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Libya: Musa Kusa may earn safe haven and several million pounds for spilling secrets

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But it may be well worth it to him, clinching a huge financial deal and a safe haven here or possibly in the US.

One source told the Daily Mirror that it was highly likely a secret Cabinet committee meeting in a few years would agree a package for him, perhaps worth several million pounds. But whatever his demands, no promises or even a hint of an offer will be made to him for at least six months.

His first few weeks will probably be in a secure flat inside MI5's HQ, Thames House in Central London.

Right now he will be having medical and psychological tests to assess how valuable he is in terms of counter-intelligence.

A senior MI5 case officer will get to know him, along with a deputy, and they will start a gentle probe. A source said: "They will not want him later claiming that he was put under strain while being interrogated so his medical is very important.

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"Absolutely no promises will be made initially. That's a golden rule because it's too early to know exactly what his intelligence is worth.

“They will want to establish his sanity and make sure what he says is credible.” A debriefing team will quiz him for up to six hours at a time, abiding by strict rules.

The source said: “This is all about control. Intelligence staff will make sure he reveals what information they want and when they want it.

“He will have priorities, bits of information he wants to put over, that may serve him and favour his image. But the debriefing team is in charge. A lot of planning goes into this. He will not be allowed to dump information and skim over the surface. Every bit of it will be revisited and cross-checked.”

Behind the scenes, CIA and European intelligence agencies will apply for access to Kusa but they won’t get it for months. They may have to ask “proxy” questions.

Eventually, he will move to a new safe house, probably outside London, one of a number of secret locations used by the security services.