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SUBJ: YARG ROUND UP OF PDY NATIONAL FRONT INTELLI-
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1. KEF (A) REPORTED YARG'S MID-APRIL COINCIDENTAL
DISCOVERY (ACTUALLY AS RESULT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED
BY A DEFECTOR FROM ADEN) OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO
NATIONAL FRONT INTELLIGENCE AND SABOTAGE NETWORK IN
YAR DIRRECTED BY PDY. THIS TURNS OUT TO BE A MORE
SIGNIFICANT FIND THAN WAS FIRST THOUGHT.

2. MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEVELOPMENT AHMAD ARDU
SA'ID, WHO IS CURRENTLY OCCUPYING PRIMIN AL-MAJRI'S

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OFFICE IN SANAA DUE LATTER'S ABSENCE IN TAIZ. INFORMS ME THAT DOCUMENTS FOUND IN TAIZ HOUSE OF YALI SAYF MUGBIL SHOW THAT HOUSE WAS USED AS CENTER FOR PAYMENT TO NETWORK OF NF CELLS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT NORTH

YEMEN. PAYMENTS RECORDS ATTESTED EXISTENCE OF CELLS IN ALL MAJOR AND MANY MINOR CITIES, E. G. AS FAR NORTH AS SA'ADA AND AJJA. APPROXIMATELY 100 NAMES WERE LISTED BUT SOME 40 OF THESE WERE CLEARLY CODE

NAMES. YAR SECURITY HAS NOW ROUNDED UP ABOUT 60 OF THOSE WHOSE REAL NAMES WERE USED. IT IS NOT VERY HOPEFUL OF GETTING THE REST BUT WILL DO ITS BEST WITH LIMITED INTERROGATION MEANS. UNFORTUNATELY, AND DUE INEPTITUDE OF HIS GUARDS, MUGBIL MANAGED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BEFORE INTERROGATION REALLY UNDERWAY. IT IS DOUBTED THAT REMAINING PRISONERS ARE OF COMPARABLE IMPORTANCE.

2. ACCORDING SAID, SEIZED DOCUMENTS CONTAINED DETAILED PLANS FOR CONTINGENCY TERRORIST OPERATIONS, ASSASSINATION OF KEY YAR FIGURES, AND OVERTHROW OF PRESENT SANAA GOVERNMENT.

3. SAID STATES THAT A POLICY DISPUTE HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN YARG INNER COUNCILS OWING IN PART TO MENTION OF PRESIDENT'S SON, YAHYA 'ABD-AL-RAHMAN AL-'IRYANI, IN SEIZED PAPERS, ACUTELY EMBARRASSED BY THIS, PRESIDENT'S PREFERRED APPROACH IS TO TAKE NO ACTION AGAINST HIS SON WHO CURRENTLY IN LONDON ON DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT, AND JAIL INDEFINITELY WITHOUT TRIAL THOSE ALREADY PICKED UP. PRESIDENT BASES HIS APPROACH ON ARGUMENT THAT SUMMARY EXECUTIONS COULD GIVE RISE TO UNMANAGEABLE INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM, WHILE PUBLIC TRIALS WOULD BRING OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH PDRY, TERMINATE UNITY TALKS WHICH YARG NEEDS TO BUY TIME TO BUILD ITS DEFENSES, AND INVITE ALL-OUT PDRY CAMPAIGN OF SUBVERSION AND PERHAPS RESURGENCE OF OPEN WARFARE. YARG'S SENIOR MILITARY, EGGED ON BY SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY (SEPTTEL) ARE PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE EXECUTIONS WITHOUT TRIAL. A THIRD FACTION (IN WHICH SAID INCLUDED HIM-

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