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TO: **(HAGUE) (BRUSSELS) (HAMBURG) (FRANKFURT) (MADRID)**
(CASABLANCA) (RABAT)

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(FRAN) (MADR) (CASB) (RABA)
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 RYBAT AMLEG

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RE: A. **(FRAN) 3600 (IN 31754)* (NOT SENT (MADR), (RABA)**

B. **DIR 39186 ** (NOT SENT (MADR))**

C. **(HAMB) 3347 (IN 37488)*** (NOT SENT (MADR))**

1. REF A SABOTAGE OPERATION FAILED FOR REASONS YET

UNCLEAR. PROHIBITION ON USE EXPLOSIVES OR INCENDIARY DEVICES HAS
 BEEN REMOVED. ALL ADDRES NOW URGED CONSIDER UTILIZATION FULL
 RANGE SABOTAGE AND HARRASSMENT TECHNIQUES AGAINST CUBAN SHIPS AND
 CARGOES.

2. RECENT EFFORTS, ALTHOUGH UNSUCCESSFUL, HAVE PROVIDED
 CONSIDERABLE DATA FOR FUTURE USE. HQS VIEWS FOLLOW. STATION
 COMMENTS WELCOME.

A. SABOTAGE OF CUBAN SHIPPING IS BUT ONE OF MANY
 EFFORTS TO CRIPPLE CUBAN ECONOMY. SIMPLE DELAY OF SINGLE SHIP
 CAN COST UP TO 1000 DOLLARS PER DAY. SERIOUS DAMAGE SHIPS OR
 CARGOES OF COURSE EVEN MORE COSTLY. WHILE NO SINGLE ACTION WILL
 SERIOUSLY WEAKEN CUBAN ECONOMY, TOTAL EFFECT OF AGRESSIVE PROGRAM
 COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY.

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B. IMPOSSIBLE DETERMINE IN ADVANCE TYPE SABOTAGE TO BE ATTEMPTED IN VARIOUS PORTS. EACH CASE MUST BE DECIDED ON AD HOC BASIS, CONSIDERING ASSETS AVAILABLE, OPS CLIMATE IN PORT OF CALL, LENGTH OF TIME IN PORT, CONDITION OF SHIP, ETC. WHERE MAJOR ACTION DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE, SIMPLER TYPES SABOTAGE OR HARRASSMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IN NO CASE HOWEVER SHOULD THESE SABOTAGE OPS INTERFERE WITH OR HARM LOCAL PORT FACILITIES OR SHIPPING.

C. ¹ NOW APPEARS AMLEG AGENTS GENERALLY UNSUITED FOR VIOLENT SABOTAGE. MOST, (AS PROFESSIONAL MARINERS) PROBABLY PSYCHOLOGICALLY ORIENTED AGAINST DAMAGING OWN SHIPS AND FEAR PERSONAL OR FAMILY REPRISALS. ¹ AMLEG AGENTS PROBABLY BEST SUITED SIMPLE SABOTAGE SUCH AS ERRORS OF OMISSION OR COMMISSION, PUTTING YEAST INTO FUEL, OR OTHER ACTIONS WITH MINIMUM FLAP POTENTIAL. IN THIS CONNECTION ALTHOUGH HQS AGREES IN GENERAL WITH ¹⁵⁻²⁶ (HAMBURG) VIEWS (REF C) DO NOT BELIEVE RISKS IN MINOR DELAYING OP ARE AS SEVERE AS FOR MAJOR ACTION.

D. APPEARS POTENTIAL SHIPJUMPERS BEST CHOICE FOR COMMITTING MAJOR SABOTAGE ACTS, IF THEY CAN BE PERSUADED RETURN

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OR REMAIN ABOARD LONG ENOUGH TO GET JOB DONE. ALL SUCH JUMPERS MUST BE TRACED WITH HQS, ¹⁵⁻²⁶ (HAMB) AND WAVE AND FLUTTERED IF POSSIBLE, PRIOR DETAILED BRIEFINGS AND ISSUANCE SABOTAGE DEVICES. SINCE SEVERAL AMLEG AGENTS HAVE REPORTED INTENTIONS JUMP SHIP IN FUTURE, MAY BE POSSIBLE LAY ON PLANS WITH THEM FOR SABOTAGE ON LAST VOYAGE ² FOR FAMILIES OUT. ASSUME THEIR EXIT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE PRIOR THEIR OWN FINAL DEPARTURE FROM CUBA. *gmc*

E. SABOTAGE OF CUBAN SHIPPING IS NOW TO BE CONSIDERED LONG RANGE AS WELL AS AD HOC PROGRAM. SABOTAGE ACTIONS MAY THEREFORE BE PLANNED THOROUGHLY AND IMPLEMENTED WHENEVER OPS CLIMATE MOST PROPITIOUS. HOWEVER, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THOROUGHLY POSSIBILITY SABOTAGE EACH SHIP DURING EACH CALL YOUR PORT AREA. IF IT FELT IMMEDIATE ACTION NOT FEASIBLE, PLS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY SABOTAGE IN NEXT PORT OF CALL OR ON NEXT VOYAGE AND ADVISE ACCORDINGLY.

F. ³ EDMENT BRIEFED ADDEES (EXCEPT ¹⁵⁻²⁰ (MAD)) ON HARRASSMENT KITS WHICH AVAILABLE ¹⁵⁻²⁰ (FRAN). (FRAN) ALSO HAS QUANTITY YEAST FOR CONTAMINATION FUEL TANKS. GROWTH OF YEAST IN FUEL COULD CAUSE SEVERE

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DELAYS UNDER OPTIMUM CONDITIONS THROUGH FOULING UP LINES, FILTERS AND INJECTORS, BUT IMPOSSIBLE PREDICT END RESULTS. THEREFORE ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT TRY THIS APPROACH WHENEVER POSSIBLE, ANY ASSET USED FOR THIS SHOULD BE ADVISED NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE OBVIOUS RESULTS.

G. STATIONS WERE ASKED TO LIMIT CABLE TRAFFIC ON SPECIFIC SABOTAGE ACTIONS TO HQS ONLY. DESPITE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF PROGRAM, ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STATIONS WHERE PARTICULAR SHIP WILL CALL BE MADE AWARE SABOTAGE DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENTS ABOARD OR ANY OPS PLANNED OR CARRIED OUT AGAINST SHIP.

H. AS STATED IN PREVIOUS TRAFFIC ALL SABOTAGE OPERATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY HQS PRIOR IMPLEMENTATION. SIMILARLY, AMBASSADORS WILL BE BRIEFED OR NOT AS DIRECTED BY HQS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS APPROVAL.

3. FOR (MADE) ¹⁵⁻² REFS CONCERN SABOTAGE ACTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN CUBAN VESSELS ²⁴ (CALLING AT EUROPEAN OR MOROCCAN PORTS IN APRIL) APPROVAL FOR EXPLOSIVE AND INCENDIARY DEVICES WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND IS NOW RENEWED PER PARA 1 ABOVE.

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SAS/Comments: *49 Brent desires evaluate efforts and results of action (against HAVANA) before proceeding with additional sabotage action against Cuban shipping.

** Above restriction on sabotage applies only to explosive and incendiary type actions such as limpets and shape charges. *Erne*

*** *(Hamburg's)* views on sabotage of Cuban shipping. *15-26*

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TSD (W. Jones) in draft

*[Signature]***RICHARD HELMS**

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