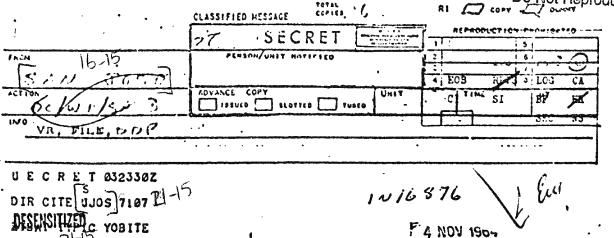
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1. MABASSADOR ASKS THAT FOLLOWING BE DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE DEPT OXFICERS INCLUDING ASSISTNAT SECRETARY MANN.

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- 2. IN DISCUSSING REFERENCE ARMS ORDER WITH PRESIDENT ORLICH ON 3 NOVEMBER, AMBASSADOR LEARNED THAT ARMS ARE BEING PURCHASED BY AMBANG-1. (SEE RÉGER CHANNEL NSG) ALTHOUGH HUMAP-9 HAS INDICATED TO ARMY MISSION SOURCE THAT SHIPMENT WILL ENTER COSTA RICA THE PRESIDENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT ARMS WILL NOT COME HERE. NEITHER PRESIDENT NOR HUMAP-9 HAVE INDICATED ULTIMATE DESIGNATION THESE ARXS.
- 3. PRESIDENT FURTHER REPEATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT BOTH AMBANG-1 AND AMBIDDY-1 HAD TOLD HIM "CONFIDENTIALLY" THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT IS BEHIND THEM BUT RPT BUT THEY HAD PROMISED THEIR U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACTS NOT TO REVEAL THIS. BASED ON THIS DESCLOSURE PRESIDENT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH AMBANG-1 TO HELP U.S. AND THUS IN THIS INSTANCE (AS IN PREVIOUS CASE WITH AMBIDDY-1) ASSIGNED (HUMAP-9) TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS.

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PRESIDENT HOWEVER, DESIRES ASSURANCE THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS AMBANG-I
TO HAVE THIS SHIPMENT AND TRAT THIS SHIPMENT AND COSTA RICAI'S
CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF IMPORTANT U.

S. CEJECTIVE. IN OTHER WORDS PRESIDENT ORLICHIHAS INDICATED HE WILLING
TO STICK HIS NECK OUT AND THAT OF HIS COUNTRY IF US GOVT. THINKS
THISIREALLY WORTHWHILE.

- 4. UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REAUONS EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST SHIPMENT OF ARMS WITH U.S. MARKINGS TO COSTA RICA. WE FEEL THAT SHIPMENT CAN'T BE KEPT SECRETSAND COULD CREATE A REAL PROBLEM FOR PRESENT GOVERNMENT (REVERSE OF VENEZUELA CASTRO CACHE). EMBASSY ALSO CONCERNED THAT A-44 ARRIVED WITH NO CONTROLS.
- 5. UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO RUN RISK DISCLOSURE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THIS SHIPMENT TO AND THAT USE OF THESE ARMS
  MEET WITH OUR APPROVAL AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS LICENSE NOT BE ISSUED.
- 6. A BASSADOR DESIRES INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER ANSWER PRESIDENT ORLICH DUERY AND ALSO IF AND HOW DEPT AIRGRAM A-44 IS TO BE ANSWERED.
- 7. FOR DIR: COS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH ABOVE POSITION. SHOULD IT BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE THAT AMBANG-I HAVEJARMS DESCRIBED SUGGEST HE BE ADVISED SECURE THEM FROM THIRD COUNTRY. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND HEADQUARTERS CAN PROVEDE FOR STATION INFO.

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