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REGARDING DENNIS MADDEN AINSWORTH. INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA, JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO, CONTACTED THE SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE ON JANUARY 5, 1987, AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

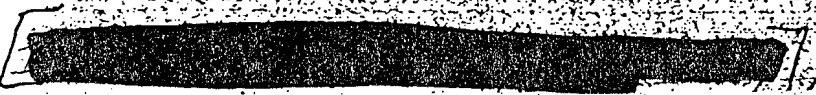
RUSSONIELLO ADVISED THAT ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1987, HE
ATTENDED A LUNCHEON MEETING AT A PRIVATE MEN'S CLUB IN SAN FRANCISCO
OF A GROUP OF MEN KNOWN AS THE "CODGERS" AT THE INVITATION OF

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DENNIS MADDEN AINSWORTH. AINSWORTH IS A WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH JANUARY 15, 1945, IN JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY. THE "CODGERS" IS A GROUP OF MEN OF ENGLISH ANCESTRY WHO MEET ONCE A MONTH TO DISCUSS VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LUNCHEON RUSSONIELLO REPORTED THAT AINSWORTH VERY CASUALLY ENGAGED RUSSONIELLO IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AND REPORTED AS FOLLOWS (AS CLOSE TO A VERBATIM ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE RELATED TO RUSSONIELLO):

"THIS IRAN DEAL IS A LOT BIGGER THAN YOU THINK. UP UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR AGO I WAS DOING SOME BUSINESS WITH CALERO TRYING TO HELP HIM OUT, BUT SOME STRANGE THINGS STARTED HAPPENING AND FRIENDS OF MINE AND I WERE INVOLVED WERE BLOCKED OUT OF THE ACTIVITY. THERE IS NO REAL WAR GOING ON IN NICARAGUA; WHAT IS GOING ON IS THAT MENESES AND HIS ASSOCIATES, INCLUDING BERMUDEZ, ARE INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ARMS TRADING. I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE NICARAGUAN COMMUNITY WHO ARE VERY FRIGHTENED ABOUT COMING FORWARD BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT IF THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE WAS GIVEN TO THE WRONG PEOPLE THEY COULD BE BLOWN AWAY BY COLOMBIAN HIT SQUADS. THESE PEOPLE MIGHT NOW BE WILLING TO COME FORWARD TO TALK.



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"MENESES IS ABLE TO FLY BACK AND FORTH TO THE UNITED STATES ALMOST AT WILL. ONE TIME DURING ONE OF CALERO'S VISITS I HAD A COCKTAIL PARTY FOR HIM AT MY HOUSE AND WITHOUT MY EVEN INVITING HIM MENESES SHOWED UP. AT THE END OF THE COCKTAIL PARTY, MENESES AND CALERO WENT OFF TOGETHER.

"IN THE SPRING ~~SOME~~ FRIENDS OF MINE AND I WENT BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO TRY TO BRING MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF BUT WE WERE PUT OFF BY OLLIE NORTH AND OTHERS ON THE STAFF WHO REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW ALL WHAT'S GOING ON. I WAS EVEN PHYSICALLY THREATENED BY ONE OF OLLIE NORTH'S ASSOCIATES. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH SOME PEOPLE ON THE SENATE STAFF TRYING TO GET INFORMATION TO THEM ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WORKS FOR AP ALSO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE STORY WITH INFORMATION I'VE GIVEN HIM.

THIS FELLOW GENERAL SECORD, OLLIE NORTH AND OTHERS HAVE SET UP THEIR OWN KIND OF GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE

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MAIN STREAM AND DOING THINGS WHICH ARE VERY DESTABILIZING. I KNOW THAT CALERO AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT IN SOUTH FLORIDA AND ONE IN THE GRAND CAYMEN ISLANDS AS WELL, THROUGH WHICH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE FUNNELED. THERE HASN'T BEEN A WAR IN NICARAGUA FOR YEARS, BUT THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LINKING UP WITH RIGHT WING ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING SECORD AND NORTH, THE KCIA, THE MOONIES AND OTHERS TO CREATE A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION." AUSA RUSSONIELLO ASKED AINSWORTH IF HE HAD IMPARTED ANY OF THIS INFORMATION TO ANYONE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON AND AINSWORTH REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT, THAT HE WAS DISTRUSTF OF THEM SINCE HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THA ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE WAS BLOCKING SOME OF THE INVESTIGATION, USA RUSSONIELLO TOLD AINSWORTH THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AINSWORTH TO HIS SUPERIORS AND ALSO RECOMMENDED TO AINSWORTH THAT HE GET HIS INFORMATION IN THE HANDS OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL, LAURENCE WALSH, AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. AINSWORTH REPLIED THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. WALSH AS SOON AS USA RUSSONIELLO PROVIDED HIM WITH THE PHONE NUMBER FOR A CONTACT AND USA RUSSONIELLO PROMISED HE WOULD DO THIS BY NOON, JANUARY 6, 1987.

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SAN FRANCISCO NOTES THAT THE CALERO MENTIONED IN AINSWORTH'S REMARKS IS PROBABLY ADOLFO CALERO, HEAD OF THE FDN, A CONTRA GROUP. IN ADDITION MENESES IS PROBABLY NORWIN MENESES, WHO IS A WELL-REPUTED DRUG DEALER.

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