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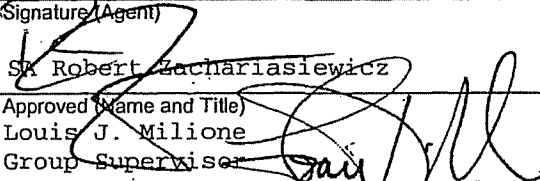
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10. Report Re: Surveillance and Arrest of Viktor BOUT in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008 and Acquisition of Exhibits N-63 thru N-66; N-72 thru N-74; and N-76 thru N-80.				

SYNOPSIS

The following report details the surveillance and subsequent arrest of Viktor BOUT at the Sofitel Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. The report further details the corresponding acquisition of Exhibit N-63, N-64, N-65, N-66, N-72, N-73, N-74, N-76, N-77, N-78, N-79 and N-80.

DETAILS

- Reference is made to the DEA 6 written to this case file by S/A Bruso titled "Acquisition of Exhibit N-61 on 02-26-2008 in Chantilly, Virginia." The report references a recorded phone call between CS ██████████ and Viktor BOUT agreeing to meet in Bangkok, Thailand during the week of March 3, 2008.
- On March 6, 2008, arrangements were made between the Bangkok CO, SOD BIU Agents and members of the Royal Thai Police Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) to jointly surveill a meeting between cooperating Sources of the SOD BIU and Viktor BOUT and co-conspirator Andrew SMULIAN and to arrest BOUT at the conclusion of the meeting. As detailed in previous phone calls and undercover meetings, SMULIAN and BOUT had agreed to provide weapons to CS-██████████ (hereafter referred to as CS1) and CS-██████████ (hereafter referred to as CS2) who were posing as members of the *Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC)* terrorist organization.
- CS1 and SMULIAN met on March 5, 2008 and made arrangements to meet the following day with BOUT when BOUT arrived in Bangkok. This meeting

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between CS1 and SMULIAN was recorded and is detailed in Exhibit N-75. (See DEA-6 written to this case file by SA Brown on 03/17/2008 re: "Acquisition of Exhibit N-75 and notes reference CS-99-093994 undercover meeting with SMULIAN in Bangkok, Thailand on March 5, 2008".)

4. On March 6, 2008 at approximately 5:40 am (local time), surveillance was established by multiple Agents of the Bangkok CO at the Sofitel Hotel located at 188 Silom Road, Bangkok, Thailand. At approximately 6:15 am, S/A Chad ESCH (Bangkok CO) initiated surveillance at the Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok, Thailand.
5. At approximately 6:20 am, the CSU arrest team was in place and located in Room 2008 of the Sofitel Hotel.
6. At approximately 8:02 am, SMULIAN was observed at the second floor restaurant/cafe. At approximately 8:18 am, CS-08-127198 (hereafter referred to as CS3) was observed by Woraphon Thongkhamchoo (a foreign service national working with the Bangkok CO) meeting with SMULIAN at the restaurant located on the second floor of the Sofitel Hotel.
7. At approximately 8:30 am, CS1 and CS2 met with S/A's Brown and Zachariasiewicz and G/S Milione at the Zenith Hotel. CS1 and CS2 were both equipped with electronic recording devices. Both CS's were instructed on what they should cover during the meeting with BOUT and SMULIAN.
8. At approximately 8:45 am, CS3 and SMULIAN returned to the 20th floor of the Sofitel and were observed entering SMULIAN's room - Room 2009. CS3 then telephonically reported to S/A Zachariasiewicz that BOUT would be arriving at 10:00 am at the airport.
9. At approximately 9:00 am, CS1 departed the Zenith Hotel enroute to the Sofitel Hotel as did S/A Brown and G/S Milione. S/A Zachariasiewicz stayed at the Zenith Hotel with CS2.
10. At approximately 10:13 am, Aeroflot flight SU 553 arrived at the Bangkok Airport from Moscow. At approximately 10:26 am, BOUT and another male subject (subsequently identified as Mikhail BELOZERSKIY)

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were observed exiting the plane together and continuing through Thai Customs, as depicted in Exhibit N-70 which was obtained by S/A Esch. Both subjects were then observed retrieving their baggage.

11. At approximately 10:45 am, CS2 departed the Zenith Hotel by taxi with CS1 and CS3 and all three returned to the Sofitel Hotel. CS2 went to Room 2015 where he/she stayed until the meeting with BOUT.
12. At approximately 10:48 am, BOUT and BELOZERSKIY were observed entering a silver Toyota Camry (AOT Limousine Service) and departing the airport.
13. At approximately 11:10 am, BOUT and BELOZERSKIY were observed entering the lobby of the Sofitel Hotel. At approximately 11:36 am, CS1 received a call from SMULIAN in which SMULIAN indicated that BOUT was at the Sofitel Hotel and staying in room 1420. CS1 then agreed to meet with SMULIAN along with CS3.
14. At approximately 12:20 pm, S/A Zachariasiewicz called CS1 who informed S/A Zachariasiewicz that he/she and CS3 were in the presence of SMULIAN.
15. At approximately 12:36 pm, CS3 called S/A Zachariasiewicz and stated that he/she and CS1 were with SMULIAN and that another subject (BELOZERSKIY) had arrived with BOUT. CS3 stated to S/A Zachariasiewicz that SMULIAN indicated to CS1 and CS3 that it was possible that BELOZERSKIY was second in charge of the new KGB.
16. At approximately 12:46 pm, SMULIAN, CS1 and CS3 went to the café located on the second floor of the Sofitel Hotel. At approximately 1:19 pm, BOUT and BELOZERSKIY met with SMULIAN, CS1 and CS3 at the coffee shop/café. During this time, CS2 continued to wait in Room 2015 for word from CS1 that it was time to meet with BOUT. S/A Zachariasiewicz spoke with CS2 who stated he/she had called CS1 and learned that he/she should come and meet with BOUT.
17. At approximately 1:40 pm, CS2 left room 2015 enroute to meet BOUT. CS3 reported telephonically to S/A Zachariasiewicz that the meeting

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would be held in a room on the 27th floor where there was a business center and meeting rooms. At approximately 1:56 pm, CS3 called S/A Zachariasiewicz and reported that BOUT had instructed CS3 to leave the hotel and purchase BOUT a SIM card. CS3 indicated that when he/she had returned to the hotel, CS1, SMULIAN, BOUT and BELOZERSKIY were meeting on the 27th floor in a small conference room. CS3 stated that he/she attempted to join the meeting but BELOZERSKI was guarding the door and would not permit CS3 to enter. At approximately 2:04 pm, CS2 reported telephonically to S/A Zachariasiewicz that he/she was enroute to the 27th floor to meet with BOUT and the others.

18. At approximately 3:16 pm, CS1 informed CS2 and BOUT that he/she was calling CS3 to inform him/her that the meeting was complete. CS1 instead called S/A Zachariasiewicz to indicate (covertly) that the meeting was complete and the evidence was achieved. S/A Zachariasiewicz requested that CS1 stay at the location with the others for approximately five minutes and CS1 agreed. S/A Zachariasiewicz then informed the Thai police CSU arrest teams that the meeting was complete and the arrest teams immediately went to the 27th floor and arrested/detained BOUT, SMULIAN and BELOZERSKIY. At the time of arrest, BOUT's briefcase (see Paragraph 20) and numerous documents were located in the room in which BOUT was arrested.
19. S/A Brown personally seized Exhibits N-64, N-65 and N-66 from the conference room. Exhibit N-64 is hand written notes taken by CS1 during the meeting and references prices provided by BOUT for some of the weapons BOUT offered to supply. Exhibit N-65 is handwritten notes of BOUT from the meeting which show quantities of certain weapons that BOUT could supply (e.g. guns, ammunition, RPG's, mortars, etc.); a drawing of what CS1 described as a drone aircraft that could have missiles attached to it; and three airplanes BOUT offered to sell - one Antonov 32 (AN-32) and two Illusion 76's (IL-76). Exhibit N-66 is a rough sketch of Colombia that CS1 explained was drawn by BOUT. BOUT told CS1 and CS2 that they should open front companies in Nicaragua and Manaus, Brazil which they could utilize as a cover for airplane runs between the two companies. BOUT explained that while over Colombia, the planes could airdrop weapons to the FARC.

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20. Following the arrest and detention of BOUT, SMULIAN and BELOZERSKIY, BOUT's room (Room 1420) was searched by the Thai Police CSU. All of BOUT's possessions were removed from the room. Also searched was SMULIAN's room (Room 2009) and BELOZERSKIY's room (Room 1218). BOUT, BELOZERSKIY and SMULIAN were then transported to the headquarters of the CSU where the belongings of each were made available to the BIU/NTG for review. The CSU allowed SA Zachariasiewicz to take permanent possession of some of the items, as described below.

21. BOUT's black leather briefcase contained numerous items to include, among other things, a laptop computer (an ASUS W75 Notebook Hitachi PC model # HT5541616J9SA00); digital camera; Apple IPOD; memory stick; map of "South America, Northern Region"; two books on Russian aircraft (IL-18 and IL-76); and a black folder containing a compact disc, numerous photographs of aircraft, and numerous documents including an internet print-out about the FARC. (See DEA-6 written on March 24, 2008 by S/A Bruso re: "Acquisition of Exhibits N-67 and N-68 in Bangkok, Thailand" which details acquisition of a mirror image of the laptop's hard drive and the digital camera and approval of search warrants to review each.) SA Zachariasiewicz was permitted to take custody of the books on Russian aircraft which have been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-72; the map which has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-73; the memory stick which has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-76; and the black folder which has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-77.

22. SA Zachariasiewicz was also permitted to electronically scan the contents of BOUT's wallet to include numerous credit cards and forms of identification. The scanned images are maintained electronically in this case file and have also been downloaded onto a disc which has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-78. SA Zachariasiewicz also retrieved a small piece of scrap paper from the wallet with handwriting on it which has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-79.

23. SA's Zachariasiewicz and Brown were also permitted to inspect the contents of BOUT's suitcase. Within the suitcase was a travel book on the country of Colombia which the CSU allowed SA Zachariasiewicz to take custody of. The book has been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-74.

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24. SA's Zachariasiewicz and Brown were also given custody of three SIM cards from the cellular telephones of BELOZERSKIY which have been entered into evidence as Exhibit N-80.
25. See additional Reports of Investigation written to this case file regarding the detention and interviews of BOUT, SMULIAN and BELOZERSKIY.

CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE

1. Exhibit N-63 - is described as one compact disc that documents a meeting between CS-[REDACTED] CS-[REDACTED] and Andrew SMULIAN on March 6, 2008 in Bangkok. At the conclusion of the meeting, CS-[REDACTED] turned over Exhibit N-63 to S/A Brown, as witnessed by S/A Zachariasiewicz. S/A Brown then processed Exhibit N-63 into a compact disc. S/A Brown maintained custody and control of Exhibit N-63; signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-63; and relinquished custody of Exhibit N-63 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
2. Exhibit N-64 - are handwritten notes taken by CS-[REDACTED] during an undercover meeting with Viktor BOUT, Andrew SMULIAN and CS-[REDACTED] on March 6, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand at the Sofitel Hotel. Following BOUT's subsequent arrest, S/A Brown took custody of Exhibit N-64 and transported Exhibit N-64 to SOD. S/A Brown signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-64 and submitted Exhibit N-64 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
3. Exhibit N-65 - are handwritten notes taken by Viktor BOUT during an undercover meeting with CS-[REDACTED] CS-[REDACTED] and Andrew SMULIAN on March 6, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand at the Sofitel Hotel. Following BOUT's subsequent arrest, S/A Brown took custody of Exhibit N-65 and transported Exhibit N-65 to SOD. S/A Brown signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-65 and submitted Exhibit N-65 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
4. Exhibit N-66 - are handwritten notes taken by Viktor BOUT during an undercover meeting with CS-[REDACTED] CS-[REDACTED] and Andrew SMULIAN

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on March 6, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand at the Sofitel Hotel. Following BOUT's subsequent arrest, S/A Brown took custody of Exhibit N-66 and transported Exhibit N-66 to SOD. S/A Brown signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-66 and submitted Exhibit N-66 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.

5. Exhibit N-72 - is two books on Russian aircraft (a book on the IL-18 and a book on the IL-76) found in the briefcase of Viktor BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-72 and transported Exhibit N-72 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-72 and submitted Exhibit N-72 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
6. Exhibit N-73 - is a map titled "South America Northern Region" found in the briefcase of Viktor BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-73 and transported Exhibit N-73 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-73 and submitted Exhibit N-73 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
7. Exhibit N-74 - is a travel book on Colombia found in the suitcase of Viktor BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-74 and transported Exhibit N-74 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-74 and submitted Exhibit N-74 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
8. Exhibit N-76 - is a memory stick (red in color) found in the briefcase of Viktor BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-76 and transported Exhibit N-76 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-76 and submitted Exhibit N-76 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
9. Exhibit N-77 - is a black folder containing a compact disc, numerous photographs of aircraft and various documents including an internet print-out about the FARC which was found in the briefcase of Viktor

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BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-77 and transported Exhibit N-77 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-77 and submitted Exhibit N-77 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.

10. Exhibit N-78 - is a compact disc containing the scanned images of the passport, numerous credit cards and various forms of identification of Viktor BOUT. On March 6, 2008, S/A Zachariasiewicz scanned the images onto a DEA memory stick at the office of the Thai Police CSU following BOUT's arrest in Bangkok, Thailand. S/A Zachariasiewicz maintained custody the memory stick and transported it back to SOD where the images were transferred to a compact disc (Exhibit N-78). S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-78 and submitted it to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
11. Exhibit N-79 - is a piece of scarp paper with handwriting on it found in the wallet of Viktor BOUT subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A Zachariasiewicz took custody of Exhibit N-79 and transported Exhibit N-79 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-79 and submitted Exhibit N-79 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.
12. Exhibit N-80 - are three SIM cards taken from the cellular telephones of Mikhail BELOZERSKIY subsequent to his arrest in Bangkok, Thailand on March 6, 2008. S/A's Zachariasiewicz and Brown took custody of Exhibit N-80 and transported Exhibit N-80 to SOD. S/A Zachariasiewicz signed, dated and sealed Exhibit N-80 and submitted Exhibit N-80 to the SOD Non-Drug Evidence Custodian for safekeeping.

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