

## A NOTE ON SOURCES

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Many people have criticized the use of anonymous sources of late. Yet all reporters know that the very best stories—the most important, the most sensitive—rely on them. This book would not be possible without the cooperation of many current and former officials from the Bush administration, the intelligence community, and other parts of the government. Many of them were willing to discuss sensitive matters only on the condition of anonymity.

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TO: CIA Office #16

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SUBJECT: QUERY REGARDING ASSET POSSIBILITIES

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TEXT:

1. AS DISCUSSED WITH COS AND CIA Officer #32 ON 19 SEPTEMBER, CP IS LOOKING FOR A RUSSIAN EMIGRE ASSET CANDIDATE WITH A BACKGROUND IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ELECTRONICS/FIRING SET AREA. OUR INTENTION IS TO HAVE THIS INDIVIDUAL, ONCE VETTED AND TRAINED, OFFER "HELP" TO THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM. DOES CIA Office #16 HAVE ANY POSSIBILITIES AMONG YOUR SOURCES? THIS IS A TALL ORDER BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOTH THE RIGHT BACKGROUND AND OPERATIONAL SUITABILITY, INCLUDING BOTH CI AND PERSONALITY ISSUES. PLEASE ADVISE IN THIS CHANNEL IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE A CANDIDATE.

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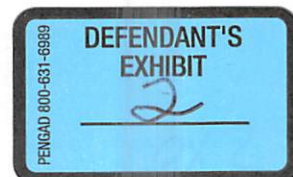
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