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PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO (MANILA)

RYBAT WOMUSE SECUR

REF: DIRECTOR 93162

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**ACTION**  
29 APR 68 00056

1. AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE ADVISES THAT MAJ. BERNARD F.

REHKOPF, USAF ASSIGNED TO MAQTHAI, HAS BEEN IN TOUCH  
ASKING ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING AN LNERGO OFFICIAL.  
REHKOPF CLAIMS THAT HIS DAUGHTER RITA, WHO FORMERLY  
WORKED IN BANGKOK FOR LAW FIRM AND IS NOW BASED IN  
NEW ORLEANS WITH DELTA AIRLINES, HAS TELEPHONED HIM FROM  
NEW ORLEANS APPROX EIGHT TIMES IN LAST SEVERAL NIGHTS. SHE  
STATES SHE IS IN THE HANDS OF LNERGO. SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE  
KNEW JAMES EARL RAY AND SAYS SHE KNOWS HE WENT TO LONDON.  
SHE FURTHER CLAIMS THAT LNERGO IS PAYING FOR HER PHONE CALLS,  
AT THE SAME TIME IMPLYING, AT LEAST AS FAR AS REHKOPF IS  
CONCERNED, THAT SHE IS UNDER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DURESS.

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2. REHKOPF IS VERY DISTRAUGHT AND CONCERNED FOR  
DAUGHTER'S WELFARE. AIR FORCE ADVISED HIM THAT THEY WOULD TRY  
TO PUT LNERGO IN TOUCH WITH HIM. THEY HAVE ASKED HIM NOT TO  
DO ANYTHING DRASTIC, SUCH AS SURFACING MATTER TO THE PRESS,

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AND THEY ARE REASONABLY SURE THAT HE WILL COMPLY, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. HOWEVER, HE WANTS ASSURANCES FROM LNERGO THAT DAUGHTER IS BEING WELL TREATED AND IS IN <sup>NO</sup>~~ON~~ DANGER.

3. RECOMMEND HQS ADVISE LNERGO HQS FOR ACTION AS APPROPRIATE. SUGGEST <sup>13-1</sup>(MANILA) ALSO PASS GIST OF ABOVE TO LEGAL ATTACHE. THERE IS OF COURSE, POSSIBILITY THAT RITA MERELY HAS AN ACTIVE IMAGINATION. HER REPUTATION WHILE HERE WAS THAT OF FLIGHTY AND IMMATURE PERSONALITY.

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