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DATE : 16 MAY 1954

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TO : [] LINCOLN, GUATEMALA
FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA
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[] 100839 (OUT 95050) 2135Z 16 MAY 54 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
TO: [] INFO: SLING, SGUAT CITE: DIR
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WWW PASS TO SKILLET FROM ODACID AND WHITING.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORT FROM JMBUG TO FOLLOWING EFFECT.

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] WAS TOLD BY []

] THAT SHIP ALFHEM ARRIVED PUERTO BARRIOS 1500 HOURS 15 MAY CARRYING SHIPMENT CONSIGNED GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT AND ALLEGEDLY CONSISTING OF 2000 TONS ARMAMENT, TYPES UNKNOWN. FURTHER REPORTED THAT VESSEL MET BY SANCHEZ, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND UNLOADED BY 1800 HOURS.

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES ALFHEM IS SWEDISH FLAG VESSEL OF 4850 GROSS TONS OWNED BY ANGBATS A.B. BOHRSLAVSKA KUSTEN. LLOYDS LOADING LIST OF 11 MAY GIVES LAST SIGHTING OFF BREST, FRANCE, REPORTEDLY ENROUTE FROM STETTIN, POLAND, TO DAKAR.

3. YOU REQUESTED TO DO FOLLOWING: UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF THE NAVAL ATTACHE, KUBARK PERSONNEL []] , EMBASSY PERSONNEL []] AND YOUR OWN BEST JUDGEMENT, GET FOR US *THE FULLEST EVIDENCE REGARDING* THIS SHIPMENT WHICH IF NECESSARY CAN BE USED TO PROVE

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GUATEMALAN EFFORTS TO IMPORT CLANDESTINELY ARMS FROM BEHIND IRON CURTAIN. SUCH EVIDENCE WOULD INCLUDE THE ORIGINALS OR PHOTOSTATS OF THE SHIPS DOCUMENTS SHOWING ORIGIN OF SHIPMENT, CONSIGNOR, CONSIGNEE, DESCRIPTION, TONNAGE, ALSO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SHIP PLUS RECOGNIZABLE PICTURES ITS CAPTAIN AND CREW. ALSO AERIAL AND GROUND PHOTOS OF UNLOADING OPERATION AND OF THE UNITS OF CARGO. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN SPECIMENS OF THE CARGO BY PURCHASE, THEFT, LOSS OVERBOARD AND SUBSEQUENT CLANDESTINE RECOVERY.

4. EXERCISE YOUR RESOURCEFUL JUDGMENT AS TO ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF EVIDENCE OBTAINABLE. REPORT URGENTLY YOUR PLANS AND STEPS TAKEN TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. FIRST ITEM OF INFO REQUIRED IS POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF VESSEL WHICH SHOULD BE POSSIBLE BY AERIAL RECCE AND PREFERABLY PHOTOS.

5. THIS ACTION GIVEN SKILLET BECAUSE HE BELIEVED HAVE MORE FACILITIES AND GREATER FREEDOM OF ACTION THAN JMBLUG, WHO ALSO BEING REQUESTED PROVIDE SUCH INFO AS HE CAN OBTAIN THROUGH HIS OWN RESOURCES. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED COORDINATE YOUR ACTIONS WITH JMBLUG

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TO EXTENT YOU DEEM DESIRABLE.

6. NOTE FOR PRINCEP: THIS IS TOP PRIORITY MATTER AND YOU REQUESTED PROVIDE FULLEST SUPPORT TO SKILLET.

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BY MR. F. S. WISNER

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