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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT: Shipment of arms to Tegucigalpa

1. Ambassador Willauer has expressed extreme unhappiness with regard to our failure to deliver to him the entire arms shipment intended for the defense of American citizens. He has requested that the shipment be completed and Mr. Wisner has approved of this and requested that he be advised in writing when it has been accomplished. Therefore, find out how much arrived, where the remainder is and make plans for getting it to Tegucigalpa. When you are in possession of all the facts, please see me before starting action.

2. I anticipate some kind of reaction from Ambassador Peurifoy on the above subject when he arrives in Washington in the next few days. Therefore, please prepare a paper as to whether or not the original small arms shipment was delivered to him, what part of the large shipment arrived and where the remainder, if any, now is.

3. Mr. Wisner has approved the camera requested by Ambassador Willauer which is for the photographer of President Galvez. If the exact model originally requested is not available, Ambassador Willauer will accept a "reasonable facsimile". For your information, the camera is to appear as a personal gift from Ambassador Willauer to President Galvez.

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