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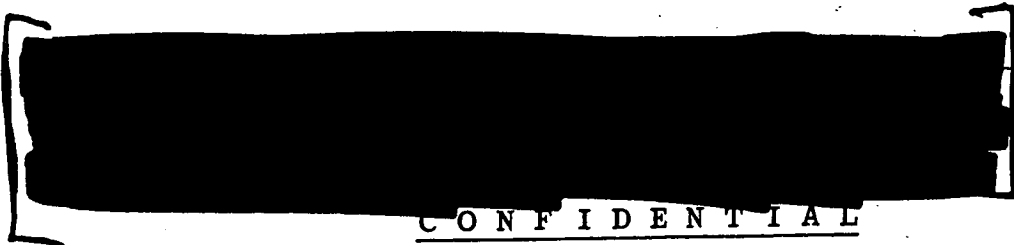
SUBJECT: WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III
LIBYAN-ARAB-GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
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Reference: Buairtel to Atlanta, WFO and Rome and enclosures thereto, specifically The New York Times article of 4-9-79 by Nicholas M. Horrock.

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Enclosed is copy of Department letter to Director, dated 4/24/79; Two copies of Department letter dated 1/12/79; and 1/30/79; to Mr. William Carter; one copy of Department letter dated 4/10/79; to Mr. John Parks; one copy of N.Y. Times article dated 4/16/79; and 4/9/79, by Nicholas M. Horrock; one copy of Washington Post article dated 2/25/79; one copy of Washington Star dated 2/1/79; one copy of Washington Post article dated 2/6/79; one copy of Washington Star article dated 1/13/79; one copy of Washington Post article dated 1/12/79; one copy of New York Times article dated 1/2/79; one copy Washington Star article dated 1/11/79; and one copy of indicated AP press release.

Departmental letter dated 4/24/79, is self-explanatory and identifies the six individuals to be interviewed and specifies the information to be elicited during the interviews.

Atlanta is requested to interview those individuals to develop desired information and sutel pertinent results by COB 5/4/79, and furnish complete results of interviews on FD-302's by 5/9/79.

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ATLANTA APRIL 30, 1979.

MARIO LEANZA, REALTYR, 1510 MONROE DRIVE, NE,

ATLANTA, GA, ADVISED DURING TRIP TO HIS NATIVE CATANIA,

SICILY IN EARLY 1978, HE WAS INTRODUCED BY HIS NEPHEW TO

MISCHEHELE PAPA, AN ATTORNEY WITH ASSOCIOZONE SICULO ARABA IN

CATANIA, A CORPORATE ATTORNEY WITH BUSINESS CONTACTS IN

LIBYA WHO MADE SUGGESTION OF TRYING TO GET PRESIDENT CARTER'S

BROTHER, BILLY, TO VISIT LIBYA IN THAT IT MIGHT DEVELOP INTO

BUSINESS INVESTMENTS IN ATLANTA, GA. LEANZA INFORMED

PAPA HE DID NOT KNOW BILLY NOR OF CONTACTS TO HIM AND WOULD NOT

BE ABLE TO DO THIS. UPON RETURNING TO THE U. S., LEANZA

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RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PAPA CONTINUING IN HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE HIM CONTACT CARTER. SUBSEQUENTLY HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PAPA IN APRIL 1978 ADVISING THAT SUCH A TRIP WOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE LIBYANS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY WAS COMING TO U. S. AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AND TO INTRODUCE HIM TO BILLY. LEANZA STATED HE MENTIONED THIS INFO TO TOM JORDAN, A COLLEGE PARK, GA REALTOR WHO ADVISED HE WOULD HANDLE THE MATTER. JORDAN, GEORGIA STATE SENATOR FLOYD HUDGINS OF COLUMBUS, GA, LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY GIBRILL (PH) SHALOUF AND LEANZA SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH BILLY CARTER IN PLAINS, GA, JULY 2 OR 3, 1978 FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS BY JORDAN THROUGH HUDGINS. DURING THIS MEETING SHALOUF EXTENDED THE INVITATION TO BILLY TO VISIT LIBYA. LEANZA STATED THAT AFTER HEARING FROM AMBASSADOR, LATER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY JORDAN AND HUDGINS TO CONTACT PEOPLE FOR THE TRIP. LEANZA HAD INFORMED ATLANTA ATTORNEY LEONARD LONG OF THIS WHO AGREED TO MAKE TRIP. LEANZA WAS IN HOPES OF MAKING REAL ESTATE DEAL ON PROPERTY IN WHICH LONG HAD AN INTEREST.

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IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER, SHALOUF RETURNED TO U.S. AFTER BILLY HAD AGREED TO MAKE TRIP AND ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY SHALOUF.

SHALOUF, LEANZA, LONG, AND JORDAN WERE MET AT HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ATLANTA, BY HUDGINS, GEORGIA STATE SENATOR HENRY RUSSELL OF MORTON, GEORGIA, BILLY CARTER, AND HIS "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" RANDY COLEMAN. SHALOUF HANDLED THE PLANE RESERVATIONS. UPON ARRIVING IN NEW YORK, THEY WERE JOINED BY LONG'S SON, J. C. LONG. SHALOUF WAS THE ONLY LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM ON THE TRIP. THE GROUP WAS MET IN Italy ROME BY A LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE (KIHKI) (PHONETIC), AND ACCOMMODATIONS HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR THEM TO STAY OVER LEAVING THE NEXT DAY. SHALOUF CONTINUED WITH THEM ON THE TRIP TO TRIPOLI WHERE THEY SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH "PRIME MINISTER" SHAHADI (PHONETIC) AND OTHER DIGNITARIES BUT NEVER WITH QADAFFI, THE LEADER IN THE COUNTRY.

THE GROUP ALSO MET WITH A MR. EAGLETON, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBYA (CHARGE * D * AFFAIRS). THEY WERE ENTERTAINED BY THE LIBYANS AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AND TOURED AGR ICULTURE, DAIRY FARMS AND CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS SOME

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"ROMAN RUINS" OUT OF TRIPOLI.

THE GROUP REMAINED TOGETHER AT ALL TIMES. LEANZA STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO INTEREST SHALOUF IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN ATLANTA AND LONG WAS TRYING ALSO TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN A "CONCRETE BRICK" BUSINESS. LEANZA FELT THAT THE TRIP WAS FOR "GOOD WILL" BUT ALSO FOR ANY REAL ESTATE BUSINESS HE MIGHT DEVELOP. HE FELT PUT OUT THAT JORDAN SUBSEQUENTLY WAS GIVEN CREDIT BY BILLY AS HAVING ARRANGED THE ENTIRE MATTER. AS TO THE LIBYAN-ARAB-GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY (LAGFS) OR OTHER TYPE OF CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT "SOMETHING HAD BEEN DRAWN UP" BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN "LEFT OUT". HE STATED THAT DURING A BANQUET IN TRIPOLI, BILLY HAD EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE LIBYANS, SHALOUF, AND SHAHADI TO VISIT HIM IN PLAINS.

TOM JORDAN READILY AND VEHEMENTLY STATED THAT THOUGH TOLD OF THE SUGGESTION OF THE TRIP BY LEANZA, IT WAS HE THAT SUBSEQUENTLY MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SHALOUF AND HUDGINS TO CONTACT BILLY. HE STATED THAT THE WHOLE MATTER WAS TO HAVE "BETTER COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE

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"LIBYANS" BUT THAT SHOULD ANYTHING OF A BUSINESS NATURE ARISE, HE AS A BUSINESSMAN AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE PURSUED OR ACCEPTED IT, IF IT WERE LEGAL. BUT THE TRIP WAS BASICALLY FOR GOOD WILL AND BILLY WAS INVITED AS THE LIBYANS KNEW HE WOULD GET GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE. HE ADVISED THAT THE LAGFS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY THE LIBYANS ON THEIR TRIP TO U.S. IN JANUARY, 1979, WHICH WAS A FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY OR CHARTER WHICH HAD BEEN USED BEFORE, SUCH AS WITH OIL INTERESTS IN TEXAS. THIS WAS A NON-PROFIT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS SHOWN TO AN ATLANTA ATTORNEY, DAVID GAMBRELL, AND WHICH 50-60 PEOPLE SIGNED "IN FRIENDSHIP". HE STATED THE CORPORATION HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION.

RANDY COLEMAN, SELF EMPLOYED AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF BILLY CARTER, PLAINS, GEORGIA, ADVISED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BILLY AND HE WERE INVITED ON THE LIBYAN TRIP TO BUILD UP GOOD WILL BETWEEN U. S. AND LIBYA. NO BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BILLY AND LIBYANS. AS TO THE INVITATION OF THE LIBYANS TO THE U.S., BILLY HAD EXTENDED THIS TO SHAKADI INFORMALLY WHILE IN LIBYA WHO REQUESTED A FORMAL INVITATION WHICH BILLY SENT NOVEMBER 2,

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1978. (COPY FURNISHED) THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND A REPLY FROM LEONARD SCENSNY, COUNTY OFFICER FOR LIBYA, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1978, WAS RECEIVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS (COPY FURNISHED).

WITH REGARDS TO THE LAGFS, THE LIBYAN GROUP THAT CAME TO U.S. IN NOVEMBER BROUGHT A COPY OF A "CHARTER" WHICH THEY INDICATED WAS USED BY OTHER GROUPS IN THE U.S. SUCH AS OIL INTERESTS IN TEXAS. THIS WAS SHOWN TO ATLANTA ATTORNEY DAVID GAMBRELL AND WAS TO BE A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. HE DOES NOT KNOW IF ONE WAS DRAWN UP OR NOT.

FLOYD HUDGINS ADVISED HE INVITED LONG-TIME FRIEND RUSSELL TO GO ON THE TRIP AND BOTH HE AND HENRY RUSSELL STATED IT WAS THEIR UNDERSTANDING ALL EXPENSES WERE PAID BY LIBIANS. THIS WAS TO BE A GOOD WILL TRIP FOR PLEASURE BUT EACH STATED SHOULD ANYTHING HAVE COME OF THE TRIP OF A BUSINESS NATURE WHICH WAS LEGAL, THEY WOULD HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PURSUE SAME BUT NOTHING HAS. HUDGINS STATED THE LAGFS WAS DRAWN UP AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND WAS SIGNED BY HIMSELF AS WELL AS OTHERS. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, IT HAS NOT BEEN FILED WITH THE GEORGIA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

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JOHN R. PARKS, ATTORNEY, MYERS, PARKS, FERENESSY, AMERICUS, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REPLY TO JOEL S. LISKER, CHIEF REGISTRATION UNIT, U.S.D.J. AS HE HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BILLY CARTER SINCE CARTER WAS HOSPITALIZED IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HAVING BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL TO RETURN TO PLAINS ONLY THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, THE 26TH, OR 27TH. HE STATED HE COULD MAKE NO OTHER COMMENTS CONCERNING THE LIBYAN MATTER AT THIS TIME AS BILLY HAD "FIRED ME" AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1979. HE STATED HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH MR. LISKER AS A COURTESY TO EXPLAIN THE MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER, BUREAU IS REFERRED TO BUFILE 29-85987, "CARTER WAREHOUSE, PLAINS, GEORGIA; BF&E".

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Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of an Italian language article captioned "But Billy Carter is a Libyan Agent?" appearing in the 5/20/79 edition of "Il Diario," a Palermo, Sicily newspaper.

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La sconcertante figura del fratello del Presidente americano *Ma Billy Carter* *è un agente libico?*

Le vedove di due cittadini americani fucilati da un plotone d'esecuzione a Tripoli il 7 marzo 1979, si sono recentemente rivolte a Billy Carter, fratello del Presidente degli Stati Uniti, affinché intervenga presso il colonnello Gheddafi ed ottenga ampie spiegazioni in merito alla duplice esecuzione, nonché la restituzione dei cadaveri.

Perché le due vedove si sono rivolte a Billy Carter? E per quale motivo i due cittadini americani (agenti segreti?) sono stati fucilati? E perché la rappresentanza diplomatica statunitense a Tripoli non è sinora ufficialmente intervenuta per la tutela di questi due «tecnici d'armi anticarro» misteriosamente soppressi?

Nello scorso settembre Billy Carter si era recato in Libia dove aveva allacciato fruttuose relazioni personali con i maggiori esponenti di quel Paese. Gli accordi riguardavano l'istituzione di una «corporate association» tra gli affaristi del gruppo Billy Carter e membri del Governo di Tripoli. Mario Lianza, un grosso agente immobiliare di Atlanta (la capitale della Georgia, lo Stato americano in cui Jimmy Carter è stato governatore prima di diventare Presidente degli Stati Uniti) è stato uno dei principali organizzatori del viaggio a Tripoli ed ha dichiarato che lo scopo principale della «corporation», di cui Billy Carter detiene il pacchetto azio-



per Billy Carter e una lettera nella quale si spiegava che il viaggio in Libia del fratello del Presidente sarebbe stato interamente pagato dal Governo del colonnello Gheddafi.

Fu così che Mr Lianza, insieme con un altro agente immobiliare di Atlanta, Mr Tom Jordan, e col senatore dello Stato di Georgia Floyd Hudgins, organizzò un colloquio tra l'ambasciatore libico in Italia furono oltremodo convincenti e Billy Carter accettò l'invito, del tutto anomalo poiché avvenuto al di fuori del normale canale diplomatico, tra il Dipartimento di Stato e l'Am-

spedizione ugandese di 3.000 paracadutisti inviati a Kampala a bordo di C-130 Hercules e Boeing 727, per tentare un'estrema difesa del sanguinario regime di Idi Amin. Malgrado l'impiego di bombardieri Tu-22 acquistati dai sovietici, nonché di modernissimi pezzi d'artiglieria, mortai ed armi automatiche, i libici persero in pochi giorni ben mille uomini e i superstiti poterono ritornare in Libia ed evitare la prigionia grazie ad un riscatto anticipato di ben 20 milioni di dollari fatti pervenire da Gheddafi a Julius Nyerere.

zare capitali libici in Georgia ed in altri Stati del Sud.

Sorpreso per le critiche ed il clamore suscitati dai risvolti affaristici del suo viaggio in uno dei Paesi arabi noto per le sue simpatie verso il terrorismo internazionale e per l'attiva solidarietà con tutte le forze anti-americane — dall'URSS all'Uganda di Amin; dall'Iran di Khomeini allo Yemen; dall'Etiopia all'Iraq — Billy Carter ha affermato candidamente che la sua unica intenzione era di favorire l'amicizia tra i due Paesi. Il Dipartimento alla Giustizia che ha avviato un'inchiesta giudiziaria tendente ad accertare se l'attività svolta da Billy Carter in favore degli interessi libici non richieda l'obbligo della sua registrazione come «agente del governo libico». La legge americana permette infatti ai cittadini di rappresentare in USA gli interessi politici e finanziari di Paesi stranieri, anche ostili, ma li obbliga — con la minaccia di severe sanzioni — a «registrarsi come agenti» di quel determinato paese estero.

Facendosi ricoverare in un ospedale specializzato nella disintossicazione per «abuso di alcoolici», Billy Carter si è sottratto sinora alle interrogazioni di magistrati e giornalisti. E' evidente, però, l'incompatibilità morale tra gli incarichi che Billy Carter svolge alla Casa Bianca e gli impegni da lui assunti a Tripoli.

Mister Lianza, l'agente immobiliare di Atlanta, ha spiegato al giornalista Nicholas M. Horrock del New York Times, le curiose origini sicule, se non mafiose, del viaggio a Tripoli del fratello del Presidente degli Stati Uniti. Mr. Lianza ha rivelato infatti che circa un anno fa, nel corso di una sua visita in Sicilia si incontrò con un professionista che gli suggerì di convincere Billy Carter a visitare Tripoli anche perché grazie a cospicui investimenti libici in Georgia ed in altre località degli Stati Uniti, Lianza avrebbe potuto incassare fortissime provvigioni.

Il soggiorno siciliano di Lianza si protrasse per sei settimane nel corso delle quali il professionista ritornò più volte alla carica facendo presente che la Libia esporta petrolio per ben quattro miliardi di dollari all'anno, parte dei quali potrebbero essere investiti negli Stati Uniti. Alla fine dell'aprile del 1978, Mr. Lianza ricevette un invito scritto

basciata libica in USA.

La delegazione americana capeggiata da Billy Carter aveva una composizione a dir poco strana: nessun rappresentante diplomatico americano accompagnava il fratello del Presidente. Verano, invece, i due grossi agenti immobiliari, Lianza e Jordan; due amici affari di Lianza, due senatori dello Stato di Georgia: Hudgins e Henry Russel, ed un amico di sboccia di Billy Carter: Randy Coleman.

Altro fatto non meno anomalo: il viaggio di Billy Carter e del suo seguito (nove persone) avvenne non direttamente Washington-Tripoli, ma via Roma. Il colonnello Gheddafi pagò non solo il viaggio, ma anche il soggiorno a Roma, nel migliore albergo della capitale, con divertimenti vari. Anche a Tripoli Gheddafi (e non l'ambasciata USA) mise a disposizione di Billy Carter automobili con tanto di bandierine a stelle e a strisce, scortate da motociclisti dell'Esercito. «Un'ospitalità principesca», ha ricordato Lianza, «ogni persona del seguito costò almeno un milione al giorno e tutto è stato pagato dal Governo Libico».

Nel corso del soggiorno a Tripoli venne deciso di istituire una società finanziaria in Georgia per canalizzare gli investimenti libici. Il pacchetto azionario è stato così suddiviso: il 40% a Billy Carter, il 12 e mezzo% — a testa — al sen. Hudgins, all'amico di Carter, Coleman, agli agenti immobiliari Lianza e Jordan e il restante 10% a un signore rimasto anonimo, probabilmente l'avv. David Gambrell, anch'egli di Atlanta, che nel 1970 fu tesoriere della campagna elettorale di Jimmy Carter alle elezioni per la carica di Governatore della Georgia e che venne quindi scelto dal Presidente per la candidatura democratica al Senato degli Stati Uniti. L'avv. Gambrell ha organizzato il soggiorno americano della delegazione libica che restituì la visita (ma a spese proprie e non dell'erario USA) nel gennaio 1979.

I diritti umani non sono gran che rispettati in Libia, se tribunali speciali hanno condannato a morte decine di ufficiali (una quarantina, alla fine dell'anno scorso e già una ventina quest'anno) colpevoli solo di mal tollerare i fanatismi islamici di Gheddafi e di criticare l'infelice

E' evidente, quindi, che le vedove di Heinrich Wicke e di Muhammad Rashid (questi in Libia il 17 marzo 1979) non si sono rivolte all'uomo giusto, sebbene il Presidente Jimmy Carter si sia proclamato supremo difensore dei diritti umani. Troppi interessi e troppi compromessi infatti legano Billy Carter al carro di Gheddafi. La diplomazia personale ed affaristica di Billy Carter è in netto contrasto con quella del Dipartimento di Stato.

Taluni aspetti della vicenda Wicke-Rashid sono però oltre modo sospetti. Innanzi tutto l'arma da guerra, modernissima, sequestrata ai due: un «Armburst» in dotazione alle truppe speciali della NATO in funzione anticarro e terroristica. Può far saltare in aria un carro armato o un intero appartamento, anche da una distanza di parecchie centinaia di metri. E' un'arma portatile, e quella sequestrata ai due era anche munita di uno speciale attrezzo giapponese per il puntamento a raggi infrarossi e quindi nel buio più assoluto.

Anche il vero nome dei due è tuttora un mistero, specie per il Rashid: alto, biondo, longilineo, con un perfetto accento del Middle West; mentre il Wicke parlava l'americano alla maniera di Kissinger, tradendo così l'origine tedesca e una buona educazione nei collegi americani di Washington. Rashid diceva di essere un americano convertito all'islamismo e in tal modo spiegava il suo nome musulmano. Rashid era un generale di Maometto; ma il Rashid fucilato a Tripoli era forse un inviato della Cia per assassinare Gheddafi?

Si spiega così il mutuo interesse di Gheddafi, di Billy Carter e del Dipartimento di Stato a seppellire la vicenda. Le vedove, evidentemente, essendo all'oscuro di tutto, piangono e protestano. E la polizia libica nega, fornendo alibi morali alla diplomazia americana e a Billy Carter, del quale non si sa se — all'uscita dalla clinica ove si sta disintossicando per abuso di whiskey, birra, vodka, champagne e Martini — riterrà opportuno ottemperare alle disposizioni legislative americane e registrarsi come «Agente del governo libico negli Stati Uniti».

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of FD-302's pertaining to the interviews of MARIO LEANZA, TOM L. JORDAN, HENRY RANDOLPH (RANDY) COLEMAN, JOHN R. PARKS, HENRY RUSSELL and FLOYD HUDGINS. Randy Coleman

No further investigation being conducted by Atlanta.

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JOHN R. PARKS, Attorney, Myers, Parks, and Fennessy, North Prince Road, was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents and as to the nature of the interview, at which time he voluntarily furnished the following information:

PARKS had been meaning to talk to BILLY CARTER before responding to Mr. JOEL LISKER with the United States Department of Justice; but BILLY had been in the hospital in Long Beach, California, and had not returned to Plains, Georgia, until April 25, 1979. He added that other matters have come up concerning Mr. CARTER since then.

PARKS stated that it is not now clear whether or not he represents Mr. CARTER in the Libyan question. He advised that as of Sunday, April 29, 1979, BILLY had fired him.

PARKS stated that with regard to the trip itself, he did not know anything about it until he began seeing pictures of the trip in the newspapers in the Fall of 1978.

With regard to the letters from the Department of Justice to CARTER, he had first brought them to him the latter part of January, 1979; and based on what CARTER had told him, he saw no requirement for him to register under the act.

PARKS advised he would be in contact with Mr. LISKER as a courtesy to explain the matter.

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MARIO LEANZA, Realtor, 1510 Monroe Drive, Northeast, was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents and as to the nature of the interview. He was furnished a copy of an "Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed, following which LEANZA voluntarily furnished the following information:

LEANZA stated that during the early part of 1978, while making a personal visit to his native Catania, Sicily, he was introduced by his nephew to a lawyer, MISCHEHELE PAPA, a corporate attorney with business contacts in Libya. PAPA had suggested to LEANZA of attempting to get President CARTER's brother, BILLY CARTER, to visit Libya and that it might develop into business investments in Atlanta, Georgia. LEANZA had informed PAPA that he did not know BILLY CARTER nor was he aware of any contacts which would enable him to meet CARTER.

Upon returning to the United States, LEANZA stated that he received telephone calls from PAPA continuing in his efforts to have him contact CARTER with regard to an invitation to visit Libya. LEANZA stated that he subsequently received a letter from PAPA on April 18, 1978, showing he was with the Associozone SICULO ARABA of Catania, Cosa Italia, advising him that the Libyan Ambassador to Italy would be coming to the United States and would be in touch with LEANZA. PAPA's letter again suggested that LEANZA introduce him to BILLY CARTER for an invitation to Libya and that the expenses for such a trip would be paid for by the Libyans. LEANZA stated that he made efforts to develop some contacts through which he might introduce the Ambassador and BILLY CARTER; and during a visit by another realtor to his residence, TOM JORDAN of College Park, Georgia, he mentioned the matter to him. JORDAN informed him he could handle the matter and would get in touch with Georgia State Senator FLOYD HUDGINS of Columbus, Georgia.

LEANZA stated that in May or June, 1978, the Libyan Ambassador to Italy, GABRIEL SHALOUF contacted him upon his arrival in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that, subsequently,

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he contacted JORDAN; and LEANZA, JORDAN, and HUDGINS eventually met in Atlanta, Georgia, where they planned to travel to Plains, Georgia, to see BILLY CARTER regarding the invitation to Libya. LEANZA stated that JORDAN, HUDGINS, SHALOUF, and he met with BILLY at his service station in Plains, Georgia, on July 2 or 3, 1978, where the invitation to Libya was made by SHALOUF to BILLY. Also, present at this meeting was RANDY COLEMAN, whom LEANZA understands is BILLY's close friend and business associate. It was at this meeting that SHALOUF informed BILLY that the expenses for the trip would be paid for by the Libyan Government.

LEANZA stated that it was his understanding that the trip was being arranged for the purpose of a cultural or goodwill effort on behalf of Libya toward the United States; but he, personally, was interested in it from a business standpoint in the hopes of developing Libyan real estate interests in property in Atlanta. He stated that in line with this after SHALOUF had informed TOM JORDAN and BILLY CARTER that they could invite other individuals on the trip, he invited Mr. LEONARD LONG an attorney and businessman in Atlanta, Georgia. LEANZA stated that LONG was the owner of the Darlington Apartments on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia, and that he was in hopes of interesting SHALOUF in the property.

LEANZA advised that Senator HUDGINS and TOM JORDAN were the ones who were making the arrangements for the trip and were contacting various individuals with invitations.

In September, 1978, SHALOUF returned to Atlanta, Georgia; and he, LEANZA, LEONARD LONG, and TOM JORDAN were met at Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia, by Senator HUDGINS, Georgia State Senator HENRY RUSSELL, BILLY CARTER, and RANDY COLEMAN. LEANZA stated that apparently SHALOUF had already made airline reservations and that they all left Atlanta accompanied by SHALOUF. He stated that upon arrival in New York, the group was joined by LONG's son, J. C. LONG; and they continued on their trip to Rome, Italy. He stated that SHALOUF was the only Libyan representative

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with the group from Atlanta to Rome, and to his knowledge there were no actual business discussions during the trip.

Upon arriving in Rome, they were met by another Libyan representative by the name of KIKI (phonetic) and arrangements had been made for them at a very fine hotel in Rome. SHALOUF continued on with the group to Tripoli the following day, where they were met by "Prime Minister" SHAHATI and other Libyan dignitaries. He stated that during their six-day stay in Tripoli they also met with a Mr. EGGLETON, the United States Representative in Tripoli. LEANZA stated the group had met with "the number two and number three men" of Libya; but they never met with the President, QADAFFI. The group was entertained by the Libyan dignitaries, as well as by the American Consulate while in Tripoli; and the Libyans took them on tours of the agricultural and dairy farms and construction sites, and they also visited some "Roman ruins" outside of Tripoli. LEANZA stated that he and LONG remained close together during most of the trip, as they were good friends and likewise had a business interest in mind to discuss with the Libyans. He stated that LONG, in many of his business interests, also had a concrete brick business that he was attempting to promote or interest the Libyan people in. He added to his knowledge there were no actual business discussions as such held by the group with the Libyans.

He stated that following their visit in Tripoli, the group returned to Rome, Italy, where they had planned to have an audience with the Pope; but he had died just a few days before. He stated that BILLY and Senator HUDGINS left for the United States the first day on arriving in Rome. He stated that the others returned the following day.

LEANZA stated that there were no actual discussions as such regarding any plans for improving the Libyan image in the United States but that the Libyans were undoubtedly trying to show the group what progress they had made in the Libyan country.

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LEANZA stated that to his knowledge the invitation to the Libyans regarding a visit to the United States was made during a dinner banquet in Tripoli by BILLY CARTER, who addressed his remarks to SHALOUF and the other Libyan dignitaries to come and visit him whenever they came to the United States. He advised that he does not know if there was any formal invitation made to the Libyan group.

LEANZA further advised that following the trip to Libya there were plans made by BILLY CARTER, JORDAN, and some of the others with regard to the formation of a corporation or charter for relations between Libya and the United States. LEANZA stated that he understood that there were to be percentages in the corporation for himself, BILLY, HUDGINS, COLEMAN, and JORDAN and understood that "something had been drawn up"; but he had, subsequently, been left out of the arrangement and does not know whether anything has gone forward with the corporation or not. He stated that he believes this would have been the Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society and that the papers had been shown to a Mr. DAVID GAMBRELL an Atlanta attorney. He further added that through BILLY CARTER's actions and statements, all credit for the group's trip to Libya was given to TOM JORDAN. LEANZA stated that he understood that BILLY "wanted no part of him" in any dealings with the Libyans.

LEANZA added that after the group's return to the United States in October, 1978, Ambassador SHALOUF again called him; and they discussed the matter of Mr. LONG's apartment, at which time LEANZA was informed that it had been SHALOUF's intention to interest the Libyan Government in the Darlington Apartments for the purpose of utilizing it for Libyan students in Georgia. LEANZA stated that this deal has not gone through; and to his knowledge, LONG never finalized anything with regard to his concrete brick business.

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HENRY RUSSELL, Georgia State Senator, Boston Road, was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents and as to the nature of the interview. He was given a copy of an "Advice of Rights" form which he read, stated he understood, and signed. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

RUSSELL stated that during the Summer of 1978, he had been contacted by a long-time friend of his, Georgia State Senator FLOYD HUDGINS from Columbus, Georgia, at the State Capitol, who inquired of him if he wished to make a trip to Libya, with all expenses paid by the Libyan Government. He stated it was his understanding that the trip was to be for goodwill and to allow an American group to see how the people in Libya were being treated and the progress the government was making for its people. He advised that he understood that the trip initially came about through an Atlanta realtor, MARIO LEANZA, introducing the Libyan Ambassador GABRIEL SHALOUF to Senator HUDGINS, who wished to invite the President's brother, BILLY CARTER, for a goodwill trip to Libya.

He stated that HUDGINS had informed him of the trip just prior to the scheduled departure time, which was the latter part of September, 1978, and that he, RUSSELL, HUDGINS, TOM JORDAN, a realtor from Atlanta, Georgia, LEANZA and a friend of his in the real estate business in Atlanta, Georgia, LEONARD LONG and his son, J. C. LONG, and BILLY CARTER and his friend and business associate, RANDY COLEMAN, also of Plains, Georgia, left from Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia, accompanied by SHALOUF, the latter part of September, 1978. He stated that SHALOUF had paid for their passage and that he was the only Libyan representative who accompanied them on the trip. He advised that to his knowledge there were no business discussions during the trip and that upon their arrival in Rome, Italy, they were met by another Libyan representative and that accommodations in the Hilton, Rome, had been made for them where they stayed over night, leaving the next day for Tripoli.

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Upon arriving in Tripoli, they were met by SHAHATI, who was the Foreign Minister or third in command, the number two man in command, whose name he does not recall, the mayor of Tripoli, as well as the United States representative at the American Embassy. He advised that they had been entertained by the Libyan officials, as well as the American Embassy and that during their six-day stay in Tripoli toured a museum, agriculture, and dairy farms.

RUSSELL stated that aside from being Senator Hudgins good friend, he was undoubtedly invited as being an individual knowledgeable in agriculture and dairy farming and that he found the dairy farms they toured to be one of the most modern facilities he has ever encountered.

RUSSELL stated that he felt that the Libyan officials definitely wanted the American group to be impressed by the way the Libyan people were living and what the Libyan Government was doing for them. He stated that to his knowledge, BILLY CARTER was undoubtedly invited due to his being the President's brother and the knowledge that he would receive much press coverage upon his return to the United States regarding the Libyan trip.

RUSSELL stated that there were no actual financial or business discussions during the trip and that he and Senator HUDGINS were always in the company of BILLY CARTER and his associate, RANDY COLEMAN; and he is quite sure there were no meetings of that nature with them. He added that other than the tour of the various agriculture and other facilities, there was no actual discussion concerning a Libyan and American exchange of culture or product.

He stated that with regard to an invitation to the Libyans to visit the United States, during the tour at various times comments would be made by BILLY CARTER, as well as some of the others, that the Libyans should likewise come to the United States to see and compare what they are doing with what the United States has.

On the night before the group left Tripoli at a banquet, BILLY did make an open invitation to the Libyan

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officials to come and visit him when they were in the United States. He added that if there had been a formal invitation made, he was quite sure it would have come from BILLY, although he does not know of this.

With regard to a Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society, there had been a friendship type of charter drawn up from a plan previously used by the Libyans with other groups in the United States; but as to any corporation being formed, he has no knowledge of one ever having been submitted to the Georgia State Corporation Commission or having been drawn up; although he does not see anything wrong with one if it were within legal limits. He stated he has heard no business discussions to that effect.

RUSSELL further added that to his knowledge there have been no transactions of a business or financial nature as a result of the trip but stated that should anything come of the trip of a business nature which was legal and profitable, he saw no reason not to take advantage of it.

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FLOYD HUDGINS, Georgia State Senator, 3034 Emory Street, was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents and as to the nature of the interview. He was given a copy of an "Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. HUDGINS then voluntarily furnished the following information:

In the early part of the Summer, 1978, HUDGINS stated he had been contacted by TOM JORDAN, a realtor in Atlanta, Georgia, who informed him that another realtor in Atlanta, MARIO LEANZA, had been in contact with the Libyan Ambassador, who wished to extend an invitation to BILLY CARTER for a trip to Libya with expenses paid by the Libyan Government. He understood that he, as well as others, would be included in the trip and that the purpose of the trip was to be a goodwill or friendship trip.

HUDGINS advised that approximately July 2, 1978, after having met with LEANZA, JORDAN, and the Libyan Ambassador, GABRIEL SHALOUF, in Atlanta, Georgia, they travelled to Plains, Georgia, where they met with BILLY CARTER and his associate, RANDY COLEMAN, at CARTER's service station in Plains. BILLY

HUDGINS stated that JORDAN had requested that he try to put the trip together and that according to SHALOUF, they could take as many people as they wanted to on the trip, as long as they took JIMMY CARTER. He stated that he began contacting various people after the trip had been pretty well assured in September, 1978. It was at this time that he contacted his long-time friend, Georgia State Senator HENRY RUSSELL, from Boston, Georgia. HUDGINS added he felt this was a "chance of a lifetime" for a trip such as this, even though he had no idea at the time where or what Libya was.

HUDGINS stated that though he had asked many individuals to go on the trip, the timing had been so late that few were able to make arrangements such as obtaining passports.

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HUDGINS stated that subsequently in the latter part of September, 1978, BILLY and RANDY COLEMAN met he and Senator RUSSELL at his residence in Columbus, Georgia, where they then travelled to Atlanta, meeting SHALOUF, JORDAN, LEANZA, and a LEONARD LONG, who had been invited by LEANZA. The group then travelled to Rome in the company of SHALOUF, who had made all the airline arrangements, where they were met by another Libyan representative by the name of KIKHIA (phonetic). Accommodations had been made for them in Rome at the Rome Hilton Hotel, where they remained the night and left the following day for Tripoli. HUDGINS stated that during the trip there were no business discussions per se and none to his knowledge while in Rome. He stated that the group was always together and that he, in particular, was staying close to BILLY CARTER, inasmuch as he knew that "JIMMY would be all over me" if I did not.

Upon arriving in Tripoli, they met Foreign Minister SHAHATI, as well as the number three man, but did not ever meet President QADAFI. They also met with the American representative at the Embassy there, a BILL EGLETON. They spent six days and nights at Tripoli, where they were given a "red carpet" tour, which took in agriculture, dairy, and other facilities in order to impress the group with how well the government was treating the people in Libya. HUDGINS stated that SHALOUF had told him that since the Jews owned the press in the United States, they do not get the Libyan side told and, therefore, wanted someone of influence to come over to see how the Libyans were living.

HUDGINS added that with regard to the Libyans being invited to the United States, BILLY, at one point or another, during their stay in Tripoli, had offhandedly invited the Libyan officials, as well as those in attendance at the various banquets to visit him if they came to the United States. He advised that he understands that BILLY may have subsequently formally invited SHAHATI to the United States.

After leaving Tripoli, the group returned to Rome

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where BILLY was to have had an audience with the Pope, although he had passed away the day before. Due to a schedule which BILLY had in the United States, he, HUDGINS, RUSSELL, and BILLY returned to the United States the same day of their arrival in Rome, not even awaiting the arrival of BILLY's mother for the Pope's funeral.

HUDGINS added that there were no business discussions on the return flight, to his knowledge.

With regard to the Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society, this was a charter which was given to them by the Libyans prior to their visit in the United States which was shown to Attorney DAVID GAMBRELL in Atlanta, Georgia, and subsequently drawn up for signatures. HUDGINS stated that he, as well as some twenty others, signed the charter, which he understood was a friendship agreement between Libya and the United States. He added that to his knowledge no corporate organization has been filed with the Georgia State Corporation Commission.

He stated that though the trip was to be for pleasure and goodwill between the United States and the Libyan Governments, should anything of a business nature have developed, he saw no reason not to take advantage of it if it were legal. He added that to his knowledge nothing along those lines had occurred.

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TOM L. JORDAN, Broker, Builder's Brokerage Company, 3710 Main Street, College Park, Georgia, and his attorney, ANSELL TURNER MAUND, III, were advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview, following which JORDAN voluntarily furnished the following information:

JORDAN stated that he wished to make it perfectly clear that the whole matter of the Libyan trip made by himself and some others, including BILLY CARTER, was set up by him and not by MARIO LEANZA. He stated that LEANZA, on a personal trip to his native country of Sicily in early 1978, had been introduced to a lawyer by the name of MISCHEHELE PAPA, who was with the Sicilian-Arabic Chamber of Commerce in Catania, Sicily, who made the suggestion to LEANZA that BILLY CARTER visit Libya. JORDAN stated that though told of the suggestion of the trip by LEANZA upon his return to the United States, it was JORDAN who subsequently made all arrangements between the Libyan Ambassador to Italy, GABRIEL SHALOUF and Georgia State Senator FLOYD HUDGINS to meet BILLY CARTER. He added that after being told of the original suggestion by LEANZA he informed LEANZA to have PAPA contact him, and JORDAN was subsequently told to have a group of influential people, especially BILLY CARTER, invited to Libya at Libyan expense.

JORDAN stated that the whole purpose of the trip was to open up lines of communications between the United States and Libya and to have a better understanding between the United States and Libyans in order to create a friendly atmosphere. He stated that this was the primary reason that BILLY CARTER was to go on the trip as the Libyans knew that being President CARTER's brother he would get good media coverage. JORDAN stated that though the trip was basically to develop goodwill between Libya and the United States, he, being a businessman and real estate developer, would definitely accept or pursue anything of a business nature which might arise if it were legal.

JORDAN stated that he subsequently contacted Georgia State Senator FLOYD HUDGINS of Columbus, Georgia, who is

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likewise in the real estate and insurance business and that in the latter part of June, 1979, JORDAN, LEANZA, and HUDGINS met with the "reputed roving ambassador from Libya" in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that the group then travelled to Plains, Georgia, on Saturday, July 2 or 3, 1978, where they met with BILLY CARTER and his associate, RANDY COLEMAN, at BILLY's service station in Plains. It was at this time that SHALOUF extended to himself and BILLY, as well as COLEMAN, HUDGINS, and LEANZA, an invitation to visit Libya "as a goodwill mission". No date was set for the visit at that time.

On September 7, 1978, SHALOUF returned to Atlanta, Georgia; but no contacts could be made with BILLY, as he had other commitments. An appointment was arranged in September, at which time he was advised that the trip had been arranged with all expenses paid by Libya and that a number of invitations had been extended to others and would he be willing to make the trip. JORDAN stated that BILLY advised him that he would do it but that he wished no news media coverage; and the trip was set for September 28, 1978.

SHALOUF, JORDAN, LEANZA, and a business associate of LEANZA's, LEONARD LONG, whom he had invited, met with SHALOUF in Atlanta where they subsequently were joined by Senator HUDGINS, Georgia State Senator HENRY RUSSELL of Boston, Georgia, BILLY, and RANDY COLEMAN at Hartsfield International Airport. He stated that the tickets and reservations had been prepaid by somebody in the Libyan Government and were apparently handled by SHALOUF. He advised that SHALOUF was the only Libyan representative who accompanied the group on the trip. He advised that in New York they picked up LEONARD LONG's son, J. C. LONG and continued their trip to Rome, Italy. He stated to his knowledge, there were no business discussions during the trip.

Upon arriving in Rome, Italy, they were met by an executive with the Libyan Government or with the Italian-Arabic Chamber of Commerce by the name of KIKHIA (phonetic) and that accommodations had been made in Rome, where they were to stay until departing for Tripoli the following day.