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REF: PORT AU PRINCE (IN 043873)*

1. FOLLOWING MAY BE PASSED AMB IN RESPONSE REF:
 ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON DPOB 19 JAN 21 PITTSBURGH PENNA
 REGISTERED DEC 63 AS AGENT FOR DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. HAS
 ALSO AT VARIOUS TIMES REPRESENTED NICARAGUA, ECUADOR,
 ISRAEL AND INDONESIA AND REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CLOSE FRIEND
 OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF DOMREP. SUBJECT MEMBER OF NATIONAL
 PRESS CLUB AND WELL-KNOWN IN WASHINGTON CIRCLES, WAS FRIEND
 OF LATE DREW PEARSON. HE HAS OFTEN REPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES
 TO USG OFFICIALS AND AS RESULT HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CON-
 siderable reporting by STATE DEPARTMENT AND FBI. NO
 RECENT INFO AVAILABLE HQS RE PRESENT STATUS HIS VARIOUS
 AFFILIATIONS. AMB MAY HOWEVER BE INTERESTED IN ACTIVE ROLE
 TAKEN BY SUBJECT IN ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR
 TIMMONS AND DUVALIER IN LATE 1963 AND EARLY 1964. HQS INFO
 CONSISTS CHIEFLY OF FRAGMENTARY AND INCOMPLETE REFERENCES TO
 STATE AND FBI REPORTING. SINCE MUCH OF INFO ALSO APPEARS BE

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SENSITIVE, SUGGEST AMB WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED TO INQUIRE THROUGH OWN CHANNELS IF FURTHER INFO DESIRED.

2. FYI ONLY: PORT AU PRINCE 2298 DTD 12 DEC 63 REPORTED EMBOFF SPECULATION THAT SUBJECT FOR OWN BENEFIT MAY HAVE IDENTIFIED COS TO DUVALIER, BUT NO PROOF OF THIS. FILE INDICATES SUBJECT IS FAST BUCK ARTIST AND POSSIBLE SECURITY RISK WHO HAS SOME USG CONTACTS WHICH HE NEVERTHELESS EXAGGERATES WHEN IT SERVES HIS PURPOSES. WHILE WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO AMB AND TO YOU, PREFER NOT TO BECOME MIDDLEMAN FOR AMB'S INQUIRIES RE US CITIZENS WHICH ROUTINELY SHOULD BE DIRECTED THROUGH OWN CHANNELS. NOTE FR-51-1 AS REGARDS DEROGATORY INFO.

3. FILE: 201-41581.

END OF MESSAGE

WH COMMENT: *Transmitted Ambassador's request for traces and background info on Subject.

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