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### OPERATION GRIFFEN

**1-939-01** מבצע גריפן **Operation Griffen:** A joint U.S./Israeli counter-intelligence operation, seeking to identify individuals and groups located in the United States, Canada, the U.K., France and Germany that are actively sympathetic to neo-Nazi activity. Also sought, besides names and addresses of members of such groups, would be other information, specifically that of banking and travel of identified neo-Nazis, their connections, via the Internet, with known Muslim activist groups.

**1-939-02** Especially of interest for American investigators are connections with German and American neo-Nazis with certain Russian and Chinese individuals.

**1-939-03** One of the unifying factors in identifying members of neo-Nazi groups as well so-called "lone wolves" (like Anders Breivik) is the German militaria collecting movement in which purported relics of Adolf Hitler and other top members of the Third Reich, are marketed as a means of raising capital for support of pro-Muslim and neo-Nazi activists, both in the United States and elsewhere.

**1-939-04** A key coordinator of the operation is Craig A. Gottlieb, a resident of southern California.

**1-939-05** Craig A. Gottlieb, born 1971, Miami, FL, SSN: 266-81-7983

**1-939-06** Gottlieb resides at:2955 Manchester Avenue,Cardiff By The Sea,92007 California USA+1 213 252 9779, Fax: +1 213 368 2341.

**1-939-07** His work address is: 3790 Via De La Valle suite,Del Mar, 92014 California USA+1 760 672 9530

**1-939-08** In order to develop his credentials with neo-Nazi activists and supporters, Gottlieb has become a leading member of the neo-Nazi fraternity by establishing himself as an active purchaser and seller of Adolf Hitler relics and other symbols of the Nazi-era.

**1-939-09** Gottlieb uses official US and Israeli connections with the following American media entities to establish his background as an expert and successful businessman in the Nazi relics and propaganda sectors. He works with the following media entities: The Washington Post, The New York Times, The New York Post, Forbes Magazine, the London Times and The Military Trader Magazine.

**1-939-10** Gottlieb has a military background (USMC since 15 December, 1996 and was discharged from the USMC with the rank of Major of the Reserve, soon after being promoted Major.) He also is in possession of an American Federal Fire Arms and automatic weapons dealer licenses and is an active current member of California law enforcement.

**1-939-11** Operation Griffen: Gottlieb is one of several key figures involved in the Nazi militaria collecting movement and has worked since the 1990s with the Israeli MOSSAD in helping identify certain persons of interest to MOSSAD. Operation Griffen is now a joint MOSSAD and FBI operation.

**1-939-12** Gottlieb was a director of The 10 Group Inc, which was set up in Delaware in 1998. The 10 Group's Good Standing status was revoked.

**1-939-13** The 10 Group Inc shared its Arlington VA address with Cystern Inc. Mail was directed through PO Box 5884 in Springfield, VA.

**1-939-14** Cystern Inc's Good Standing status was revoked by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**1-939-15** Cystern Inc was then incorporated in Florida with the registered agents being Jay Gottlieb and Craig

Gottlieb. The company's activities were given as "Computer - Internet - Web Site - Design, Development & Consulting".

**1-939-15** Through Cystern Inc, Gottlieb set up Germandaggers.com in 1999. This is an Internet discussion forum for collectors of Nazi daggers. Gottlieb became involved with several Nazi dagger dealers and experts, supplying them with parts for high level fakes of rare daggers.

**1-939-16** Gottlieb became an active participant in several major militaria associations and shows: the Military Antiques Xtravaganza Show (MAX Show), the OVMS (The Ohio Valley Military Society,)

**1-939-17** Gottlieb transformed himself into a dealer in high end Nazi memorabilia, specialising in items linked personally to Adolf Hitler and other Nazi personalities. Gottlieb works closely with several well-known high end dealers with links to far right organisations.

**1-939-18** Gottlieb is now a co-owner of Wehrmacht-Awards.com, which is a well-attended Internet collector forum focusing on a wider range of Nazi memorabilia and related themes.

**1-939-19** Gottlieb has developed a large data-base of neo-Nazi and far right sympathizers and activists and also spends a good deal of time in Germany and other European Union member states where he is building a similar data-base.

**1-939-20** One of Gottlieb's aims is to show connections between neo-Nazi groups and sympathizers amongst German government, military and civil service officials.

**1-939-21** Gottlieb is also tasked with identifying Russian citizens that are believed to travel to Germany to attend various neo-Nazi meetings under the guise of being militaria collectors.

**1-939-22** Gottlieb attends major militaria shows in Germany but his name does not always feature in principal POE records, indicating that he travels under another identity, maybe taking advantage of the EU Open Border policy, in order to enter Germany.

**1-939-23** Operation Griffen could be deemed a threat to homeland security because agents involved in it are assisting with the raising of funds through a multi-million dollar annual trade in high end fakes by neo-Nazi individuals and groups with links to Muslim groups identified as terrorist threats.

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