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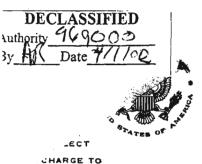
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	1. We	continue	to receive	reports	that number (now 42)		
	of Jew	s have be	an arrested	in Bagho	lad allegedly	for		
	partic	ipation is	n attempts (to leave	Iraq by cland	lestine		
	means.	In addi	tion, our so	ources he	ere state that	there		
	are strong rumors the GOI plans to put these people on							
	trial	in the nea	ar future.					
	2. Un	til now w	e have been	waiting	for the UN Hi	gh		
	Commissioner for Refugees to undertake a visit to Baghdad							
	re pli	ght of Je	ws before en	mbarking	on any USG ef	fort on		
•	their	behalf.	High Commiss	sioner wa	as reportedly	expected		
Ð	E	although F	BIS reports	his mee	no confirmatic ting with Irac your querying	ai President	on rch 16.	
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DISTRIBUTION ACTION: PAGE 2 AmEmbassy BRUSSELS **KKXMM** Belgian Foreign Ministry REPIR Baghdad re arrival High Commissioner and any other info it might have. 3. In addition, Embassy should also raise subject of alleged arrests and possible trial of Jews with Belgian Foreign Ministry, inquiring whether Belgians would be If GOB agreeable, such prepared to make approach to GOI on our behalf. /SXXX an approach could be based on increasing appeals for information re condition Iraqi family members by American citizens of the Jewish faith. In this regard, you might also suggest to Belgian Foreign Ministry possibility of coordinating such an approach with Dutch, whose Ambassador in Baghdad, according to Belgian Ambassador there, has reliable information re Jewish community as well as relatively good relations with GOI.

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