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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 2 (FINAL) FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY, AND CHELSEA CLINTON TO GUILIN, CHINA ON JULY 2, 1998

FROM: USSS ID ADVANCE//GUILIN, CHINA//SA JAMES A. CORRY

TO: USSS HEADQUARTERS//PPD//OEOB//W-16
USSS ID ADVANCE - SHANGHAI, CHINA: SA PETE MCCAULEY
USSS ID ADVANCE - HONG KONG, CHINA: SA FRED SELLERS

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USSS HEADQUARTERS - PLEASE PASS DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS TO ADPR, ADPO, ADINV, INT, TSD AND LIAISON.

1. ~~(S)~~ TERRORIST THREAT LEVEL:

~~(S)~~ REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FIB TERRORIST THREAT ASSESSMENT PREPARED FOR THIS TRIP, DATED JUNE 10, 1998, INDICATING THE TERRORIST THREAT LEVEL IS LOW. THROUGH CONTACTS WITH U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (HOST GOVERNMENT POLICE SERVICE), NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD CHANGE THIS THREAT LEVEL AT THIS TIME.

(U) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WSA RECEIVED BY THE ID ADVANCE FROM USSS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION:

(U) ON 06-24-98 AT 1820 HOURS, THE WHITE HOUSE INTERNET SITE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO POTUS WHICH IDENTIFIED AS ORIGINATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HEFEI,

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ANHUI PROVINCE, PRC. THE MESSAGE STATED, "SOMEONE WANT TO KILL YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER, HILLARY. SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN COMING TO CHINA TOMORROW."

(U) ON 06-24-98 AT 1823 HOURS, THE WHITE HOUSE INTERNET SITE RECEIVED ANOTHER E-MAIL MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRST LADY WHICH ORIGINATED FROM THE SAME SOURCE. THE MESSAGE STATED, "HI, BE CAREFUL WHEN COMING TO VISIT CHINA. THE DANGER WILL BE IN GUILIN, A SOUTH BEAUTIFUL CITY IN CHINA. THE MURDER(ER)S ARE FROM PAKISTAN AND ONE OF THEM WANT TO RAPE CHELSEA. SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL."

(U) ID ADVANCE AGENT-BEIJING, HAS SINCE DEVELOPED INFORMATION FROM COUNTERPARTS THAT BOTH E-MAIL MESSAGES WERE A PRANK BY STUDENTS OF THAT UNIVERSITY EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE WITH U.S. POLICIES TOWARD CHINA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THESE E-MAIL MESSAGES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE WHITE HOUSE WILL CONTINUE.

(U) ON 06-24-98, ID COUNTERPARTS IN GUILIN PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ADVISED THAT AN AMERICAN BY THE NAME OF MELVIN HESTER BASHNER, W/M, DOB: 11-13-20, 4111 N. MESA STREET, EL PASO, TEXAS, LIVES IN YANGSHUO WHICH IS WHERE THE LI RIVER BOAT CRUISE BY THE FIRST FAMILY WILL TERMINATE. SOURCE INDICATED THAT SUBJECT HAD ALLEGEDLY MADE THE STATEMENT, "IF I CAN GET THE CHANCE, I'M GONNA WALK UP TO BILL CLINTON, SHAKE HIS HAND, AND ASK HIM JUST HOW MANY LOVERS HE'S ACTUALLY HAD." SUBJECT WAS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING, "...LIBYANS, PAKISTANIS, AND IRAQIS WANT TO ASSISSINATE BILL CLINTON."

(U) SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS BEING WELL KNOWN TO LOCAL POLICE SINCE HE IS ONE OF ONLY A COUPLE OF ENGLISH SPEAKING FOREIGNERS LIVING IN THE GUILIN AREA. SUBJECT HAS TRAVELLED TO AND LIVED IN THE YANGSHUO/GUILIN AREA FOR 3-4 MONTHS EACH YEAR FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SUBJECT HAS IN THE PAST, PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SEVERAL LOCAL AREA STUDENTS AND HELPS TEACH ENGLISH IN A LOCAL SCHOOL. SUBJECT DOES NOT SPEAK ANY CHINESE.

(U) LOCAL COUNTERPART PROVIDED A OOR PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF SUBJECT'S U.S. PASSPORT TO ID ADVANCE AGENT. SUBJECT IS NOT OF RECORD WITH ID AND HAS NO NCIC HISTORY. REQUEST WAS MADE SAME DATE TO HOST GOVERNMENT COUNTERPART FOR OPPORTUNITY BY ID ADVANCE AGENT TO INTERVIEW SUBJECT. HOST GOVERNMENT WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS ABOUT THIS REQUEST INDICATING CONCERN THAT IT COULD "BLOW UP IN THEIR FACES" IF SUBJECT COMPLAINED TO THE PRESS. REQUEST WAS ENROUTE TO BEIJING AFTER THREE DAYS OF LOCAL NEGOTIATION. SUBJECT HAS BEEN UNDER 24 HOUR SURVEILLANCE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES SINCE JUNE 29TH. AFTER ASSURANCES BY LOCAL COUNTERPARTS THAT SUBJECT WILL BE "GENTLY DISTRACTED ON DOV AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEAR FIRST FAMILY, INTERVIEW REQUEST WAS WITHDRAWN TO THE OBVIOUS RELIEF OF LOCAL COUNTERPARTS.

2. (U) THREATS:

(U) NO THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS VISIT THUS FAR. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE WITH THE RSO AND THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION TO RESPOND

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TO/INVESTIGATE/ASSESS ANY THREAT WHICH MIGHT OCCUR PRIOR TO AND DURING THIS VISIT.

3. (U) BOMB THREATS/INCIDENTS:

(U) THERE HAVE BEEN NO BOMB THREATS/INCIDENTS THUS FAR. HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE LAST BOMBING TO OCCUR IN THE GUILIN AREA WAS TEN (10) YEARS AGO. COUNTERPARTS INDICATE THAT FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING IN THE GUILIN AREA WAS TERMINATED APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS AGO BUT THERE IS MINIMAL PRODUCTION OF SUCH PRODUCTS IN OUTLYING RURAL AREAS WELL AWAY FROM MOTORCADE ROUTES AND SITES. EXPLOSIVES ARE USED IN THIS PROVINCE FOR ROAD BUILDING, AND THERE ARE EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITES CONTAINING UP TO 20 TONS OF COMMERCIAL, NON-MILITARY EXPLOSIVES. COUNTERPARTS HAVE ASSURED THAT EXPLOSIVES ARE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED IN CHINA AND THAT THESE STORAGE SITES ARE WELL AWAY FROM MOTORCADE ROUTES AND VISIT SITES BUT WILL BE SURVEILLED BY SECURITY FORCES PRIOR TO AND DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT.

4. ~~(S)~~ GROUPS OF INTEREST:

~~(S)~~ REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FIB ASSESSMENT PREPARED FOR THIS TRIP AND TO THE COUNTRY ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS, DATED JUNE 5, 198. AT THE PRESENT TIME, NO SPECIFIC THREAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED REGARDING DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS WITH FACTIONS IN SOUTHEAST CHINA AND SPECIFICALLY, THE GUILIN AREA.

~~(S)~~ MUSLIM UIGHUR SEPARATISTS ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE IN THE GUILIN AREA. ACTIVITIES OF KNOWN INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS OF RECORD WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT ARE BEING MONITORED. LOCAL COUNTERPARTS APPEAR TO BE FOCUSING THEIR ATTENTION ON THE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) FOREIGNERS CURRENTLY LIVING IN AND OTHERS VISITING THE GUILIN AREA.

~~(S)~~ THE MAJORITY ETHNIC GROUP IN THE GUILIN AREA IS THAT OF THE HAN CHINESE WITH ZHUANG CHINESE BEING IN THE MINORITY GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, 20,000 MUSLIMS LIVE IN THIS AREA BUT ALL THREE GROUPS HAVE NO ETHNIC CONFLICTS AND LIVE PEACEFULLY TOGETHER. ON JUNE 29TH, LOCAL COUNTERPARTS ADVISED THEY HAD ARRESTED SIX MUSLIMS FROM THE XINJIANG PROVINCE ON A PURSE SNATCHING CHARGE AND HAD REMOVED THEM FROM THIS PROVINCE UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

5. (U) LOOKOUT SUBJECTS:

(U) THERE ARE NO LOOKOUTS FOR THIS VISIT AT THIS TIME, BUT POST STANDERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON MELVIN LESTER.

6. ~~(C)~~ DEMONSTRATIONS:

~~(C)~~ NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS TIME TO INDICATE THAT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY ARE BEING PLANNED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS VISIT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS, ESPECIALLY PROTEST-TYPE DEMONSTRATIONS, WILL OCCUR.

~~(S)~~ IN GUILIN, ORGANIZERS OF DEMONSTRATIONS MUST APPLY FOR A DEMONSTRATION PERMIT AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS IN ADVANCE. TO DATE, NO

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SUCH APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY SUCH REQUESTS.

~~(C)~~ IN THE EVENT OF A SPONTANEOUS, UN-PERMITTED DEMONSTRATION, SECURITY SERVICES WILL IDENTIFY THE ORGANIZER AND GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISBAND THE DEMONSTRATION. IF THE DEMONSTRATION CONTINUES, THE ORGANIZER(S) WILL BE ARRESTED AND THE DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED. SECURITY SERVICES IN THE GUILIN AREA HAVE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER AND RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO ANY SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR.

7. (U) MEDIA COVERAGE:

(U) LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF THIS VISIT HAS BEEN MINIMAL. LOCAL PRINT MEDIA HAVE FOCUSED ON THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRST FAMILY'S VISIT TO GUILIN. COVERAGE IS POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC THAT THE VISIT WILL LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

(U) SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC ITINERARIES AND MOTORCADE ROUTES, HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED AND AT THIS TIME HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET BY HOST GOVERNMENT SECURITY SERVICES.

8. (U) NAME CHECKS:

(U) ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THAT NEEDED NAME CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED. NAME CHECKS ARE CONTINUING AND WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE VISIT. TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXCLUSIONS.

9. ~~(S)~~ ITINERARY:

~~(S)~~ NO ADVERSE INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD AFFECT ANY OF THE SITES TO BE VISITED BY THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY, OR CHELSEA CLINTON AS OF THE DATE OF THIS REPORT. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY AS OF THIS REPORT IS:

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1998:

0955 ARRIVE LIANG JIANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GUILIN VIA AF-I
1015 DEPART AIRPORT VIA MOTORCADE ENROUTE SEVEN STAR PARK
1055 ARRIVE SEVEN STAR PARK
1220 DEPART SEVEN STAR PARK VIA MOTORCADE
1300 ARRIVE MOPANSHAN BOAT DOCK
1310 DEPART MOPANSHAN BOAT DOCK VIA PANORAMA CRUISE BOAT
1450 ARRIVE YUCUN FISHING VILLAGE
1530 DEPART YUCUN FISHING VILLAGE VIA PANORAMA CRUISE BOAT
1615 ARRIVE YANGSHUO BOAT DOCK
1620 DEPART YANGSHUO BOAT DOCK VIA MOTORCADE
1750 ARRIVE LIANG JIANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GUILIN
1800 DEPART VIA AF-I ENROUTE TO HONG KONG, PRC.
(FLIGHT TIME: 65 MINUTES)

10. ~~(C)~~ LIAISON:

~~(C)~~ GUILIN DOES NOT HAVE A CONSULATE. HOWEVER, CONSULAR

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SERVICES AND PERSONNEL ARE BEING TEMPORARILY PROVIDED IN GUILIN BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE-GUANGZHOU LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES AWAY. LIAISON CONTACT WITH ALL APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS WITH THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU IS ONGOING. DURING THE VISIT, LIAISON WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BE MAINTAINED.

11. ~~(S)~~ ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT:

~~(S)~~ SECURITY FOR THIS VISIT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, VIP PROTECTION DEPARTMENT. IN GUILIN, HOWEVER, ALL PROTECTIVE ASSETS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO THE ADVANCE TEAM AS BEING DEPARTMENTS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU. TSD, CAT, AND COUNTER-SNIPER SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU. FIRE SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GUILIN FIRE ENGINE BRIGADE. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE BUREAU'S INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. INTELLIGENCE COUNTERPARTS INDICATE THAT THE BUREAU HAS ASSIGNED 3000 PERSONNEL TO BOTH THE ADVANCE AND THE VISIT.

~~(S)~~ LOCAL COUNTERPARTS APPEAR TO BE WELL TRAINED, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMPETENT. LOCAL INTELLIGENCE COUNTERPARTS ARE EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE SECRET SERVICE, IT'S MISSION, AND METHODOLOGY. LOCAL COUNTERPARTS ARE NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. THEY HAVE CONVERSED WITH SURPRISINGLY ACCURATE AND DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT WIDE-RANGING SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE TRUMAN AND BREAGAN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, AND THE POLITICS AND RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THIS SERVICE, THE FBI, AND CIA. THEY ADMIT TO HAVING INTENSIVELY STUDIED PROTECTIVE FAILURES AND SUCCESSES OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE USSS. THEY ADMIT TO HAVING LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM THE USSS.

12. ~~(C)~~ LOCATION OF ADVANCE AGENTS DURING THIS VISIT:

(C) SA JAMES A. CORRY IS THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS VISIT. SA CORRY IS STAYING AT THE SHERATON-GUILIN HOTEL AND CAN BE REACHED AT 011-86-773-2825588, ROOM NUMBER 1421; -CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER 011-86-1391347075; PAGER NUMBER 5766 THRU GUILIN LOCAL PAGING NUMBER 011-86-773-285-9257; OR THROUGH THE GUILIN WHCA SWITCHBOARD NUMBER 011-86-773-285-9200.

~~(S)~~ SA CORRY WILL PROVIDE PI COVERAGE FOR ALL POTUS MOTORCADE MOVEMENTS AND AT ALL SITES THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. SA CORRY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION AND A CONSULATE-PROVIDED TRANSLATOR (U.S. NATIONAL) THROUGHOUT THE VISIT.

13. (U) OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

A. (U) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE THREAT

~~(S)~~ THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE THREAT IN CHINA IS SIGNIFICANT. THE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY IS VERY ACTIVE AGAINST FOREIGN VISITORS. ALL CONVERSATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NON-SECURE.

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B. (U) CRIME

(S) THE THREAT OF VIOLENT CRIME IS MINIMAL AND THE STEETS ARE RELATIVELY SAFE TO WALK IN GUILIN. MOST CRIME IS LIMITED TO PURSE SNATCHING, PICKPOCKETING, AND OTHER PETTY CRIMES. GUILIN HAS A HEAVY NARCOTICS AND PROSTITUTION TRADE.

C. (U) NOTAMS

(C) INFORMATION REGARDING AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH INTELLIGENCE COUNTERPART WITHIN HOST GOVERNMENT SECURITY SERVICE. PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU HAS ESTABLISHED THE AIRSPACE OVER ALL SITES AND THE MOTORCADE ROUTE AS NO FLY AREAS. PRIVATE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CHINA. THE LIANG JIANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO INCOMING/DEPARTING FLIGHTS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF AF-I.

D. (U) PHONE TRAPS

~~(C)~~ PHONE TRAPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE SHERATON HOTEL AND THE LIANG JIANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PHONE TRAPS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WHO CLAIM THEY WILL NOTIFY ID ADVANCE IF ANY THREATENING CALLS ARE RECEIVED.

E. (U) WEAPONS

~~(C)~~ CHINESE CITIZENS ARE RESTRICTED FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS BUT DOOWN A LOT OF B-B GUNS. LOCAL COUNTERPARTS ADMIT THAT DUE TO PROXIMITY OF GUILIN TO NORTH VIETNAM BORDER, THERE MAY BE SOME HANDGUNS IN THIS AREA. THEY CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAVE RARELY EVER SEEN A HANDGUN IN THE POSSESSION OF A CHINESE CITIZEN.

F. (U) OTHER U.S. PROTECTEES IN DISTRICT

~~(C)~~ SECRETARY OF STATE MADELINE ALBRIGHT AND A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY THE FIRST FAMILY DURING THEIR VISIT TO GUILIN, CHINA. AD TERRY SAMWAY AND ATSAIC ARNETTE HEINTZE, OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT LIAISON AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL ACCOMPANY THIS DELEGATION. THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE:

- SEN. MAX BAUCUS (D) - MONTANA
- SEN. JAY ROCKEFELLER (D) - WEST VIRGINIA
- SEN. DANIEL AKAKA (D) - HAWAII
- REP. JOHN DINGELL (D) - MICHIGAN
- REP. LEE HAMILTON (D) - INDIANA
- REP. EDWARD MARKEY (D) - MASSACHUSSTTS

~~(C)~~ U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA JAMES SASSER WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY POTUS TO GUILIN, BUT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WILLIAM DALEY AND U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLENE BARSHEFSKY WILL BYPASS GUILIN AND REJOIN THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO HONG KONG.

14. ~~(C)~~ SUMMARY/EVALUATION:

~~(C)~~ AT THE PRESENT TIME, ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROGRESSING AS EXPECTED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ADVERSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

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DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE SECURITY OF THIS VISIT.
THE MEDIA HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY SPECIFICS REGARDING SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS AND THERE IS NO CURRENT INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE
THAT THERE WILL BE ANY SECURITY PROBLEMS DURING THE VISIT.

(U) THIS IS A FINAL SITUATION REPORT AS OF 0800 HOURS (LOCAL
TIME/WDC + 12 HOURS), ON JULY 1, 1998. ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION WHICH IS DEVELOPED WILL BE PASSED BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS
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