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PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KAHN FROM AMBASSADOR TELLES:

REF: YOUR MSG THROUGH CAS CHANNELS OF 13 NOVEMBER 1964.

1. I SAW PRESIDENT ORLICH AND MINISTER QUIROS SASSO ON 13 NOVEMBER AND CONVEYED REFERENCE POSITION. THE PRESIDENT WAS VIGILELY SHAKEN TO LEARN THAT US GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS ARMS SHIPMENT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER QUIROS, PRESIDENT ORLICH REQUESTED THAT WE NOT ISSUE LICENSE FOR A'BANG-1 SHIPMENT.

2. PRESIDENT ORLICH MADE CLEAR HE WOULD BE HAPPY AT ANY TIME TO UNDERTAKE ACTION SUCH AS THIS IF ^{U.S.} GOVERNMENT WANTED HIM TO. WHILE HE DOES WISH SEE CUBA FREE HE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH U.S. POSITION RE HIT AND RUN RAIDS UNDERTAKEN PRINCIPALLY FOR PUBLICITY SAKE.

3. PRESIDENT ORLICH'S DECISION BASED ON (1) REALIZATION THAT HE WOULD NOT BE DOING IN A FAVOR AND, (2) FURTHER REALIZATION THAT CRG WOULD BE HANG PRESSED TO EXPLAIN SUCH A \$70,000 PURCHASE OF ARMS IF IT BECAME A CAMPAIGN ISSUE IN 1965.

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