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Based on SA YOUSSEF's Egyptian Heritage, fluency in the Arabic Language, and demonstrated investigative proficiency in the United States and abroad in Middle East Terrorism cases, he should be given prime consideration for this posting. He has worked on temporary assignment in several legal attache offices on important and sensitive FBI cases and has been commended by both the Director FBI and Director Central Intelligence for his achievements. As an example, after a February, 1993, trip to Cairo, Egypt, accompanied by ALAT Rome on a sensitive IT investigation, SA YOUSSEF, who used his arabic language ability, was commended in writing by U.S. Ambassador PELLETREAU and Legat Rome for his professionalism in meeting with Egypt's Minister of Interior and the Director of the Egyptian State Security. This meeting resulted in SA YOUSSEF brokering better relations between the FBI and the Egyptian police who were previously suspect regarding the FBI's sincerity in investigating anti-government of Egypt terrorists who were domiciled in the U.S.

SA YOUSSEF's "can-do attitude", excellent interpersonal skills, creative investigative initiatives and unique ability to work with law enforcement and government officials from diverse countries would greatly assist the FBI in its expanding international role, and especially in the Middle East. He has shown initiative and taken on leadership roles, e.g. coordinating FBILA's Islamic Group cases.

SAC LA recognizes that SA YOUSSEF has not previously served as a Legat or at FBIHQ. However, he has a unique combination of skills that make him an exceptional candidate for a Legat assignment in Cairo.

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