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[redacted] of CI/Liaison said he talked with a Mr. Fleishman of Customs, who personally was in touch with the New York office, with no reference made to CIA. He (Fleishman) was able to verify that PETRUEZO did arrive on the flight he said he did but for some reason Customs could not locate PETRUEZO's Customs declaration, which everyone is required to execute. Customs located a letter PETRUEZO wrote requesting return of the document, in which letter he states that the document was taken from him by a non-uniformed man. According to Fleishman, all Customs agents are uniformed. The fact the man was not in uniform would indicate that he could have been a Customs inspector, which would mean PETRUEZO was on a watch list, suspected of smuggling or of interest to the police for some reason. (The non uniform could also mean an enemy is involved.)

CUSTOMSHIP only material which is sadistic, pornographic or treasonable would be confiscated by Customs and even in such cases, the individual from whom it is taken is given a receipt.

Customs is now going to search their archives to see if they can locate any record of PETRUEZO's declaration. [redacted] will keep us informed. Customs will not be able to do such further on the strength of Fleishman's request. So far, CIA is not involved.

Unfortunately Tom [illegible] about PETRUEZO. Either [illegible] or a colleague of his [illegible] decided he could be trusted to bring out the document. [illegible] keep you posted.

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