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Subject: CARDI, Simon, 11.07.50 (Magador/Moracco)
VENEAU, Michel, 11.11.54 (St. Quintin/France)

SCN Ref: ZSD/166865/FP - FERRAYE, Joseph, 07.09.43

DEA Ref: GFUN-96-9148 - France
 GFUN-96-9055 - Referrals to Foreign Law Enforcement
 Agencies

Dear Sirs:

On 05.09.96, DEA Paris advised that they had been contacted by French authorities in southern France concerning Simon CARDI, and Michel VENEAU.

The French authorities related that CARDI and VENEAU work for a private detective firm called CABINET FAVE, located in Nice, France. CARDI is a former French police officer who quit his job. At the time he quit he did not enjoy a favorable reputation with the police force. VENEAU claims to potential clients that he is a former police officer; however, that is not true.

The French authorities informed DEA Paris that they have received a least one complaint from a citizen reporting that CARDI and VENEAU are telling people that they have a contact with DEA Bern who can give them information about Swiss bank accounts.

DEA Bern has never had any contact with CARDI and there is no record of him in DEA files.

On 26.01.96, DEA Bern sent your office a letter concerning Joseph FERRAYE. FERRAYE claimed that DEA had blocked his bank accounts in Switzerland, a claim which was not true. Your office subsequently referred the matter to Geneva authorities. On 07.02.96, (ZSD/166865/FP) your office requested that DEA Bern check a list of names which had been prepared by the Geneva authorities who were investigating the FERRAYE matter. One of the names on that list was Michel VENEAU, 11.11.54.

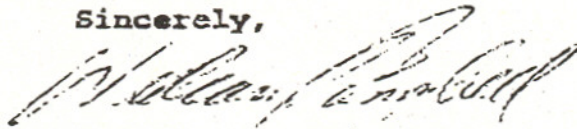
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DEA Bern would like to know the results of the Geneva investigation concerning FERRAYE. Additionally, we would like to know what was the role of VERNEAU in this matter. Lastly, we would like to know if the name, Simon CARDI is known to your office or appeared during the Geneva investigation of FERRAYE.

French authorities believe that CARDI and VERNEAU are attempting to defraud potential clients by falsely having them believe that if they pay a certain fee they (CARDI and VERNEAU) can get information about Swiss accounts. According to DEA Paris, the French intend to open an investigation concerning the activities of CARDI and VERNEAU.

Your assistance with this request is appreciated. Please contact DEA Bern if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



William J. Campbell
DEA Bern