

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 01/05/2003

To: International Operations

Attn: SAC [REDACTED]

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LA [REDACTED]

Director's Office

OPCA

SC Michael Kortan

From: Riyadh

Contact: ALAT Gamal Abdel-Hafiz,

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 67E-HQ-[REDACTED]-38 (Pending)

Title: ABC Prime time News report;
allegations regarding ALAT Gamal Abdel-Hafiz;
12/19/2002.

Synopsis: To provide FBIHQ with inquiries from the Saudi Mabahith regarding a news item that was broadcasted by ABC TV Network on 12/19/2002.

Administrative: The enclosed Mabahith letter number [REDACTED], dated 12/19/2002, was translated on 12/20/2002 at Legat Riyadh and sent to Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED].

Enclosure(s): 1. One copy of the original letter from the Saudi Mabahith (in Arabic) bearing number [REDACTED], dated 12/19/2002;

2. One English translation of same.

Details: The enclosed Mabahith letter is provided for your information & response. The English translation of the letter is provided below:

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To: International Operations From: Riyadh
Re: [REDACTED], 01/05/2003

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“Original Source Classification”
(Extremely Confidential)

LS. Note: All the following names are spelled phonetically.
Number: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/15/1423H 12/19/2002
Subject: A news item that was broadcasted by ABC TV Network.

This memo is addressed to Mr. [REDACTED], Legal Attaché at the US Embassy in Riyadh.

At 6:30 p.m., United States Eastern (Standard) Time, ABC Network reported a news item about an allegation of a cover-up attempt by the FBI for Mr. Gamal Hafiz (your assistant) for his refusal to conduct an audio recording against one of the Moslems in Chicago, Illinois four years ago.

ABC Network described Mr. Gamal Hafiz as a Moslem and as one of the FBI senior agents in the field of Counterterrorism who works in the United States Embassy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It (ABC) added that there are allegations that were presented by two of the former colleagues of Mr. Gamal Hafiz, and that the Bureau (FBI) was aware of Mr. Gamal Hafiz's conduct before he was appointed to his current position.

We appreciate and value the friendship and the efforts of Mr. Gamal Hafiz in the field of Counterterrorism. In a world that suffers from terrorism today, the only thing we can do is to register our worries of this negative development which can seriously endanger the security cooperation between both of our friendly organizations. This is especially true if we take into consideration the nature of our current cooperation which cannot endure this kind of sensationalistic media attention. The media does not care about the cooperation between our organizations, or the safety of the work and individuals performing it on both sides.

We would also like to express our increasing worries about the frequent requests that we receive from you about matters that you previously inquired about which we had already responded to. Wasting efforts and resources in searching subjects that were previously discussed is truly a disturbing matter. What worries us the most is not knowing the fate of the information that we previously presented to you.

To be honest with our friends, we expect you to provide us with explanations of these developments which we believe deserve serious consideration in order to guarantee the continuity of trust and restore things in their proper place.

We wanted to inform our friends and to verify the truth of these events.
Please accept our regards and appreciation.

(Extremely Confidential)

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To: International Operations From: Riyadh
Re: [REDACTED], 01/05/2003

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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Please coordinate and provide a response to the issues raised by the Saudi Mabahith.

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