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FROM: Vice Admiral L. E. Jacoby, U.S. Navy, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: ~~(S//NF)~~ CURVEBALL Background

(U) Source Description:

- ~~(S//NF)~~ Curveball (CB) was the main Intelligence Community source reporting Iraq had transportable biological warfare agent production systems.
- ~~(S//NF)~~ CB claimed to be a project manager, with intimate details of an Iraqi mobile BW program and he was specifically involved in the design of mobile production facilities.
- ~~(S//NF)~~ CB demonstrated extensive knowledge of Iraq's BW program.

(U) DIA Involvement:

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- ~~(S//NF)~~ CB was a source of the [] DIA was made aware of CB in January 2000.

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- ~~(S//NF)~~ [] did not allow direct DIA contact with CB.
- ~~(S//NF)~~ DIA funneled requirements to the [] and published the resulting report. (b)(1),1.4 (c)
- ~~(S//NF)~~ DIA's involvement ended in September 2001 when CB ceased to provide new information.

(U) Intelligence:

- ~~(S//NF)~~ CB provided detailed information on production processes, equipment, concealment methods, personnel, organizations, and locations of the transportable systems.
- ~~(S//NF)~~ CB's reporting resulted in [] DoD Intelligence Information Reports. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

(U) Credibility:

(b)(1) 1.4 (c)

- ~~(S//NF)~~ DIA assessed CB was a [] source based on evaluations of his reporting and assessments from the []

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- ~~(S//NF)~~ In March 2004 CIA gained access to CB and his credibility and access came into question.

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- Scientists and engineers in Iraq refuted CB's claims that they had knowledge of Iraq's mobile BW program.
- CB's reporting did not match physical lay-outs at the suspect facilities.
- CB's behavior during the debriefing indicated he was being less than truthful.

- ~~(S//NF)~~ DIA and CIA determined that CB was a fabricator. DIA and CIA issued notifications to the entire IC that his reporting is suspect.