



DEPARTMENT OF STATE INSTRUCTION

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no. CA-777 July 23, 1957

SUBJECT: Administrative Action Program: Jebsen & Jessen, Hamburg.

REFERENCE: CA-1465, August 27, 1954; Born's D-2589, June 8, 1955 and related messages.

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EXCON. Joint State/Commerce/ICA message.

The Bureau of Foreign Commerce has received a letter from the firm Jebsen & Jessen, Hamburg, dated June 11, 1957, requesting information with respect to the action taken to preclude it from participating in the sale of ICA-financed purchases in Viet Nam, and the reasons why it has been placed on a U. S. "black list".

It is suggested that the Consulate General, Hamburg, supply the following information orally to the firms:

The U. S. Department of Commerce does not maintain a "black list". However, several Washington agencies, including the Department of Commerce, do withhold certain U. S. privileges from firms which have engaged in export trade which is considered inimical to the best interests of the United States. An action of this kind is one which these Washington agencies exercise administratively consistent with the overall policies of the United States.

The difficulties which the Jebsen & Jessen firm has recently encountered are probably a result of participation in a diversion of 16 cases of tungsten carbide cutting tools to Communist China in the latter part of 1952.

It is further suggested that if the firm desires, it may discuss this transaction with the Consulate General and supply any details which would explain its role in this diversion and assurances with respect to its future trading activities. Such details and assurances, if supplied, should be forwarded to Washington for consideration.

For the information of the Consulate General, Hamburg, Administrative Action was taken against this firm on the basis that it was

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