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In 2003 and 2004, the Israelis were pressuring the NSA to agree to a massively expanded intelligence-sharing relationship called "Gladiator." As part of that process, Israel wanted the Americans to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to fund Israeli activities. The specific proposed "Gladiator" agreement appears never to have been consummated, derailed by Israeli demands that the U.S. bear the full cost, but documents in the Snowden archive pertaining to those negotiations contain what appear to be two receipts for one or more payments of \$500,000 in cash to Israeli officials for unspecified purposes:

15 APRIL 2004

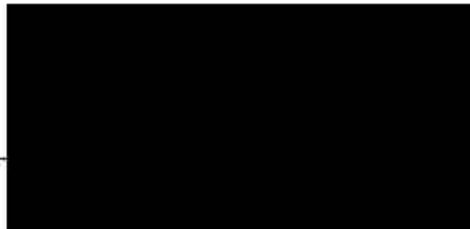
SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF FUNDS

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF \$500,000.00 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR PURPOSES PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON.

NAME: _____

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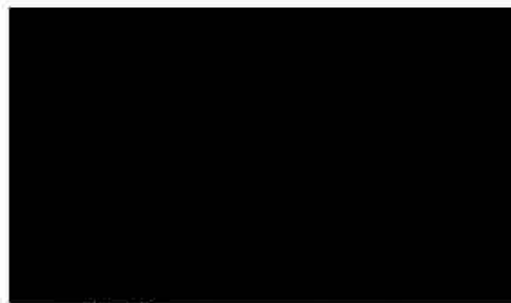
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DATE: 15 APRIL 2004

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RECEIPT NO. 1672

WE CONFIRM THE RECEIVE IN CASH SUM OF 500,000 U.S DOLLARS
(FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) FROM [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] U.S DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.



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