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ISGQ-2004-00102336 This file contains the following information: Pages 2-7: Reply and other correspondence, dated 05 Jul 1994, from the Arabian Movements Liberation Office in charge Tariq 'Aziz (Tariq Aziz) on the letter of support and enhancement sent to him by Muhammad Abu Al-'Abbas (Mohammad Abu Al-Abbas), the Secretary of the Palestinian Liberation Front. The file also includes an offer of financial aid in the form of a loan worth \$ 250,000 US dollars through Burj Al-Hayat Hotel which is owned by Muhammad Abu Al-'Abbas with investments from representative Rim Rif'at Sidqi Al-Nimir to enhance the Iraqi Government. Pages 8-16: Correspondence from the Deputy Arabian Movements Liberation Office to the Presidency of the Republic, Secretary regarding information on Abu Al-'Abbas. The information was such as instructions by Yasir 'Arafat to designate Muhammad Ahmad Fahad 'Abbas (Abu Al-'Abbas) as the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary in the Higher Committee of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations and he requested him to become the Palestinian National Security Chancellor. The file also includes information about the Palestinian Liberation Front and its organizational staff since establishment, and the military operations that had been achieved by the mentioned front such as high jacking of the vessel Icily Lauro and Al-Quds Maritime Operation. The file also includes information about Abu Al-'Abbas visit to Gaza Strip and his meeting with the Palestinian leaders in order to change some terms of the Palestinian policies.

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Remarks: This document indicated that the Palestinian fighter and the Iraqi Special Forces conducted suicide operations in 1996.	
Gist: This document contains correspondence between Iraqi officials and the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary Muhammad Ahmad Fahad 'Abbas (Abu Al-'Abbas). The information indicated that the Palestinian Liberation Front loaned the Iraqi General Trading Food Company \$250,000 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand US dollars. The money was loaned by Burj Al-Haiyah Hotel (Life Tower Motel) leased to a rep from the Movement.	

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Letter sent by Tariq `Aziz to the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary Abu Al-`Abbas dated July 5, 1994. He is thanking Abu Al-`Abbas on his support for the Iraqi people during sanctions.

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The Presidency of the Republic
The Arabian Liberation Movement Office
Number: 180/1/73
Date: June 27, 1994

To: Mr. Tariq `Aziz
Subject: Participation

Enclosed a letter sent by Mr. Muhammad 'Abbas (Abu Al-'Abbas) General Secretary of the Arab Liberation Movements concerning the participation of the Front in the general proposal with the amount of (\$250,000) Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars in hard currency, financed through Burj Al-Haiyah Hotel (Life Tower Motel) leased to Abu Al-`Abbas.

Please review, and note that Abu Al-`Abbas suggested that the hotel contributes in the campaign ... we suggest that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Palestinian Liberation Front for its positive initiative... Please direct as you see fit, with respect.

Signature
Dari Hamud `Abdallah
Office Manager

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The Palestinian Liberation Front
Date: June 23, 1994

To: Companion Tariq `Aziz
The Director of the office of the Arabian Liberation Movement, God bless him

Revolutionary Salutation

In response to the call of the President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein to contribute in a general loan in foreign currency in the face of the unjust sanctions.

From our fully committed position to side with Iraq, the defender of the national dignity and honor, in its ongoing battle [TC: the epic of the Mother of all Battles, The 1st Gulf War] to defeat the unjust sanctions along with its tools and methods; we directed the administration at Burj Al-Haiyah Hotel leased to us, to participate in the loan with the amount of \$250,000 to be handed to the specialized official government offices. This amount constitutes to approximately 70% of our current account in hard currency at the Central Bank.

We have great honor to participate in this loan in order to return to Iraq and it president some of their great support to Palestine and the glorious Arab world.

Stay the revolutionary course, revolution till we liberate the land and people

Signature

Muhammad 'Abbas (Abu Al-'Abbas)

General Secretary of the Palestinian Liberation Front

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Palestinian Liberation Front

Date: March 23, 1997

To the Director of the office of the Arabian Liberation Movements

The Palestinian Liberation Front sends its best regards and would like to notify you of the following:

The Palestinian Liberation Front has participated in a loan to the General Food Trade Company of the Ministry of Commerce. This loan was executed' through Burj Al-Hayiah Hotel through our representative (the lessee) Miss. Rim Rif at Sidqi Al-Nimar in accordance with the registration document intended for importing essential food material for the Ministry of Commerce and sent to the Iraqi Hotels and Restaurants Union. This transaction is indicated in Burj Al-Haiyah Hotel letter number 131 dated June 23, 1994 for the amount of \$250,000 which constitutes the dividend of our representative (investor in the above mentioned hotel) Miss. Rim Rif at Sidqi Al-Nimar; this amount was deposited at Al-Rashid Bank, Al-Sa'dun Branch, our account number (4) in American Dollars.

We had previously informed your office and the Office Director, Tariq `Aziz, concerning our initiative, and therefore we authorized the Hotel administration to release the amount of the loan mentioned above to the General Food Trade Company.

Since the loan mentioned above was registered to Burj al-Haiyah Hotel, and our lease is about to end and for the sake of reserving our right with regards to this loan;

Please address the General Food Trade Company to transfer the rights and liabilities of the loan, from Burj al-Haiyah Hotel as loaner to our representative, investor Miss. Rim Rif at Sudqi Al-Nimar, especially that the amount mentioned above was paid in full from our revenues ... the Hotel administration has addressed the company with this regard.

Thank you for your cooperation With regarded

Enclosed:

- 1- A copy of the Hotel letter number 131 dated June 23, 1994
- 2- Copy of the loan contract

Signed by Abu al-'Abbas

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Note [TC: Secret and Personal Foreign Classification] sent by 'Abd al-Rahman, Director of M8 to M⁴ D/2 number 1181 dated September 21, 1996. The letter confirms information [TC: not specified] about the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary, Abu Al-'Abbas.

[TC: illegible signature]

M. M⁸ [TC: intelligence Agency 8th section]
September 21

Footnote:

We contacted Comrade Riyad from the M4 concerning this matter. He indicated that he has reviewed the matter with the director of the agency, and the director referred to a meeting that was held concerning dealing with Abu al-Abbas on October 19, 1996. .

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Memo [TC: Secret and Personal Foreign Classification] sent by 'Abd al-Rahman, Director of M8 to General Director of M4, dated Aug 28, 1996. The memo refers to an attached letter written by the Director of the intelligence Agency dated Aug 27, 1996 referring to the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary, Abu Al-'Abbas [TC: no further information]

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A report [TC: Top Secret Foreign Classification] sent by Deputy of the Office of the Presidency to the Secretary of the Office of the Presidency containing the following information:

- 1- The Palestinian President Yasir 'Arafat appointed Muhammad Ahmad Fahad 'Abbas (Abu Al-'Abbas) as a member in the Higher Committee in charge of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. The Palestinian President requested indirectly that Abu Al-'Abbas be his national security advisor.
- 2- Abu Al-'Abbas was appointed by Yasir 'Arafat for the later to insinuate to the Israelis that his authority includes hard liners who are able to deal with Netanyahu.
- 3- During Abu Al-'Abbas meeting with the Office [TC: this office could be the Arabian Movements Liberation], he was willing to use his position and influence to help Iraq in the security and political aspects.
- 4- The following is our information about the Palestinian Liberation Front and its organizational structure in general:
 - a. [TC: this point list the history of the establishment of the Palestinian Liberation Front]
 - b. The most known operations the Palestinian Liberation Front has conducted were:
 - In 1985 when they high jacked the Italian ship (Achilla Laura) and Abu al-Abbas received a default judgment for life in prison.
 - Al-Quds naval operation in 1990, across the Israeli Shores for which Abu Al-'Abbas was expelled as a member of the Palestinian Liberation Committee.
 - c. **The Palestinian Liberation Front offered to conduct commandos (Fedayeen) operations [TC: sacrifice themselves, or suicide bomber] against the hostile coalition after the 1st Gulf war. Members of the Palestinian Liberation Front joined efforts with a team from the Special Forces and executed some operations for which they were honored.**
 - d. The Palestinian Liberation Front suffered financial and organizational difficulties due to Abu Al-'Abbas's embezzlements and his relations with the Lebanese and Jordanian businessmen. Such acts minimized his political role and leadership. This resulted in organizational breakage including members who asked to end the services of Abu al-'Abbas with the Palestinian Authority.
 - e. When Israel permitted the members of the Palestinian National Council to enter the occupied land in order to change the national accord, Abu Al-'Abbas attended the meeting that was held in Gaza Strip on the May 25, 1996 and supported the amendment of the accord. He also revisited Gaza during July of the same year.

Fore Review ... please advice us concerning article number (3) of this letter. With respect

The Office Deputy Assistance
[TC: no name]

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The Presidency of the Republic
The Arabian Movements Liberation Office
Number: 77
Date: Aug 15, 1996

To: The Office Deputy
Subject: Information

During our meeting with the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad (Abu Al-'Abbas), He informed us that he met with the Palestinian President Mr. Yasir `Arafat who appointed him as a member in the Higher Committee in charge of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. Abu `Ammar (Yasir `Arafat) indirectly requested from Abu Al-'Abbas to be his national security advisor.

Please review and he [TC: Abu Al-'Abbas] requested a meeting with your Excellency before he returns to Palestine. He would like to discuss how to take advantages of this new position to help Iraq. Waiting for your recommendation with respect

Signature
Office Director
Dari Hamud `Abdallah

Handwritten note:

- We discussed this memo with the agency director on July 17 we decided that this matter should be send to the Office of the Presidency [TC: illegible signature]

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The Presidency of the Republic
The Arabian Liberation Movements Office
Number: S1/Dept.1/ 8
Date: February 02, 1997

To: The Office Deputy
Subject: Abu `Abbas

- 1- On Aug 15, 1996 during our meeting with the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad (Abu Al-'Abbas), he informed us that he met with the Palestinian President Mr. Yasir `Arafat and he appointed him as a member in the Higher Committee in charge of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. Abu `Ammar (Yasir `Arafat) indirectly requested from Abu Al-'Abbas to be his national security advisor. Abu Al-'Abbas requested a meeting with your Excellency to discuss how to take advantages of his new position to help Iraq. As per your recommendation on October 30, 1996 you requested to limit our cooperation with him to two persons only, General Director of M4 and Director of M8. and instruct him to collect any information about Israel.

- 2- During our meeting with Mr. Abu Al-'Abbas, he requested to meet with your Excellency to discuss work related issue to help Iraq against the Zionist existence, and he [TC: Abu Al-'Abbas] is willing to do anything that we request from him.

Please review ...Advice ...with respect

Signature

Dari Hamud `Abdallah

The Office Director

Handwritten note:

[TC: illegible signature]

February 02

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The Republic of Iraq

The Presidency of the Republic

The Arabian Liberation Movement Office

Date: July 23, 1998

To the Office Director, Mr. Tariq `Aziz

Subject: letter

- 1- We would like to inform you that the Palestinian Liberation Front Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad (Abu Al-'Abbas), left the country on April 25, 1998 heading to the occupied land; he met with Mr. Yasir `Arafat and other Palestinian leaders and discussed the latest development in Palestine. He returned to Baghdad on July 18, 1998.
- 2- On July 22, 1998, the Office Director met with Mr. Abu Al-'Abbas and presented him a letter addressed to your Excellency that includes three main issues (political, security and economical). These issues should be considered in order to obtain a clear understanding of the Palestinian situation especially the activities of the Palestinians Movement in Gaza. After spending two and half months in Gaza and meeting with the Palestinian leaders, Muhammad `Abass (Abu Mazin), Faisal Al-Husani, Sa'ib `Riqat, Sheik Mahmud Yasin and all the leaders form other parties and groups, Abu Al-'Abbas was able to clearly explain the reality of the situation in Palestine. He also met with members from the Arab Democratic Party including its leader `Abd-al-Wahab Al-Darawshah, and he visited all the Palestinian Security Agency centers and its main cadres.

Please review, and request a meeting with Abu Al-'Abbas to discuss this letter in depth ... your recommendations....with respect.

Signature

Akram `Umar Salih

Office Director

Handwritten note:

`Ali – July 23
Talal – July 23