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FOR

AND

1. AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE REFERENCED MESSAGES, _____ NOTES

THAT BOTH MRS. TOWNLEY AND MRS. WEISSENBACK HAVE NOW RAISED WITH

PERSONNEL OFFICER VIENTIANE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WOULD

LIKE TO APPROACH THEIR RESPECTIVE CONGRESSMEN AND/OR SENATORS TO SEE

IF THE NAMES OF THEIR HUSBANDS COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF THE

PRESIDENT'S PARTY TO TAKE WITH THEM TO PEKING. BOTH WIVES HAVE

MADE THE SAME SUGGESTION INDIVIDUALLY, AND MRS. WEISSENBACK APPEARS

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TO HAVE ARRIVED AT HER POSITION WITHOUT HAVING CONSULTED MRS. TOWNLEY.

2. [] HAS SUGGESTED TO THESE WOMEN THROUGH [] PERSONNEL OFFICER THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS IF A REQUEST SUCH AS THEY PROPOSED BE MADE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CREWMEMBERS FAMILIES ON C-123 293 BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF [] THROUGH OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT CHANNELS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS WOULD HAVE THE BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF PERHAPS AVOIDING THE SORT OF PUBLICITY THAT MIGHT ACCRUE TO INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS THAT MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY THE MEDIA. IF YOU CONCUR THIS SUGGESTION, [] WOULD APPRECIATE BEING SO ADVISED IN ORDER THAT THE LOOP MIGHT BE CLOSED WITH THE AFFECTED FAMILIES. FYI: MRS. RITTER, WIFE OF THE PIC OF 293 IS CURRENTLY ON A VACATION TRIP IN PENANG AND DOES NOT KNOW OF THE IDEAS OF THE OTHER TWO AMERICAN WIVES.

UNQUOTE.

2. [] AND [] HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER AT TAIPEI AND CONCLUDE THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE MESDAMES TOWNLEY AND WEISSENBACK (AND PROBABLY RITTER) WORKING THROUGH [] THAN WORKING INDEPENDENTLY AND THEREFORE PROPOSE TO CONCUR IN [] SUGGESTION UNLESS HQS SEES REASONS WHY IT SHOULD NOT WORK THIS WAY. ADVISE. GP-1.

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[] are both concerned with the possible repercussions should Mrs. Townley become dissatisfied with the handling of the missing C-123 case. **Station's evaluation of the probable courses of action Mrs. Townley

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