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Subject : Status Montrev Forces

Defense Intelligence Agency reporting has indicated that all Montrevian ground forces are located 750 miles to the south in the capital city of Montrev City. Further, their vehicle lift capability is very limited. All segments of their armed forces reportedly suffer from poor maintenance and a lack of equipment. There is no reporting from the DIA to indicate that there are any Montrevian military forces in the area of the incident site. The only possible exception to this is the special brigade which has not been reported in its home area for some days. It is also reportedly in isolation and preparing for a special mission.

El Jeffe has stated that he has a large number of troops in the immediate area of the incident site. He has control of a large number of military vehicles which he plans to use to assist in the evacuation of a large city near the incident site.

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to be ignored without distortion of the ultimate conclusions. The threat is real, its author is dedicated, is prepared to die for his cause, and presents a similarly dedicated group, but evidences significant vulnerabilities which can be exploited to our advantage.

rationale:

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Since the device known to exist to Montrev is singularly missing from the threat of this message, it is likely that the author does not know that we have discovered his other device and that he intended that device as his "ace in the hole" or perhaps as demonstration of his resolve. It is important that we not give this adversary the advantage of the information that we are in control of this device.

We can expect that the author of this message will be sensitive to indications of subterfuge. There are many indications that he has the characteristics of

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the paranoid personality. He can be expected to behave as if he were psychopathically indifferent to the suffering of his enemies when in fact his religion and his nature make him quite empathetic to the suffering of others.

The December 9 deadline for payment of the ransom demand is entirely consistent with the presumed detonation date of December 10 if the negotiations were to fail. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS THREAT MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT HIS MONTREV DEVICE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, HE MAY MOVE THE DEADLINE TO AN EARLIER DATE AT ANY TIME. THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OR DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE MONTREV NEST OPERATION. ANY SUCH DISCLOSURE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO ALERT THE THEATENER AND ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN MOVING THE DEADLINE FORWARD IN TIME.

OPERATIONAL CREDIBILITY (By T. Smith)

SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

The threat is real with a moderate degree of confidence.

Rational:

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REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS:

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