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- REF: A. VIENTIANE 51103 (NOT COPIED DIRECTOR) []
- B. VIENTIANE 52714 (NOT COPIED DIRECTOR) []
- C. DIRECTOR 219435

1. AS FOLLOW UP TO REFERENCES A. AND C., [] NOW INQUIRES IN REFERENCE B. WHAT RESULTS, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, WERE ACHIEVED DURING WHITE HOUSE PARTY'S VISIT TO CHINA. WE FEEL AN OBVIOUS MORAL OBLIGATION TO INFORM DEPENDENTS OF ANY NEWS, GOOD, BAD OR INCONCLUSIVE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY WITHHELD OTHER ACTION AT COMPANY SUGGESTION IN FAVOR OF INQUIRIES THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

2. VIENTIANE FURTHER ADVISES THAT [] NOW WORKING AS [] WIFE'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, PLANS TO VISIT CONUS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, DEPARTING VIENTIANE 12 MARCH. SHE PLANS TO VISIT [] HOME OFFICE FOR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING MISSING BENEFITS AND WHEN DEATH BENEFITS CAN BE PAID UNDER EXISTING COMPANY LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

3. WITH LIMITED RESEARCH FACILITIES HERE, []

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TAIPEI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADVISE ON THE LAWS OF THE SEVERAL STATES REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF DEATH. THE CASE DOES NOT FALL UNDER THE GENERAL ENOCH ARDEN RULE, SINCE THE DISAPPEARANCE IS NOT WHOLLY UNEXPLAINED. WE BELIEVE THE GENERAL RULE IS THAT THE FACT OF DEATH IS AN ISSUE OF FACT, DEPENDENT UPON ALL THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. WHILE [] MIGHT ARRANGE AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH AILIFE, AS IN THE [] AND [] CASES, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE MISSING BENEFITS, COMPRISING 70 PERCENT OF THE EMPLOYEE'S PAY, HAD NO PARALLEL IN THOSE CASES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT WITH NO PERSONAL EXPENSES OF THE EMPLOYEE TO MEET, THE DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE AS WELL FINANCIALLY ON THOSE BENEFITS AS THEY DID PRIOR TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

5. ON RELATED QUESTION WE INQUIRE WHETHER ANY ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY [] WASHINGTON TOWARD ASSUMPTION OF THE MISSING BENEFITS BY BEC.

6. FULL TEXT OF REFS A AND B BEING SENT TO DIRECTOR. GP-1.

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