.

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As mentioned in New York nitel to the Director dated 2/14/75, NY [14567-IA], who has had social contact with [AL-TAYYAR] (S) in the past, has expressed a willingness to cooperate with the FBI in this matter. However, NYO does not feel that FBI HQ proposal set forth in referenced letter of 1/23/75, would provide the answers concerning the ultimate use for which weapons are being sought by [AL-TAYYAR] and [APIKIAN]. [AL-TAYYAR] would (S) not necessarily reveal these ultimate purposes to a prospective supplier of arms. Before any indication of this ultimate use might be furnished to the Special Agent acting as an arms dealer, the Agent might have to engage in a prolonged relationship with the subject and actually provide large quantities of sophisticated weapons, the use of which would be beyond FBI control. In addition, the cover suggested in referenced letter would subject the Special Agent to possible scrutiny through arms dealers already contacted by [AL-TAYYAR]. If an approach (S) by a Special Agent under suitable cover is recommended by FBI HQ, the NYO suggests that the Special Agent might utilize the cover of an American businessman dealing in machined metal parts, having extensive contacts both within the arms industry and with government agencies. This cover would allow the subject of weapons to be discussed without involving their uncontrolled delivery to the subject. (S)

In order to more expeditiously resolve this matter, the NYO requests FBI HQ authorization for the following approach (u)

As previously noted, while serving in [Canada] in 19[72] the (S) subject approached a representative of the United States Department of State and made inquiry concerning possible political asylum for a "friend" who was unhappy with the current [Iraqi regime]. In this (S) connection, he was later contacted in [Montreal] by a representative (S) of CIA. During this contact, he continued to use the guise of speaking for a "friend", and indicated that this "friend" was willing to collaborate with the U.S. Government by inserting himself in an anti-regime plotting group. The NYO feels that the subject should be approached away from the [Iraq Mission] or other (S) [diplomatic establishments] under secure conditions by a Special Agent (S) or Agents who would not identify themselves to the subject. They could then make inquiry concerning the current feelings of the subject's alleged "friend" regarding cooperation with the U.S. Government. Depending upon [AL-TAYYAR'S] reaction, the Special Agents (S)

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might discuss the U.S. Government's interest in the influx of sophisticated weaponry into [the Middle East]. In view of the fact that [AL-TAYYAR] previously initiated contact with U.S. Government officials in [Montreal], it is not felt that he would be in a position to make a complaint regarding this approach through [Iraqi] or [United Nations channels]. Since the Special Agents would not identify themselves, [AL-TAYYAR] could not, in any event, make specific allegations against either the FBI or the U.S. Government. This approach would allow for a prompt determination of [AL-TAYYAR]'s willingness to cooperate without involving a prolonged undercover relationship that could possibly compromise highly sensitive source NY [14567-IA]. FBI HQ should note that [CIA-FRD] continues to express a keen interest in approaching [AL-TAYYAR] in order to develop him for overseas intelligence purposes. If FBI HQ does not wish to authorize contact of [AL-TAYYAR] by Special Agents, it might consider giving CIA permission to approach [AL-TAYYAR] and requesting CIA to furnish the FBI with any information he provides regarding instant investigation.

LEADSALBANYAt Syracuse, New York

(1) Will identify subscribers to 315-[471-9517] and 315-[446-4766] both of which were called during the first week of August, 1974, from [Miami] and [Tampa], Florida, and charged to the home telephone number of [AL-TAYYAR], 212-879-8023.

(2) Will check office indices and appropriate sources for any indication that the subscribers are involved with either arms dealers [or Arab] or radical political organizations.

ALEXANDRIA(1) At Arlington and Falls Church, Virginia

Will conduct the same investigation requested of ALBANY in connection with telephone numbers 703-[521-7245] and 703-[941-3419] called 10/22/74 and 7/31/74, respectively, from the subject's home telephone number.

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SECRETNY [105-137187]  
NY [105-21730] (S)LEADS (CONT'D)ATLANTAAt Atlanta, Powder Springs, and Marietta, Georgia

(1) For the information of Atlanta, on [1/11]75, NY [2340]S (S) advised that [WILLIAM APIKIAN] and [AL-TAYYAR] discussed dealing with a father and son in Powder Springs, Georgia, indicating that the father wanted to travel to [Jordan] and [Iraq]. Atlanta (S) is requested to attempt to determine whether MITCHELL WERBELL, III or MITCHELL WERBELL, IV have recently traveled to [the Middle East.] (S)

(2) Will establish liaison with local offices of U.S. Customs and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and advise the NYO and FBI HQ on a continuing basis of the progress of investigation being conducted by those agencies regarding the activities of GEORGE SALESKY, of Military Armament Corporation, and MITCHELL WERBELL, III and MITCHELL WERBELL, IV, of Defense Systems. Will coordinate investigation with these other agencies in an attempt to determine the nature and extent of any exportation or domestic sale of weapons to [Arab] individuals, groups or [S] governments.

BOSTONAt Lenox, Massachusetts

Will conduct same investigation as requested of Albany in connection with telephone number 413-[637-3525] called from [S] subject's home phone on 7/27/74. (S)

At Springfield, Massachusetts

Will check indices and contact established sources regarding E. W. REITHER, of Smith and Wesson, and advise the NYO whether it is felt that contact with REITHER might jeopardize the confidentiality of the inquiry concerning the subject.

CHICAGOAt Chicago, Illinois

For the information of Chicago, on 1/20 and 21/75, NY [2340]S indicated that an individual named [GANJI] from Chicago, home telephone 312-[676-9569], business telephone 312-[676-0844], attempted to contact [AL-TAYYAR] regarding information [GANJI] had received from [AMIN EL HASSAN], of Washington, D. C. Chicago is requested to fully identify [GANJI] and attempt to ascertain whether he has any connection with subject's weapons' deals. (S)

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(1) Will conduct same investigation requested of Albany in connection with telephone number 312-[784-7877] contacted (CS) from subject's home telephone on 11/5/74. (S)

MIAMIAt Miami, Florida

(1) Will conduct same investigation requested of Albany in connection with telephone number 305-[865-7511] called (CS) 12/23/74 from New York, and telephone number 305-[531-9440] (CS) from which collect calls made to subject's residence on 8/2 and 3/74. (S)

(2) Will, through Southern Bell "Toll Library", POB 440100, obtain identifying information regarding following calls charged to [AL-TAYYAR's] residence phone (212-879-8023) (S)

To Syracuse, New York  
315-[471-9517] (CS)  
From Miami, Florida, on 8/2/74  
Identification Number [JK 19038875] (S)

To Syracuse, New York  
315-[471-9517] (CS)  
From Miami, Florida on 8/3/74  
Identification Number [JK 20030473] (S)

To Syracuse, New York  
315-[471-9517] (S)  
From Miami, Florida, on 8/3/74  
Identification Number [JK 20030510] (S) (S)

To Syracuse, New York  
315-[471-9517] (S)  
From Miami, Florida on 8/4/74  
Identification Number [JK] (CS)

To Syracuse, New York  
315-[446-4766] (CS)  
From Tampa Florida, on 8/6/75  
Identification Number [JM] (CS)

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(1) For the information of Newark, subject has made numerous calls to 201-[868-4794] a number previously determined to be [CS] the residence of [ISSAM ABI RAFEH] and his wife, [LOLA RODRIGUEZ] [CS] [RAFEH, 8200 Boulevard East,] apartment [15-E,] North Bergen, New [CS] Jersey. (S)

(2) Will conduct same lead as set out for Albany in connection with telephone numbers 201-[762-8368] and 201-[451--8041] called [CS] 7/24/74 and 8/20/74, respectively. (S)

NEW HAVENAt Torrington and Ridgefield, Connecticut

Will conduct same investigation as requested of Albany in connection with telephone number 203-[482-8480] called 7/27/74 [CS] and 9/6/74 and telephone number 203-[438-3569] called 8/15/74. (S)

SALT LAKE CITYAt Salt Lake City, Utah

Will attempt to discreetly determine whether CHARLES GOFF has returned from [the Middle East] or, if he has not, when he [CS] is expected to re-enter the United States.

WASHINGTON FIELDAt Washington, D.C.

(1) (S) As noted above, neither INS Central Files, Washington, D.C., nor INS Records Section, NY, NY, has been able to locate any record of the arrival or departure of either [NATIK SHAKIR] aka [NATIK] [CS] [SHAKIR MAHMUD AL-TIKRITI,] or [WILLIAM APIKIAN.] Investigation has failed to develop [APIKIAN's] exact nationality, but he has given [CS] an address in [France] and also claims to have a residence in [CS] Geneva, Switzerland. WFO is requested to recontact INS in an attempt to locate records of [APIKIAN] and [SHAKIR.] WFO is also [CS] requested to contact US Department of State, Visa Office, regarding any applications received for visas for the above individuals. (S)

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WASHINGTON FIELD (CONT'D)

(2) Check indices and established sources in an effort to identify [AMIN EL HASSAN,] possibly with the [Iraq Interest Section,] mentioned in lead for Chicago Office. (S)

(3) Will recontact Office of Munitions Control, US Department of State to determine if any applications have been received in the last 8 months from Military Armament Corporation or Defense Systems which could possibly be destined for individuals involved in this case. [It should be noted that [AL-TAYYAR] claimed that an individual, possibly MITCHELL WERBELL, IV, of Defense Systems, claimed that the US Government had turned down a request for a shipment of arms.] (S)

(4) Will also determine if proper documentation and authorization were obtained in connection with the .45 caliber automatic ordered through John Jovino Company of NYC and ascertain the composition and authorization regarding the shipment made to New York by Smith and Wesson, Springfield, Massachusetts, as mentioned in enclosed LHM.

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