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FOIPA Request No.: 1360458-000
Subject: Iran Air Flight 655

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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32 pages were reviewed and 21 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- ☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☒ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- ☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

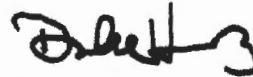
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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

The enclosed documents represent the first and final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Inquiries regarding your OGA referral designated within the release as "Referral/Direct" may be directed to the following agency at:

U.S. Department of State
Attn: Eric Stein
Office of Information Programs & Services
A-GIS-IPS-RL-RC
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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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ON JULY 3, 1988, IRANIAN FLIGHT NUMBER 655 WAS
ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DOWN BY A U. S. NAVAL SHIP IN THE PERSIAN
GULF, RESULTING IN THE REPORTED DEATH OF 290 PASSENGERS. THE
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ISSUED A STATEMENT REGARDING THE INCIDENT,
VOWING RETALIATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. FBIHQ CONSIDERS
THE IRANIAN THREAT LEVEL AGAINST THE UNITED STATES TO BE
SIGNIFICANTLY ELEVATED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD INSURE THAT ALL AGENTS ASSIGNED
COUNTERTERRORISM INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AWARE OF

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THIS INCIDENT. IN ADDITION, ALL OFFICES ARE TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT SOURCES AND TO CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO PREVENT ANY RETALIATORY ACTS.

ALL OFFICES HAVING ACTIVE IRANIAN SURROGATE GROUPS SUCH AS BOSTON, DETROIT, INDIANAPOLIS, AND LOS ANGELES SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES, SPOT CHECKS, ETC., TO INSURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE OF THESE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

NEWARK, NEW YORK, AND THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN FIELD OFFICE ARE TO IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE REAL TIME COVERAGE OF ALL

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MEASURES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL NOTIFIED BY FBIHQ.

FBIHQ WILL ASSIGN COUNTERTERRORISM AGENT PERSONNEL TO THE FBIHQ DUTY OFFICE, TELEPHONE NUMBER 324-2805, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY WEEKEND. ALL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE REPORTED TELEPHONICALLY AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE.

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AT 10:30 P.M., JULY 3, 1988, [REDACTED]

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WJLA TELEVISION, CHANNEL 7, WASHINGTON D.C., AN ABC AFFILIATE, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A FEMALE WITH A DISTINCT MIDDLE EASTERN ACCENT WHO STATED "IT IS GOING TO BE A BLOODY FOURTH OF JULY DOWN ON THE MALL TONIGHT."

FBIHQ OPINES THAT THIS CALL IS IN RESPONSE TO THE ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING DOWN OF IRANIAN FLIGHT 655 ON JULY 3, 1988, BY A U. S. NAVAL SHIP.

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REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF

AN IRANIAN AIRBUS 300 BY THE U. S. NAVY OPERATING IN THE

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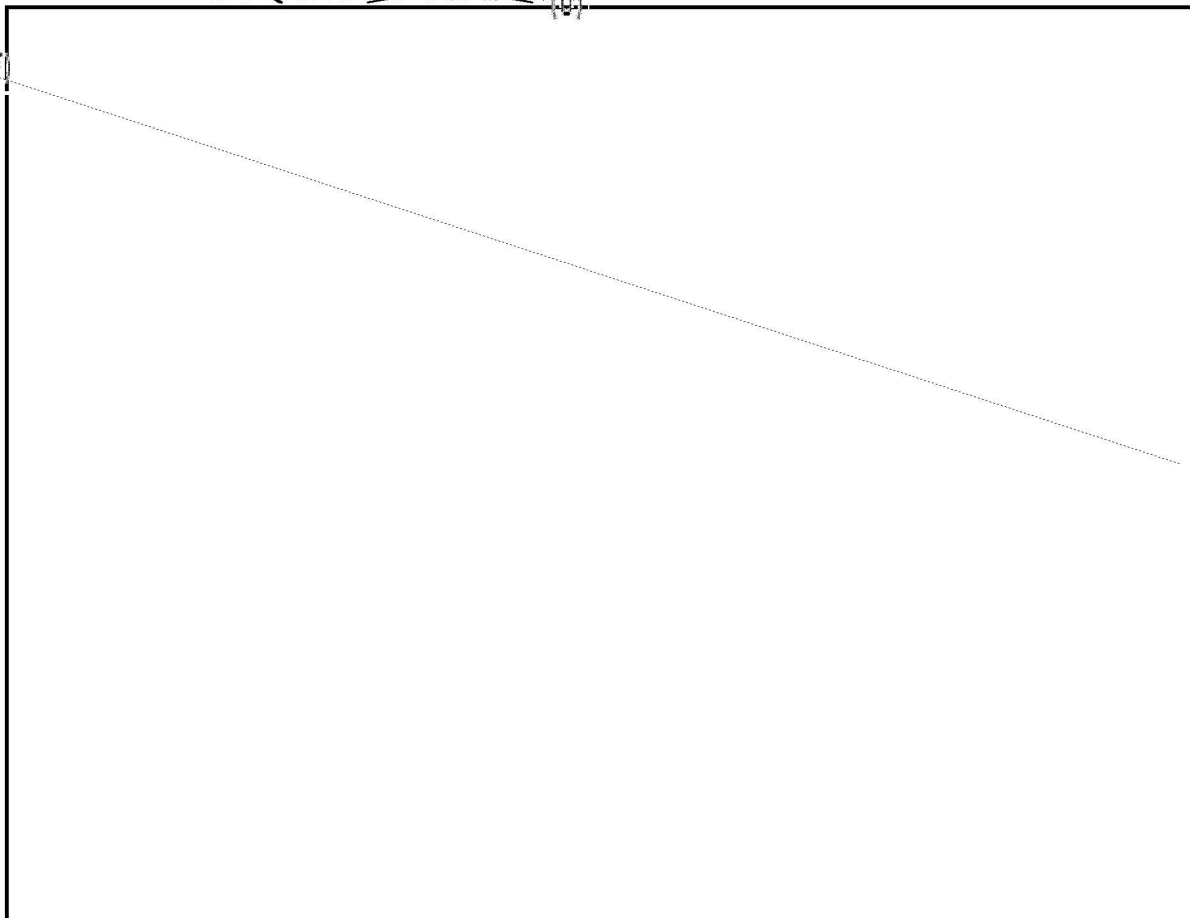
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WE ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING AT YOUR KINDEST CONVENIENCE ANY
INFORMATION USEFUL TO PREVENT THE OPERATION THREATENED.*
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THE FOLLOWING ISLAMIC REACTION AT CURACAO TO THE DOWNING OF IRAN
AIR FLIGHT 655:

"WE INFORM YOU THAT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT IN THE
PERSIAN GULF, THE LOCAL MUSLIMS HELD A MEETING, AFTER THEIR HOUR
OF PRAYER. DURING THIS MEETING THE INCIDENT WAS DISCUSSED AND
HEAVILY CRITICIZED.

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"THE PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAN IN CURACAO, SEIVERDIN ABRAHAM AYOUBI, DECLARED HE WOULD SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE IRANIAN CONSUL IN VENEZUELA TO EXPRESS THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LOCAL ISLAMIC COMMUNITY. TWO DAYS LATER HE TRAVELLED TO VENEZUELA TO PERSONALLY EXPRESS HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE IRANIAN CONSUL.

"NO OTHER ACTIONS WERE TAKEN NOR WILL BE TAKEN, HOWEVER, THEY EXPECT IRAN WILL RETALIATE."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, LEGAT IS UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DEMONSTRATIONS OR SIGNIFICANT REACTION IN BRIDGETOWN'S TERRITORY.

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JULY 4, 1988, UNDER THE "WINTER CAMPAIGN" CAPTION.

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE DIRECTED ALL FIELD OFFICES AND LEGATS TO BE ALERT FOR THE REACTION OF THEIR IRANIAN COMMUNITIES AND FOR INCREASED IRANIAN ACTIVITY WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE RECENT IRAN AIR AIRLINER INCIDENT.

ON JULY 19, 1988, [] ADVISED THAT THE SAN DIEGO b7D
MUJAHEDIN-E-KHALQ (MEK) CHAPTER APPEARS TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT ALTHOUGH THE EVENT WAS A TRAGIC SITUATION, THE KHOMEINI GOVERNMENT MUST ACCEPT PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE INCIDENT. THE SAN DIEGO MEK APPEARS TO GENERALLY BELIEVE THAT BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SIGHT WERE PLANTED EITHER ABOARD THE JET BEFORE A SUICIDE MISSION OR WERE PLANTED AT THE SCENE BY DESIGN. THE GROUP ALSO QUESTIONS THE FACT THAT THERE WAS IMMEDIATE VIDEO AFFORDED TO THE SEARCH AND RECOVERY BY THE IRANIAN NEWS AGENCY (IRNA). THE SUSPICION BEING THAT THE SEARCH AND RESCUE UNITS WERE FULLY EQUIPPED AND IN POSITION TO ARRIVE ON SCENE AHEAD OF ANY OTHER PARTY IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE SCENE AND MAXIMIZE THE PROPAGANDA VALUE.

THE GROUP DOES NOT APPEAR TO AGREE ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE U.S. NAVAL FORCES KNOWINGLY AND DELIBERATELY DOWNED

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THE CIVILIAN PASSENGER LINER OR WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A MISTAKE WHICH TOOK PLACE UPON IRAN'S STAGING.

IN ANY CASE, IT APPEARS TO [] THAT THE SAN DIEGO MEK CHAPTER DOES NOT BLAME THE U.S. BUT RATHER APPLAUDS THE EVENT AS IT SERVES TO "BLOODY THE NOSE OF IRAN" AND CAUSE GREATER DISHARMONY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND IRAN. EITHER CASE IS SEEN BY THEM TO BENEFIT THE MEK CAUSE.

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ON JUL. 22, 1988 [] WAS CONTACTED AND THE ASSET ADVISED THAT IT WOULD NOT APPEAR THAT THE PRO-MONARCHY (PRO-PALAVI) SEGMENT OF THE LOCAL IRANIAN COMMUNITY BLAMES THE U.S. FOR ITS ACTION OR FOSTERS ANY ILL WILL DUE TO THE TRAGEDY.

ON JULY 25, 1988, [] ADVISED THAT []

[] THIS WEEKLY

MEETING SERVES AS BOTH A RELIGIOUS MEETING AND A POLITICAL FORUM FOR PLO-KHOMEINI SHITES MOSLEMS WHO ARE PREDOMINANTLY THE MEMBERS/SUPPORTERS OF THE LOCAL ANJOMAN ISLAMIE (AI) CHAPTER WHICH UTILIZES THE NAME INTERNATIONAL MOSLEM STUDENT ASSOCIATION/PERSIAN SPEAKING GROUP (MSA/PSG).

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SAN DIEGO REMAINS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO ANY INDICATION THAT PROTESTS OR TERRORISTS ACTS WILL RESULT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE CRUISER USS VINCENNES IS HOME PORTED IN SAN DIEGO. CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH NIS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE INTELLIGENCE AND ASSET COVERAGE AHEAD FOR THE FUTURE RETURN OF THE SHIP TO SAN DIEGO. NIS WILL PROVIDE SAN DIEGO WITH AS MUCH PRIOR NOTICE AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE DATE OF RETURN AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USS VINCENNES. THE SAN DIEGO PRESS HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT THE USS VINCENNES IS BASED IN SAN DIEGO AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES RESIDE HERE, INCLUDING THE FAMILY OF SHIP'S COMMANDER, CAPTAIN WILL ROGERS.

SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT/CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT ARE AWARE OF CAPTAIN ROGER'S ADDRESS AND ARE ALERT FOR ANY INCIDENT DIRECTED AT HIM OR HIS FAMILY DUE TO HIS ROLE IN THE IRAN AIR MATTER.

WHETHER THERE IS ONE ORGANIZED OR VARIOUS INDEPENDENT

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PROTESTS, IT IS FELT LIKELY THAT VARIOUS IRANIAN FACTIONS MAY TRAVEL TO SAN DIEGO WHEN THE VINCENNES RETURNS TO PORT. IT IS NOTED THAT THE LOS ANGELES FEDERAL BUILDING WAS THE SIGHT OF A SIGNIFICANT PROTEST FOLLOWING THE AIRLINER INCIDENT.

SAN DIEGO CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF KEY PRO-KHOMEINI IRANIANS AND WILL PROVIDE THE BUREAU AND RECIPIENTS WITH TIMELY UPDATES AS TO INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS, ASSET REPORTING, AND ASSESSMENTS IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER. SAN DIEGO WILL PROMPTLY PROVIDE ALL RECIPIENTS WITH THE ANTICIPATED RETURN DATE OF THE USS VINCENNES BACK TO SAN DIEGO OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN PORT.

RECIPIENTS ARE REQUESTED TO BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS SAN DIEGO OF ANY KNOWN IRANIAN ACTIVISTS OR SUSPECTED TERRORISTS AS WELL AS ANY KNOWN PLANS FOR PROTESTS OR ACTS OF RETALIATION WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED AT THE USS VINCENNES AND ITS CREW UPON ITS RETURN TO THE U.S.

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"CHANGED" CALBOM; MAJOR CASE 23; EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

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REFERENCE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE MARCH 10, 1989, TO THE DIRECTOR

AND ALL FIELD OFFICES CAPTIONED "CALBOM, MAJOR CASE 23;

OO: SAN DIEGO" AND "UNSUBS; BOMBING OF VEHICLE OCCUPIED BY

SHARON L. ROGERS, WIFE OF CAPTAIN WILL ROGERS, III, COMMANDER OF

"USS VINCENNES," MARCH 10, 1989, EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

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TITLE OF THE CALBOM MAJOR CASE IS MARKED CHANGED TO CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE CASE FROM IT-IRAN TO EID.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION ADVISED ALL FIELD OFFICES OF THE BOMBING OF A VAN BEING DRIVEN BY MRS. SHARON L. ROGERS, WIFE OF CAPTAIN WILL ROGERS, III. MRS. ROGERS WAS NOT INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION AND THERE WERE NO OTHER OCCUPANTS IN THE VEHICLE. CAPTAIN ROGERS WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE "USS VINCENNES" IN JULY 1988 WHEN IT SHOT DOWN IRANIAN FLIGHT 655 OVER THE PERSIAN GULF ON JULY 3, 1988.

AS RECIPIENTS ARE AWARE THE WINTER CAMPAIGN MAJOR CASE WAS INITIATED AND DESIGNED TO COLLECT ALL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO IRAN'S PREPARATION FOR TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) IN RETALIATION FOR U.S. ACTIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF. AS SUCH, THE WINTER CAMPAIGN MAJOR CASE HAS SERVED AS A REPOSITORY FOR ALL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE FBI FOR FIELD OFFICES AND OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY REGARDING IRANIAN PREPARATION FOR THE POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACT DIRECTED AT THE U.S. OR AT U.S. INTEREST ABROAD.

ALTHOUGH, AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO DIRECT INFORMATION TO LINK THIS BOMBING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IT COULD BE LOGICALLY

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CONCLUDED THAT THIS ACT COULD HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AS A REPRISAL FOR CAPTAIN ROGERS INVOLVEMENT IN THE DOWNING OF THE IRANIAN AIRPLANE. THIS ACT WOULD THEREFORE FALL WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THE WINTER CAMPAIGN INVESTIGATION.

REFERENCED SAN DIEGO TELETYPE REQUESTS ALL FIELD OFFICES TO CONTACT IRANIAN AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BOMBING OF THE ROGERS' VEHICLE. FBIHQ HAS MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE CALBOM INVESTIGATION WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY CONDUCTED AS AN EID MATTER AND HAS THEREFORE CHANGED THE CAPTION OF THAT INVESTIGATION AS STATED ABOVE. RECIPIENTS SHOULD ALSO CHANGE THE FIELD OFFICE CASE CAPTIONS FROM IT-IRAN; (199D) TO EID (174A). IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SOURCES AND ASSETS IS PROPERLY EVALUATED, FBIHQ IS SETTING FORTH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING THIS INCIDENT:

1. INFORMATION OF A PURELY INTELLIGENCE NATURE SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS IS REQUIRED AND TRANSMITTED UNDER THE WINTER CAMPAIGN MAJOR CASE 13 CAPTION WITH COPIES TO FBIHQ, WMFO, SAN DIEGO AND OTHER FIELD OFFICES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

2. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION WHICH RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE

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CRIMINAL MATTER INVOLVING THIS INCIDENT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED UNDER THE CALBOM, MAJOR CASE 23 CAPTION.

AGENTS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION REGARDING CALBOM, MAJOR CASE 23 SHOULD TURN THAT INVESTIGATION TO THE 174A CLASSIFICATION.

AGENTS GATHERING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT SHOULD TURN THAT ACTIVITY TO THE WINTER CAMPAIGN, MAJOR CASE 13 IN THE 199D CLASSIFICATION.

THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING SET FORTH TO AVOID THE COMINGLING OF CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WITH INVESTIGATION INFORMATION WHICH MAY BECOME THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE IN A FUTURE CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. RECIPIENTS SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN THE PREPARATION OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CALBOM MATTER TO ENSURE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS ARE NOT COMPROMISED. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE TRANSMITTED UNDER OR DIRECTED TO THE CALBOM INVESTIGATION. ALL CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE WINTER CAMPAIGN MATTER AS STATED ABOVE.

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SUBJECT: WINTER CAMPAIGN; IT-IRAN; OO: WMFO.

~~THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN ITS ENTIRETY.~~

ON JULY 3, 1988, IRANIAN AIR FLIGHT NUMBER 655 WAS
ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DOWN IN THE PERSIAN GULF BY THE U.S.S.
VINCENNES. A REPORTED 290 PASSENGERS DIED AS A RESULT OF THE
ACCIDENT.

AS THIS YEAR MARKS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCIDENT,
POSSIBLE RETALIATORY MEASURES BY PRO-KHOEMINI GROUPS OR
INDIVIDUALS ARE POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, FBIHQ HAS LEARNED OF A
PROPOSED CBS TV REPORT TO BE SHOWN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE

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INCIDENT. WHILE THE DETAILS OF THIS REPORT ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, THE MERE TOPIC COULD INCREASE THE THREAT POTENTIAL IN THE U.S.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ALL FIELD OFFICES WITH TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES COVERING IRANIAN GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS SHOULD REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO RETALIATORY ACTIVITIES.
2. ALL IRANIAN ASSETS AND ASSETS REPORTING ON IRANIAN-RELATED TERRORISM MATTERS, SUCH AS HIZBALLAH SHOULD BE CANVASSED FOR ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE ANNIVERSARY DATE AND ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.
3. REPORT ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ORGANIZED EFFORTS OR PLANNED ACTIVITY BY IRANIAN GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS TO PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCIDENT.
4. REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE IRANIAN COMMUNITY THAT MAY PERTAIN TO A RETALIATORY EFFORT.
5. ANY URGENT INFORMATION RECEIVED SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED BY TELEPHONE TO THE COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION,

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ATTENTION SSA ALL OTHER POSITIVE INFORMATION
SHOULD BE FORWARDED VIA TELETYPE.

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