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Synopsis: (%) Response to communication received from HQ; no lead set to Athens.

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Administrative: (U) Re HQ EC dated 05/11/98, no lead set to Athens in ACS. Enclosures inadvertently sent to Legat Rome.

Enclosures: (U) Enclosed for OPCA are the documents previously provided to Legat Rome for review, which are being returned for appropriate handling.

Details: (\*) Re HQ EC requested Legat Athens to provide documents to an appropriate agency for review determination and justification for postponement or approval for release.

On 8/10/98, discreet contact with General Marwan Zein (protect), Commander, Beirut Police, failed to reveal additional identifying data regarding the source of the information contained in re EC, Colonel Nassib Abou-Shakra.

As the Bureau is aware, the security situation in Lebanon remains tenuous at best. It is clear to Legat Athens that Colonel Abou-Shakra, not further identified, appears to have been a source of the Bureau, whether a symbol source or merely an ongoing Legat contact. Legat Athens does not currently have access to records to verify this fact, particularly since the source was contacted 34 years ago by Legat Rome, long before the

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Legal Attache office in Athens was opened. However, direct contact with the Internal Security Forces in Lebanon with regard to information provided to the FBI by a member of its agency, as set forth in attachments to re EC, would merely serve to place the actual source of that information, if in fact he or she still exists, in serious jeopardy. It should be noted, as the Bureau is aware, the Lebanese Internal Security Forces are believed to be penetrated by the Syrian intelligence services.

A review by Legat Athens of the information provided by Abou-Shakra reflects that it was public source information of dubious value, manipulated provenance and minimal interest, apparently overclassified when received.

For the information of FBIHQ, on 8/7/98 CIA traces were conducted re Abou-Shakra, the results of which were inconclusive.

It is the recommendation of Legat Athens that the information be released and made available, but that the source of that information remain protected.

Should OPCA or Legat Rome have any questions or follow-up with regard to this matter, please contact Legat James P. Shaw, telephone 011 30 1 725 3024.