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[] commentson SEEKFORD

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1. Paragraphs 1-3: No comment possible since the station was not involved.
2. Para 4: Magoffin occasionally saw Seekford pass in his jeep. It was Chauffer driven at all times and bore Nicaraguan plates. On one occasion Magoffin passed Seekford while Seekford was enroute to the contact site, approximately five miles from the point where Seekford was to meet the cutout. At this point the jeep was chauffer driven; Magoffin later queried the cutout whether the chauffer accompanied Seekford to the contact point and was advised that he had arrived alone, so the chauffer was apparently dropped someplace enroute. Seekford never telephoned [] or the cutout.
3. Para 5: Unable to comment.
4. Para 6: Magoffin noted Seekford only twice in the Gran Hotel, but on neither of these occasions was he with Pivall. It is true that the Gran Hotel is a common meeting place for Americans in Managua.
5. Paras 7 and 8: Unable to comment.
6. The problem of determining under what circumstances [] discovered the papers which he later turned over to Pivall has been difficult, as available cutouts are not close enough to [] to elicit the information from him, and it has not been the Station's belief that either H_qadquarters or Lincoln desire an open approach. However, [] and in view of the fact that [] house adjoins the apartment, it is believed that in the normal course of friendship [] will be able to elicit the desired information from [].
7. Para 10: Copies of messages passed to Seekford during the period are not available as the typewriter on which the original messages were typed belongs to ODACID and have since been picked up and returned to the U.S.
8. Balance of report: Unable to comment.

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