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MY TELNO 879: FOREIGNERS IN IRAQ.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SITES WHERE THE IRAQIS APPEAR TO BE CONSIDERING HOUSING WESTERN DETAINEES:
 - (A) A BRAZILIAN ENGINEER WORKING AT AL-ISKANDERIYA SAID ON 20 AUGUST THAT A NUMBER OF BRITISH DETAINEES HAD ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO THE SITE.
 - (B) ITALIANS WORKING AT THE DORA POWER STATION JUST SOUTH OF BAGHDAD CLAIM THAT ACCOMMODATION IS BEING PREPARED ON SITE FOR FOUR FOREIGN FAMILIES.
 - (C) A VILLA CLOSE TO AN ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION JUST NORTH OF BAGHDAD IS BEING MADE READY TO HOUSE A FAMILY OF DETAINED AMERICANS.
 - (D) THE YUGOSLAV DA INDICATED TO US THAT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DETAINEES WAS BEING PREPARED AT A "VERY SENSITIVE" SITE. HE WOULD NOT GIVE THE NAME, BUT WE GUESS THAT HE IS REFERRING TO THE NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTRE AT TAMIYA (50 KM NORTH OF BAGHDAD), WHERE WE KNOW YUGOSLAVS ARE EMPLOYED.
 - (E) EMPLOYEES OF BIWATER PROCESS WORKING AT TAJI HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH INTERNMENT ON THE SITE IF THEY DO NOT CONTINUE TO WORK THERE (HENCE THE PRESENCE OF THE FIVE BIWATER PERSONNEL IN OUR EMBASSY COMPOUND - MY TELNO 890, PARA 2).
2. GRATEFUL EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION ABOUT RELEASING ANY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS TEL AND MY TUR: IT COULD TOO EASILY BE TRACED BACK TO THE FOREIGNERS FROM WHOM IT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

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