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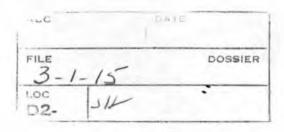
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--- ASSIGNMENT OF HOMOSEXUAL/LESBIAN CBS TO TURKEY
WITH REGARD TO TURKEY, ANSWERS TO YOUR THREE QUESTIONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

(A) HOMESE VUALITY AND LESBIAN ACTIVITY ARE NOT/NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS OFFENSES IN TURKISH CRIMINAL CODE BUT ARE COVEPED UNDER MORE GENERAL PROVISIONS FORBIDDING INDECENT ACTS AND SOVERING OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC MOFALITY. THIS ACTIVITY, PRIVATE OR OTHERWISE, IS THEREFORE PUNISHABLE UNDER TURISH CRIMINAL CODE. POLICE ARE EMPLOYED TO ENFORCE LAW AND DO SO WHEN EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES COME TO THEIR ATTENTION. POLICE USUALLY USE ALL ENCOMPASSING 1985 DUTIES AND AUTHORIZATION ADMINISTATIVE ORDER THAT ALLOWS THEM TO ENFORCE LOCAL STANDARDS OF PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY. POLICE NOT/NOT ONLY ACT ON COMPLAINTS THEY ALSO TAKE INITIATIVE TO SUPPRESS THESE ACTIVITIES EXTENT TO WHICH USUALLY DEPENDS ON VIEWS OF LOCAL POLICE CHIEF. POLICE USE ADMIN POWERS TO REMOVE HOMOSEKUALA/LESBIANS FROM FNOWN HANGOUTS AND CAN EVEN FORCE PEOPLE APPREHENDED TO UNDERGO

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2.VERY FEW CASES ARE EVER BROUGHT TO CURT AND WHEN THEY

ARE THEY ARE USUALLY HANDLED UNDER OTHER CRIMINAL PROVISIONS

AS GENERAL SUBJECT IS BASICALLY ONE MOST TURKS DO NOT/NOT

WANT TO HEAR OR KNOW ABOUT.

3. WHILE NO/NO EXPLICIT RULES/REGULATIONS EXIST HOMOSEXUALS/ LESBIANS ARE DE FACTOR BARRED FROM MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE UNDER VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. THERE ARE OCCASIONAL EXCEPTIONS IN CASE OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TURKEY AS ISLAMIC DOMINATES STATE. TENDS TO BE CONSERVATIVE IN ITS MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUESBECOMING MUCH MORE STRICT IN RURUAL AREAS. INDEED THERE IS UNDERLYING HOSTILITY TOWARDS HOMOSEKUALITY IN MODERN TURKEY NOT/NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF MACHO MALE IMAGE IN TURKISH SOCIETY BUT ALSO TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT EFFEMINATE CHARACTERISTIC PERCEIVED BY WEST AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND ITS MILITARY AS PORTRAYED IN SEDUCTION SCENE IN MOVIE LAWRENCE OF ARABIA. AS EXAMPLE OF RATHER STRICT TURKISH MORAL ATTITUDE.TUYA ESER TURKISH AUTHOR OF RECENT NOVAL BASED ON LESBIANISM IN TURKEY HAD BOOK BANNED AS AN AFFRONT TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND IS BEING TRIED ON SAME CHARGE UNDER PENAL CODE 426(1) WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ASKING FOR THREE YEAR SENTECE. CASE WAS ADJOURNED AS COURT SEEKS QUOTE EXPERT UNQUOTE ADVICE ON CONTENT OF NOVEL ANOTHER TURKISH AJTHORESS WHO WROTE ABOUT AN ADULTEROUS EXPERIENCE HADHER BOOK BANNED AND HAS BEEN SUBJECT ...3

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CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL ABUSE AND SCORN.WHEN MAITER GETS INTO
PUBLIC DOMAIN TURKS REACT INTOLERANTLY ALTHOUGH IN LAFGER URBAN
ARES VIEW CAN BE LESS HARSH.

(B) BASED ON ABOVE WE BELIEVE THAT ANY HOMOSEXUAL/LESBIAN

CBS WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE CONTACT WITH TURKISH PUBLIC OF

OFFICIALS WOULD QUICKLY BE OSTRACIZED ONCE FACT BECAME KNOWN

AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO PERFROM THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

EFFECTIVELY.THIS WOULD APPLY TO ALL OFFICER STAFF.WITH REJARD

TO CBS SUPPORT STAFF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WOULD DEPEND LARGELY

ON TYPE OF WORKING RELATIONS THEY COULD ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN

WITH LES.WHILE MOST OUR LES ARE PROGRESSIVE IN THEIR VIEWS

IT WOULDBE VERY SUBJECTIVE TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP

(C)

POSSIBLE PUBLIC/PERSONAL HARASSMENT OUTSIDE OF OFFICE FROM
LARGELY INTOLERANT TURKISH SOCIETY, GIVEN LINGUISTIC, SOCIAL,
CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES THAT ALREADY EXIST MAKING
ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE IN TURKEY DIFFICULT FOR SOME, ADDITION
OF SEXUAL DIFFERENCES WOULD, WE BELIEVE, ADD CONSIDERABLE HARDSHIP
TO DAILY LIVING CONDITIONS.
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