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PROJECT SUN STREAK

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PROJECT NUMBER: 8808 SESSION NUMBER: 03
DATE OF SESSION: 23 FEB 88 DATE OF REPORT: 23 FEB 88
START: 1015 END: 1120
METHODOLOGY: WRV VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Access and describe target personality identified as "B-10" by the intelligence community customer and determine the extent of B-10's role, if any, in the abduction of USMC LTC William Richard (Rich) Higgins.
2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: As in Para 1, if affirmative, provide physical description, determine past/current/future association, etc..
3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: Session reveals B-10 is a wishy-washy individual who was recently with the Amal forces and holding the rank of major. Results indicate he neither directed nor participated in the abduction of LTC Higgins. A summary of this session is at Enclosure 1.
(ADDED: July is a precarious month for WRV - New source coming for the period of 1 Mar to 31 Mar 88.)

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SUMMARY

Personality identified as "B-10" is a 47 to 50 year-old Lebanese christian who until about two and one half months ago (early December 1987), served as a sort of Shogun (district manager) with the rank of Major in the Amal forces. Although he was aware of the abduction, "B-10" was not directly involved in the planning or execution of the kidnapping of USMC LTC William Richard (Rich) Higgins. "B-10" is a somewhat short, dark, olive-complected individual identifiable with short black hair, strong arms, and a full beard. His name is twice hyphenated; the phonetic spelling is at Enclosure 1. Although he was considered somewhat powerful at one time, he is in fact a wishy-washy sort of individual who functions in both an apparent military and civilian capacity; he currently is serving as a soth of ineffectual middle manager in the Lebanese govenment hierarchy of importance. He is married and has three children; however, his family is not with him. "B-10" is currently residing and working in Beirut. He has no connections with "Hezbollah" nor will he deal with radical Shiite elements. He considers the US as an exploiter of Lebanon so that it is highly unlikely that he would assist the US in any effort to retrieve LTC Higgins. "B-10" lacks polish and refinement, and within the context of his own anticipated achieverments, he is smug, self-satisfied and not readily exploitable. "B-10" has never had direct contact with LTC Higgins even though he (B-10) was associated with persons of mutual interest.

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Ba-lash
AL-Bah
AL-BASH
Ba-loup
Ba-buah
Ba-louh
LOUP
ashoup

Name is
hyphenated
twice.

Lafa
Butabel

T. A. W. Wright

B-10 WRV

This man has accomplished several things in the passed. This man came into military power and was powerful at one time.

He was not directly involved in the kidnapping of Higgens - his hands touched the fate of Higgens.

He is of military-rank still and holds high rank, but lower ranking men involved in abduction

He was with Amall until 2 1/2 months ago.

He will not be involved in the negotiations for the release of Higgens.

He is dark olive skinned, short black hair, big arms. He is 50 maybe three years younger. He has a beard. He's not young any more.

His name is hyphenated maybe twice. Following are some examples:

AS-Huup
Ba-Buah
BA-Luup
AL-bah
AL-BAH
AL-BASH
BA-LASH
BA-BUAH
AS-HUUP
BULABUL

Title Shogun, is title of military officer. He was given a district to run or rule

He has said so many things to so many different people, like a ping-pong balls, wishy-washy.

He is not politically powerful. He is not with Amall - feels they are too conservative and moderate. He carries both military and civilian status. As a civilian, he scouts. He is neutral, plays the neutral part. He works with faction of the people. He is factionalized. He is a christian. He is definitely for his own people, christian moderates and for his country. He wears many faces, sly. He got power by making friends and was pulled up through the ranks by political pull, not intelligence. He chooses weaker people than he to serve him and then can break them. He ruined other people to get his way. He is married with 2 or 3 children, but not with his wife. He is in Biruit.

He was a Major in the Amall. He has no connection with Isballa, they are too much for him.

He is angry with U.S. interests in his country, but won't go radical. He does not seem concerned with money. He is well off, upper income, living well. He feels he is doing extremely well. He came from a poor background and his old habits of youth are still there. He is not polished or refined.

He will not be the leak or provide any breakthrough for the release of the hostages at this time. The Shiites are too radical for him and he will not go to them for us.

He feels the U.S. is an opportunist.

He and Higgens have never met directly. They have mutual acquaintances.