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SUBJECT: (S//NF) CURVEBALL Background

(U) Source Description:

- (S//NF) Curveball (CB) was the main Intelligence Community source reporting Iraq had transportable biological warfare agent production systems.
- (S//NF) CB claimed to be a project manager, with intimate details of an Iraqi mobile BW program and he was specifically involved in the design of mobile production facilities.
- (S//NF) CB demonstrated extensive knowledge of Iraq's BW program.

(U) DIA Involvement:

- (S//NF) CB was a source of the _______________________________ DIA was made aware of CB in January 2000.
- (S//NF) DIA did not allow direct DIA contact with CB.
- (S//NF) DIA funneled requirements to the _______________________________ and published the resulting report.
- (S//NF) DIA's involvement ended in September 2001 when CB ceased to provide new information.

(U) Intelligence:

- (S//NF) CB provided detailed information on production processes, equipment, concealment methods, personnel, organizations, and locations of the transportable systems.
- (S//NF) CB's reporting resulted in DoD Intelligence Information Reports.
(U) Credibility:

- *(S//NF)* DIA assessed CB was a source based on evaluations of his reporting and assessments from the...

- *(S//NF)* In March 2004 CIA gained access to CB and his credibility and access came into question.

  - Scientists and engineers in Iraq refuted CB's claims that they had knowledge of Iraq's mobile BW program.
  - CB's reporting did not match physical lay-outs at the suspect facilities.
  - CB's behavior during the debriefing indicated he was being less than truthful.

- *(S//NF)* DIA and CIA determined that CB was a fabricator. DIA and CIA issued notifications to the entire IC that his reporting is suspect.