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1. AMBASSADOR HELMS AND I HAVE REVIEWED THE FBIS LONDON TRANSCRIPTS OF THE "VOICE OF PALESTINE" SERIES OF BROADCASTS ON THE CIA BEING TRANSMITTED IN ARABIC OVER ALGIERS RADIO SINCE 19 APRIL 1973 AND THE 9 APRIL BROADCAST IN PERSIAN OF THE NEW CLANDESTINE "VOICE OF THE UNITED FRONT OF THE NATIONALITIES" WHICH WE UNDERSTAND REPLACES "PEYKE-IRAN" WHICH HAS RELOCATED FROM EAST GERMANY TO IRAQ.

2. BOTH REPEAT LONG-ESTABLISHED SOVIET PROPAGANDA LINES AND USE THE SAME PHRASEOLOGY. THE ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS INITIATION OF THESE SIMILAR BROADCASTS FROM TWO OSTENSIBLY UNCONNECTED SOURCES, THE PLO AND A NEWLY-FABRICATED DISSIDENT IRANIAN FRONT, SUGGESTS A COMMON SPONSOR AND ORCHESTRATOR OF THE CAMPAIGN. WE BELIEVE THAT NEITHER PALESTINIAN ARABS NOR DISSIDENT IRANIANS HAVE THE RESOURCES OR SKILLS TO WEAVE TOGETHER THESE RATHER CLEVER TAPESTRIES OF FACTS AND UNFACTS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT

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THE SCRIPTS FOR BOTH SERIES ARE IN FACT BEING PROVIDED BY SOVIET DISINFORMATION AND DEFAMATION EXPERTS. MOSCOW, WHILE OFFICIALLY PROFESSING DISAPPROVAL OF TERRORISM, IS USING UNATTRIBUTABLE CHANNELS AND MEDIA IN A MASSIVE CA EFFORT TO GIVE THE COUP DE GRACE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY INCITING THE LOCAL POPULATIONS AGAINST ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIET HAND CAN AND SHOULD BE CALLED ON THIS AND THAT EXPOSURE OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR WHAT IT IS WOULD BE FEASIBLE AND BENEFICIAL.

3. [] AND [] EXPERTS AT HQS WHO FOR YEARS HAVE FOLLOWED SOVIET DISINFORMATION, FABRICATION AND DEFAMATION CAMPAIGNS TARGETTED ON CIA COULD TRACE WHOLE PASSAGES IN THESE BROADCASTS TO PREVIOUS EMISSIONS BY SOVIET OR SOVIET-SPONSORED MEDIA. IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE WE THINK, TO MATCH THEM UP, EXPOSE THEM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC AND INTELLIGENCE LIAISON CHANNELS AND IN PUBLIC MEDIA. WE SHOULD NOT ONLY EXPOSE THE SOVIET ROLE IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN BUT ALSO SHOULD CITE SOME OF THE MORE WILDLY FALSE AND EASILY DISPROVABLE ALLEGATIONS WHICH ARE BEING MADE.

4. FOR EXAMPLE THE 25 APRIL PLO ALGIERS BROADCAST ECHOES

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TO THE 9 APRIL BROADCAST OF THE PSEUDO-PERSIAN DISSIDENT STATION ALLEGING THAT HELMS WHILE CIA DIRECTOR LAST SUMMER SPENT MORE THAN A MONTH IN ISRAEL PLANNING ISRAELI-CIA COOPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE RED SEA, AND THAT HE AFTERWARD VISITED GREECE TO ARRANGE AN AGREEMENT TURNING PIRAEUS INTO A U.S. NAVAL BASE. THE ONLY FOREIGN TRIP HELMS MADE IN THE SUMMER OF 1972 WAS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. HE SPENT TWO DAYS IN ISRAEL IN JUNE 1971, WHICH WAS PUBLICIZED, AND HE HAS NOT BEEN IN GREECE SINCE 1964.

5. SOON AFTER THE MOST VIRULENT ANTI-AMERICAN RADIO CAMPAIGN OF THE PLO WAS LAUNCHED, FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI RAID INTO BEIRUT, SECRETARY ROGERS CALLED IN THE ARAB REPRESENTATIVES AND ADMONISHED THEM ON THE USE OF THEIR NATIONAL BROADCASTING FACILITIES BY THIRD PARTIES URGING ARAB AUDIENCES TO MURDER AMERICAN CITIZENS. THE SECRETARY'S WARNING HAD A GOOD EFFECT ON SOME ARAB COUNTRIES, NOTABLY EGYPT, BUT NOT ON OTHERS. THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES THROUGH ALGERIAN AND IRAQI FACILITIES (AND PROBABLY SOME OTHERS, WHICH HEADQUARTERS CAN IDENTIFY). THIS COULD SO ENDANGER AMERICAN LIVES THAT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF THE SECRETARY WERE TO HOLD ANOTHER PUBLICIZED

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CONVOCAATION OF ARAB REPRESENTATIVES IN WHICH HE WOULD EXPOSE THE FALSITY OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN (CITING SUCH FABRICATIONS AS THOSE CONCERNING HELMS' MOVEMENTS), POINT TO THE SIMILARITY OF BROADCASTS EMANATING FROM ALGIERS AND IRAQ AND THEIR RESEMBLANCE TO EARLIER SOVIET OVERT AND GRAY PROPAGANDA LINES; AND AGAIN MAKE THE POINT THAT GOVERNMENTS CANNOT DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCITEMENTS TO MURDER MADE OVER THEIR NATIONALLY CONTROLLED RADIO FACILITIES. U.S. MEDIA AND INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE IN DETAIL OF WHAT THE SECRETARY TELLS THE ARAB REPRESENTATIVES, AS THEY WERE AFTER HIS FIRST CONFERENCE.

6. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THE SECRETARY CALL IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, LAY BEFORE HIM THE PARALLEL TEXTS OF THE PLO, PSEUDO-IRANIAN BROADCASTS AND PREVIOUS EMISSIONS OF THE SAME LINE AND TEXT BY SOVIET OVERT AND GRAY OUTLETS. HE COULD POINT OUT THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE DECLARED SOVIET POLICY OF SEEKING DETENTE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE USG, AND THE PROMOTION OF INFLAMMATORY PROPAGANDA WHICH, LINKED WITH OTHER PLO BROADCASTS, ARE DESIGNED TO INCITE THE MURDER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO ELEMENT OF THE USG HAS EVER ENCOURAGED SUCH A

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TO [CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME.]

7. I SHOULD MENTION THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR HELMS NOR ANYONE HERE IS UP-TIGHT PERSONALLY OVER THESE BROADCASTS WHICH REPEAT CHARGES TO WHICH WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED. IT IS BECAUSE THESE FABRICATIONS AND INCITEMENTS IN THE PRESENT HIGHLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE COULD CULMINATE IN WIDESPREAD AND FATAL MOB ACTION AGAINST AMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD, THAT WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO EXPOSE AND COUNTER THIS ~~SOVIET~~ CAMPAIGN ARE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

8. IF HQS BELIEVES FURTHER INPUT ON THIS SUBJECT BY AMBASSADOR HELMS THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL CHANNELS WOULD BE USEFUL, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN THIS MESSAGE. E2, IMPDET.

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