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FM DIRECTOR FBI (66F-HQ-1177315)

TO DEPT OF STATE WASHINGTON DC/ROUTINE/

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PASS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR NEA/ARP; PERSONNEL ATTENTION OF
THE AMBASSADOR; PERSONNEL OFFICER.

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF FBI LEGAL ATTACHE.

I HAVE SELECTED BASSEM YOUSSEF, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE
LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AS LEGAL ATTACHE (LEGAT). WITH YOUR
CONCURRENCE, MR. YOUSSEF WILL ASSUME LEGAT DUTIES ON OR ABOUT
FEBRUARY 24, 1997.

MR. YOUSSEF WAS BORN NOVEMBER 8, 1958, IN CAIRO, EGYPT.

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MONTH OLD TWINS, ASHLEY MARIE AND ANDREA SUZANNE.

MR. SOFIA WAS BORN [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] S

[REDACTED] HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENGINEERING FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK, IN 1981 AND A MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY IN 1986.

HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1981 UNTIL 1988. DURING THIS TIME, HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, AND AMBERG, GERMANY.

SINCE GRADUATING FROM FBI NEW AGENT'S TRAINING IN JUNE 1988, MR. SOFIA WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DIVISION. DURING HIS EIGHT YEARS IN CHICAGO, HE SERVED ON THE INTERSTATE THEFT SQUAD AND ON THE PUBLIC CORRUPTION SQUAD. WHILE IN CHICAGO, HE ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO SWAT TEAM AND AS A RELIEF SUPERVISOR.

MR. SOFIA IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER GISELA MOIF OF [REDACTED] S

[REDACTED] THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN.

LEGAT AND ALAT RIYADH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING TERRITORIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY LEGAT ROME: BAHRAIN, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND

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YEMEN.

THE LEGAT PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL IMPROVE THE FBI ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MATERIAL THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH LIAISON WITH FOREIGN INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES AND DRAW ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE AUTHORITIES IN YOUR TERRITORY TO CONFRONT THE THREAT OF TERRORISM EFFECTIVELY.

YOU WILL FIND MR. YOUSSEF AND MR. SOFIA TO BE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO CARRY EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS TO REPRESENT THE FBI WHEN THEY TRAVEL TO YOUR TERRITORY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE/TICKLER COUNT:

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