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1. 8 MAY ISSUE OF LE FIGARO HAS ARTICLE ON MARCEL FRANCISCO TRIAL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 7 MAY IN PARIS AND WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED ON 11 MAY. TRIAL TAKING PLACE BECAUSE FRANCISCO WAS BROUGHT DEFAMATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST "L'ESPER" MAGAZINE, WHICH ACCUSED HIM OF BEING ONE OF "GRAND BONNETS DE LA DROGUE".

*Involved in the trial of Marcel Francisco*

2. STAR WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE (L'ESPER MAGAZINE) WAS AMERICAN LAWYER HERBERT SKIN, WHO HAS BEEN A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION IN NUMEROUS TRIALS OF MAFIA LEADERS IN THE STATES AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD NARCOTICS DEALINGS IN 1967 WITH MARCEL F. SKIN ALSO CLAIMED TO WORK FOR BKHERALD AS WELL AS FOR THE FBI. SEVERAL FORMER ONDD AGENTS WHO WERE ACTIVE IN FRANCE, WERE AT HAND TO TESTIFY AGAINST FRANCISCO. DEFENSE WANTED TO INTRODUCE INFO FROM LOUIS COUMBER LETTER ROGATORY WHICH, FOR PROCEDURAL

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REASONS, WAS NOT PERMITTED BY THE COURT.

3. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MR. CUSTER ATTENDED THE TRIAL. IF HQ INTERESTED STATION CAN SEND CLIPPINGS.

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