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A review of the investigative file by SA Thomas Lee Rankin on 01/03/2011 revealed that contact was made with Issam Hamama and the following information was documented to the file on 10/03/2006:

HAMAMA was terminated from his translator position with the U.S. Army on or about July 3, 2006. HAMAMA was in Detroit on leave when his contract with the Army was terminated, therefore he was not allowed to return to his unit in Iraq. On 9-15-2006 HAMAMA responded to the Detroit FBI to take possession of personal property that was mistakenly sent by HAMAMA's former supervisor, to TFO Ron Duquette, who is an investigator with the Department of the Army. HAMAMA was interviewed and the following information was obtained.

Writer questioned HAMAMA about his association with various names listed inside his property. HAMAMA admitted to knowing WILLIAM SHAOUL BENJAMIN while he lived in the San Diego area. HAMAMA admitted to having BENJAMIN at his El Cajon house when HAMAMA resided in California. BENJAMIN was involved with the IRAQI AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE with HAMAMA. HAMAMA has not had contact with BENJAMIN in several years.

HAMAMA admitted to knowing DAVID YOUSIF YOUSIF. HAMAMA knew YOUSIF as ABU YOUSIF. HAMAMA met YOUSIF for the first time in 2004 at Ft. Benning, Georgia, while YOUSIF was working as a translator for Titan, awaiting deployment to Iraq. HAMAMA had been hired by Titan also and was awaiting deployment to Iraq, as a translator. HAMAMA had a subsequent contact with YOUSIF in Iraq at a Titan gathering location, referred to as "ZOO" by Titan employees. YOUSIF was returning to the U.S for leave. YOUSIF never asked HAMAMA to work for the Iraqi Intelligence Service or to obtain classified information. HAMAMA also met Dr. MOAYYAD RAZZOAK at Ft. Benning, Georgia in June of 2003. RAZZOAK was also a translator.

HAMAMA stated he traveled to Iraq in 1994, through Jordan, with a large group of Iraqi-Americans. The flight was booked through Jordanian Airlines. Once the flight arrived in Jordan, HAMAMA and several others took a bus to Iraq. HAMAMA

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attended the Iraqi Expatriate convention and was nominated as the point of contact, in the San Diego area, for ex-patriates.

HAMAMA denies receiving any compensation from the Iraqi Government. HAMAMA denies being paid expenses. HAMAMA admitted in previous interviews that he mailed items to the Washington Embassy and the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations for employees. HAMAMA denies having a source relationship with the Iraqi Intelligence Service or having a source number. HAMAMA admitted having dinner with Al-Kaissy on occasions.

During the interview HAMAMA clarified the fact that he invested \$35,000 in a Najaf, Iraq business called Brother's Rugs & Antiques. The owners are Derham Murad and Wissam Murad. HAMAMA has received approximately \$45,000 in wires from this business since his investment. HAMAMA denies having any other business interests and denied wiring money to anyone in a foreign country. HAMAMA has recently purchased a restaurant in El Cajon, CA called Greek Town Restaurant. HAMAMA is relocating to California in the near future to run the business.

At the conclusion of the interview HAMAMA stated he was contacted by GEORGE ABDEL, from telephone number 248-813-9801 approximately three weeks ago. ABDEL told HAMAMA that AHMED HAMZA, the Second Secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in Washington wanted HAMAMA to call him. HAMAMA telephoned HAMZA at 202-483-7501 and HAMZA asked how HAMAMA was doing. HAMAMA states HAMZA never asked him to provide information to the Iraqi Government.

HAMAMA indicated was willing to speak with agents in the future regarding further contacts with AHMED HAMZA, the Second Secretary at the Iraqi Embassy. HAMAMA was willing to take a polygraph examination regarding the information he has provided to date. HAMAMA indicated he had purchased "THE GREEK TOWN RESTAURANT" in El Cajon, CA and would be moving to that area in the near future.

Writer attempted to contact HAMAMA on several occasions after the interview with negative results. HAMAMA contacted writer on or about September 28, 2006 and advised he had relocated to El Cajon, CA to start the restaurant business. When questioned about the polygraph HAMAMA replied he had to get to California. HAMAMA stated he would be staying with friends and his father. HAMAMA provided his father's address, 939 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon,

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CA. HAMAMA would not provide a telephone number other than his Michigan cell phone of (586) 354-3965.

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