

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 1 JULY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR
 FROM : SHERWOOD
 ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)
 INFO : WH (4), DCI (5), D/DCI (6), DD/P (L) (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

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SHERWOOD 506 (IN 23962) 0107Z 1 JUL 54 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
PRECEDENCE

TO: OPIM SLINC INFO: OPIM DIR CITE: SHERWOOD
 RYBAT PBSUCCESS
 FROM BRODFROST

1. [] RETURNED SOMERSET 1630. HIS F-47 RECEIVED DIRECT HIT OVER ZACAPA ON TENTH STRAFFING PASS. ENGINE DEPT GUNNING LONG ENOUGH GET OVER PASS AND CRASH LAND CHIQUIMULA. PLANE TOTAL LOSS.

2. ON RETURN FLIGHT TO SOMERSET [] SPOTTED SUB IN BAY BETWEEN SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA. HE CIRCLED THE SUB, THEN SUB MADE CRASH DIVE. WATER VERY SMOOTH AND CESSNA FOLLOWED PERISCOPE WAKE. SUB WAS HEADING OUT OF BAY TO OPEN SEA. SUB GRADUALLY SANK OUT OF SIGHT.

3. SUB REPORTED TO [] WHO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY. BRODFROST OPINION: SUB SET TO PICK UP COMMIE GUAT EXILES OR DISCHARGE SAB TEAMS. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT NAVY WHO REPORTEDLY HAS CARRIER IN AREA.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: MR. ESTERLINE, WH, ISSUED TEMPO COPY OF THIS MESSAGE AT 0100 1 JUL 54.

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