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NOTES CONNECTED WITH 1908 PORTUGAL/US EXTRADITION TREATY WHICH APPEARS TO FORECLOSE EXTRADITION TO US OF PERSON CHARGED WITH CAPITAL CRIME. WE UNDERSTAND REPORTERS MAY BE BUILDING ON THIS LIMITATION A SCENARIO BY WHICH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING EMBASSY, WERE AWARE OF RAY/SNEYD'S PRESENCE HERE BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF EXTRADITION TREATY PROVISIO, INSTEAD WAITING UNTIL HE WAS SOMEPLACE WHERE SUCH RESTRICTION DID NOT EXIST. ALTHOUGH EMBOFFS IN GOOD CONSCIENCE DENIED THEY HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE DURING DATES RAY/SNEYD WAS REPORTEDLY IN PORTUGAL OF HIS PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL, AND MADE NO COMMENT AFTER LEARNING OF FACTS FROM FBI REP, WE ARE NOT SURE THESE DENIALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN LIGHT OF "ANGLE" REPORTERS HAVE DISCOVERED.

4. OTHER ANGLE WAS THAT RAY/SNEYD CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ENLISTING AS MERCENARY GIVEN ALLEGED REPUTATION OF LISBON AS CENTER FOR MERCENARY RECRUITMENT. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT RAY/SNEYD MAY HAVE DONE ALONG THESE LINES NOR DO WE KNOW WHAT REPORTERS MAY HAVE FILED IN THIS CONNECTION. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT CIRCULATION OF THIS PARTICULAR RUMOR IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS WAS ONE REASON WHY GOP HAD WITHHELD ANY STATEMENT OF FACTS TO PRESS UNTIL JUNE 12. HE ADDED GOP HAD ALSO WISHED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADEQUATE TIME TO CHECK AVAILABLE FACTS.

5. FONMINISTRY INFO DIRECTOR CALLED IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPS JUNE 12. REPORTERS WERE GIVEN BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNT, INCLUDING DATES WHEN RAY/SNEYD HAD BEEN HERE, ISSUANCE SECOND CANADIAN PASSPORT BY CANADIAN EMBASSY LISBON, THAT PIDE HAD BEEN COOPERATING WITH FBI WHICH HAD SENT REP TO LISBON TO CHECK INTO RAY/SNEYD'S STAY HERE, THAT GOP HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS STAY HERE AT THAT TIME, AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES HERE AS FAR AS AUTHORITIES COULD DETERMINE. PORTUGUESE REPORTERS APPARENTLY STILL PREVENTED BY CENSORSHIP FROM PUBLISHING ANY MENTION OF RAY/SNEYD'S PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL. GP-4. ~~WILLIAM~~

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