

REPORT TYPE: ENGAGEMENT

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CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET//REL USA, MCFI~~

COMMAND: MNF-I

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION: CJ2 FWD SIE

REPORT NUMBER: ENG-20090413073803-SIEANALYSTSGROUP

REPORT TITLE: Red Mercury

REPORT DATE: 2009-04-13 04:38:03.263

ENGAGEMENT TYPE: Influence

REPORTING PERSON: MAJ (b)(3), (b)(6)

REPORTING UNIT: MNF-I CJ2 FWD SIE

ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED: MSNSA

OTHER UNITS INVOLVED: N/A

REQUEST SUPPORTED: Ad-Hoc Meeting

MISSION DATE: 2009-04-05 04:38:00.0

MEETING TYPE: JCP 1a - Political/Intel Engagement

THEME/MESSAGE: PIR # 4. Where will militias, Sunni extremist and resistance groups focus their activities over the next six months?

ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE: Ad hoc Meeting

WAS THIS A KEY LEADER EVENT?: No

WAS OBJECTIVE MET?: No

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2009-04-12 07:38:00.0

DID YOU MAKE A PROMISE?: No

SUMMARY: ~~(SECRET//REL USA, MCFI)~~

On 05 APR 2009, MG Tariq T. ((al-Baldawi)), Advisor, MSNSA, requested assistance analyzing two cans of Red Mercury obtained during a recent Ministry of State for National Security Affairs (MSNSA) raid.

ATTENDEES: ~~(SECRET//REL USA, MCFI)~~

Iraqi Attendees: MG Tariq T. Al-Baldawi, Deputy Director, MSNSA Cell (b)(2) Cell (b)(2) Cell (b)(2) email: (b)(6)

Mr. Jabar Abd Hussein, Director Provincial Security Department, MSNSA, no cell phone or email address on record

CF Attendees: MAJ (b)(3), (b)(6) (Engagement Officer, MNF-I CJ2-FWD-SIE), DSN: (b)(2) email: (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6)

SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) Linguist, MNF-I CJ2 FWD SIE, DSN (b)(2) email: (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6)

REPORT TEXT: ~~(SECRET//REL USA, MCFI)~~

MG Baldawi requested the Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I) assistance in analyzing two containers of Red Mercury that MSNSA obtained during a recent raid on a house in Tikrit (MSNSA report attached). He explained that he would like to verify the contents for use as evidence in court. On MG Baldawis signal, Mr. Jabar Abd Hussein (a.k.a. ((Abu Nur))), Director Provincial Security Department, MSNSA, entered the room and placed two identical cylindrical containers on MG Baldawis desk (Container and label description attached).

The engagement officer indicated the containers were most likely harmless and Red Mercury is a common hoax often used by scam artists and terrorist groups for financial gain. He however, recommended MG Baldawi and Abu Nur take precautions when handling the containers since they contain unknown substances. MG Baldawi appreciated the warning, but Abu Nur acted as though he had been offended. He became argumentative and adversarial with both the engagement officer and the SIE interpreter commenting that he knew what he was doing and did not need someone telling him how to do his job. Abu Nur backed down only after being ordered by MG Baldawi. Abu Nur left the room. He returned several minutes later after having time to calm down. (Engagement officer comments: The engagement officer contacted the CIOC Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Team to report the Red Mercury. The CBRN representative confirmed that the Red Mercury is not dangerous and is a common hoax that reemerges periodically.)

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