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/******* THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE ***********/

COUNTRY: (U) FRANCE (FR); ALGERIA (AG).
SUBJ: ATTACK ON FRENCH RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND IN ALGIERS 940803 (U)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 940803.

SUMMARY: (S) FIVE FRENCH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WERE
KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED IN AN ATTACK ON A FRENCH EMBASSY
RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND IN ALGIERS 940803. A CAR BOMB
PIED IN THE COMPOUND WAS SUCCESSFULLY DEFUSED.

1. (S) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS REGARDING THE ATTACK ON A FRENCH EMBASSY RESIDENTIAL
COMPOUND IN THE AIN ALLAH AREA OF ALGIERS 940803. AT
0700 940803 A SMALL “JAPANESE MODEL TRUCK - SUSUKI OR
NISSAN" WITH "TEN" MEN DRESSED IN ALGERIAN GENDARMERIE UNIFORMS STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE COMPOUND.


2. THE TERRORISTS EXITED THE COMPOUND, APPARENTLY WITHOUT CASUALTIES. THE FIRST VEHICLE WAS ABANDONED IN THE COMPOUND AND WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN A "STRONG BOMB" WHICH WAS DEFUSED BY ALGERIAN GENDARMES. THE SUBSEQUENT CORDON OF THE AREA BY THE ALGERIAN GENDARMERIE HAS YET TO APPREHEND ANY OF THE ATTACKERS.

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF TERRORISTS WERE EIGHT.
THE BOMB IN THE FIRST VEHICLE WAS A "DELAYED ACTION" DEVICE.

4. STATED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK, GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED "WOMEN AND CHILDREN" NOT ALREADY RETURNED HOME WOULD BE SENT HOME, AND THAT "SECURITY WOULD BE TIGHTENED." HOWEVER, THAT THIS ATTACK WOULD NOT INSTIGATE AN ORDERED EVACUATION OF FRENCH NATIONALS. THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY REDUCED MOST NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND MOST FAMILY MEMBERS ARE OUT OF COUNTRY ON VACATION.) CONFIRMED THAT THESE DEATHS BRING TO FIFTEEN THE NUMBER OF FRENCH NATIONALS KILLED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1993.

5. RADIO BROADCASTS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE INCIDENT AND CONFIRMED THE NUMBER OF FIVE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED. THE BROADCASTS HAVE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ((JUPPE)) AND DEFENSE MINISTER ((LEOTARD)) WILL BE TRAVELING TO ALGIERS TOMORROW, 940804, AND CAUTIONED AGAINST UNNECESSARY TRAVEL TO ALGERIA.

COMMENTS: 1. ANALYZED THE ATTACK AS BEING WELL "PLANNED AND EXECUTED" AND PROBABLY BENEFITED FROM SUPPORT OF "LOCAL GUARDIANS." HE OPINED THAT THE ATTACK WAS NOT IN REACTION TO ANY SPECIFIC FRENCH ACTION, BUT A RESPONSE TO FRENCH ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND FRENCH CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM IN ALGERIA.

2. THERE REMAINS A SMALL OVERSIGHT ON THE ONE WOUNDED EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, RADIO BROADCASTS INTIMATED THAT THE ONE WOUNDED WAS A FRENCH NATIONAL WHILE STATED THAT THE HOST NATION CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE GATE GUARD WAS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.
IF THE GATE GUARD WAS NOT INCLUDED AS THE FRENCH
EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WOUNDED, THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED WILL BE
AT LEAST ONE MORE.

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