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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/30/2001

To: Minneapolis
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Investigative Services

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From: Paris

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Case ID #: [Redacted] 199M-MP-60130 -17 (Pending)

Title: [Redacted] MOUSSAOUI, ZACARIAS,
aka Shaqil,
IT-Other

Synopsis: [Redacted] To provide information received from the [Redacted]

Reference: [Redacted] 199M-MP-60130 Serial 10

Administrative: [Redacted] Reference [Redacted] dated August 29, 2001. Reference ALAT Abbott's telcal with SSA Mike Maltbie on August 30, 2001.

Enclosure(s): [Redacted] For FBI MP: [Redacted] (original serial 16).

Details: [Redacted] On August 29, 2001 Legat Paris received the following information from the [Redacted] captioned "supplement intelligence obtained regarding Zacharias Moussaoui." The [Redacted] also referenced "the telephonic contact with Legat Paris on August 27, 2001 and the faxed information sent to Legat Paris on August 22, 2001 at 1:10 PM."

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[Beginning of translation]

"On September 28, 2000, our service [REDACTED] had an interview with [REDACTED] the Mujahideen, [REDACTED] killed in Chechnya during [REDACTED] 2000. [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]

"Learning of the death of [REDACTED] spontaneously accused [REDACTED] Zacharias Moussaoui (DOB: May 30, 1968 at Saint Jean de Luz) of being responsible for the death of their common friend [REDACTED] a friend to both [REDACTED] was apparently [REDACTED]

"He [REDACTED] affirmed that it was well known that [REDACTED] Zacharias who had introduced [REDACTED] to the doctrine of radical fundamentalism while they worked together on a BTS (b.a. technical degree) (technical commercial) at Perpignan, France (Department 66).

[REDACTED] rejoined Zacharias Moussaoui in Great Britain where he obtained his diploma.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as an individual with superior intelligence and that he brilliantly obtained his Masters degree at the University of Cambridge.

"It was in London that he [Zacharias] was taken in hand and initiated by the fundamentalists of 'Backstreet' and 'Finsbury Park' [b.a. probably refers to radical mosques at these locations, i.e. Baker Street and Finsbury Park].

"According to [REDACTED] this is the same group that also recruited and converted [REDACTED] to the extremist doctrine, when he arrived in Great Britain.

"He noted that he had not seen [REDACTED] since 1995, when Zacharias returned to France to visit his family and friends.

"It was during the course of this visit that Zacharias revealed that he had become completely enlightened on religious matters.

"In spite of the fact of the certain conviction characterized by [REDACTED] himself schooled by the 'habachi' Imam Khaleel al-Zahr, his intellectual guide, all his [REDACTED]

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attempts to orient [REDACTED] towards an Islam of tolerance and of moderation, which [REDACTED] himself follows, were done in vain. Zacharias Moussaoui, wholly convinced of Jihad, maintained his radical convictions.

"According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been arrested by the Moroccan police upon his arrival in Morocco in 1997.

"That same year, Zacharias went to Narbonne, France (Department 11). His ardent and emotional preaching in favor of jihad agitated a large number of his childhood friends who he had not seen since his departure to Great Britain.

[REDACTED] informed of the crisis by [REDACTED] to the region of Narbonne. [REDACTED] himself [REDACTED] being situated in Morocco, had advised local Muslim community representatives of the moral danger that Zacharias could represent for a number of young Muslims losing their religious bearings and social placement. In this regard, Zacharias was driven from at risk urban areas by his coreligionists for propagating his message of intolerance and hatred.

[REDACTED] who hasn't had any direct news from [REDACTED] since 1997, know only that he has traveled to Kuwait, Turkey and Afghanistan.

[REDACTED] described Zacharias as an individual who is extremely cynical, completely devoted to the Wahabite cause and concerned with progressing that cause.

"He depicted him as a cold, stubborn man, capable of hatching a plan over several months, or even years and of committing himself to this task in all elements of his life. Implacable, Zacharias is a strategist that [REDACTED] qualified as being potentially very dangerous and against who should be surveilled by French authorities should he decide to return to France.

"Completely upset and unable to find any excuses for [REDACTED] emphasized he would make sure to notify us [REDACTED] of any indication that Zacharias would return to France, stating that where ever Zacharias is, Zacharias will try hard to put his competencies and intelligence to the service of subversion.

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[REDACTED] "According to [REDACTED] Zacharias and [REDACTED] were inseparable, one was the head and the other was the armed hand of the same monster.

[REDACTED] "For information:

[REDACTED] "This information is communicated to you for any use and [REDACTED] origin must be absolutely protected, (to clarify further, do not reveal that this information was provided by [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] "We remain at your disposition for any supplement intelligence (i.e. that you may be able to provide to [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] Thank you for your active collaboration."

[REDACTED] [End of translation]

[REDACTED] No further information was provided.

[REDACTED] For information of recipients, on August 30, 2001, the [REDACTED] was further queried by Legat Paris regarding the favorability of deporting Zacharias Moussaoui to France. The [REDACTED] advised that they would be interested in further exploring this option and would likely consider holding him in custody for further questioning.

[REDACTED] The [REDACTED] advised that they would require that Zacharias Moussaoui be accompanied by a law enforcement entity of the United States (FBI preferred but not required) during transport to France. Furthermore, they would request that Moussaoui's laptop computer, mobile telephone and any other pertinent evidence suitable for examination not be returned to Moussaoui during this trip. They would request that such materials be transported by the escorting law enforcement official and handed over to French authorities upon arrival in France to better facilitate their exploitation of the evidence.

[REDACTED] Should such a course of action be pursued by FBI MO and FBIHQ, Legat Paris requests to be notified immediately to confirm this offer by the [REDACTED] and work out the required arrangements.

[REDACTED] Lastly, [REDACTED] the provider of the above information, advised Legat Paris that authority is granted to disseminate this information to British

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS

[REDACTED] With FBIHQ concurrence and assistance, advise Legat Paris of interest in further exploring the possibility of deporting Zacharias Mousseoui by U.S. law enforcement escort to France as described in the text of this EC.

Set Lead 2:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT RFU, WASHINGTON, DC

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 3:

LONDON

AT LONDON

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

Set Lead 4:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY

[REDACTED] Read and clear.

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