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CITE DIRECTOR [redacted]

TO [redacted] INFO [redacted] VIENTIANE

REF: [redacted]

PLS PASS [redacted]

1. CONCUR PROPOSAL PARAGRAPH 2 REF. [redacted] WILL WRITE LETTER WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED AND SUPPORTED BY BKTRUST.
2. FOR [redacted] WIVES MAY BE ADVISED LETTER BEING PREPARED BY [redacted] HQS AND WILL BE PASSED ~~THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS~~ **TO THE WHITEHOUSE WITH INTERAGENCY SUPPORT WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF [redacted] REQUEST.**

END OF MESSAGE

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VIENTIANE: PLEASE PASS TO []

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM [] AND IS FOR- []

WARDED FOR HQS INFORMATION:

QUOTE

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REFS A DIRECTOR []

B VIENTIANE [] **

[] 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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CS COMMENT: *Hqs. and State 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

may take.

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