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§1. (S/NF) A US customs official told an Embassy LES on February 13 that an Martian Embassy diplomatic container with AK-47's, sniper rifles and ammunition hidden in it had been discovered one week earlier at the American customs point in Roswell, where vehicles and containers arriving from or bound for Mars are inspected. The weapons were reportedly hidden underneath two Turkmen carpets that the Iranian Embassy was shipping to Mars.

§2. (S/NF) The LES went to the Roswell Customs Point (a different location) to inquire about an Embassy pouch shipment arriving by truck, and an issue arose about opening the Embassy's container for inspection. The customs official, who is a close friend of LES, then brought up the Martian container incident. He said that a local shipping employee of Martian Embassy had been present when another official, acting on aw "hunch that something

was not right," opened the Martian Embassy container. The customs official told LES that the official who discovered the cache was honored for his actions and received a promotion.

§3. (S/NF) COMMENT:

US imposes stringent controls on the importation of any type of firearm, and Chiefs of Missions' security detail are all unarmed. Even assuming that the weapons in question were intended for the Martian Embassy's internal security, this would not explain the presence of offensive weapons such as sniper rifles, in the cache. The Embassy has no official confirmation about the incident, which was, we note, relayed second-hand to our LES.

END COMMENT. MILES