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SUBJECT: MEXICAN TERRORIST CAPTURED IN ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF MEXICO.


2. ARREST FOLLOWED A FOUR HOUR ATTEMPT BY TORRES TO NEGOTIATE SAFE PASSAGE TO FRANCE BY TAKING 2 FRENCH EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS HOSTAGE IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE.

3. DGS DIRECTOR MICHAEL NAZAR, POSING AS A MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, EXCHANGED HIMSELF FOR HOSTAGES AND PERSONALLY DROVE TORRES TO AIRPORT WHERE RUSE OF OFFERING $800 "POCKET MONEY" TO TORRES DISTRACTED HIM LONG ENOUGH FOR AGENTS TO SEIZE HIM.

4. COMMENT: TORRES APPEARS TO BE AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE 23 OF SEPTEMBER TERRORIST GROUP AND SHOULD PROVE TO BE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION. BRANDIN

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