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DATE : 28 JUNE 1954

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1. HQS HAS MODIFIED STRATEGIC CONCEPT OUTLINED REF. IMPOSSIBLE FIND COMMERCIAL VESSEL SUITABLE CARRY ARMAMENT PROPOSED PAR 7A 1 & 2, MOUNT ARMAMENT, FIND CREW, LOAD CARGO, DISPATCH TO MEET TARGET DATE. ACCORDINGLY EXPLORING POSSIBILITY SECURING TWO VESSELS:

A. COMMERCIAL CRAFT ABOUT ONE THOUSAND TONS WITH UNWITTING CIVILIAN CREW CARRYING NO ARMAMENT AND UNABLE LAND PERSONNEL OR CARGO IN FACE OF RESISTANCE, PLUS

B. SMALL EX-NAVAL VESSEL WITH MODEST VOLUNTEER CREW WITH APPROX FIRE POWER SUGGESTED PARA 7 A 1 & 2 OF REF.

2. EXPECT CLOSE CHARTER FOR VESSEL A IMMEDIATELY. CARGO BEING PROCURED AND PACKED. HOPE HAVE VESSEL ON BERTH EARLY 30 JUNE AT SEA DESTINED TARGET AREA 1 JULY. COMPLEMENT WILL INCLUDE TWO OR THREE COVERT KUBARK PERSONNEL.

3. WILL EXPLORE AT HIGH LEVEL ODCATH TOMORROW POSSIBILITY SECURING PROMPTLY SMALL NAVAL VESSEL NOW IN COMMISSION CARIBBEAN AREA WHICH COULD BE TURNED OVER TO KUBARK. TYPE THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE HAS ARMAMENT ONE 3-INCH DUAL PURPOSE,

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ONE 40-MM TWIN, SIX 20-MM, ONE 60-MM MORTAR. VESSEL DRAFT EIGHT FEET, SPEED ABOUT 15 KNOTS, ENGINES DIESEL. EARLIEST READINESS DATE FOR DEPARTURE LATE 30 JUNE. ONE JULY MOST PROBABLE.

4. ASSUMING BOTH VESSELS DEPART PBRIME PORTS EARLY 1 JULY, ETA TARGET AREA WOULD NOT BE UNTIL LATE 3 JULY. HONESTLY BELIEVE IMPOSSIBLE IMPROVE THIS DATE WHICH ASSUMES NO UNFORESEEABLE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED. SUGGEST EARLIEST COMBAT USE COULD NOT BE UNTIL AFTER 03 2400 JULY.

5. NECESSARY COMMO EQUIPMENT WILL BE ABOARD VESSEL A TOGETHER WITH TWO TECHNICIANS TO ESTABLISH FIELD PROPAGANDA BROADCAST STATION IN REPLACEMENT SHERWOOD.

6. RE TACTICAL USE THESE VESSELS, WX OUR CONCEPT THAT VESSEL B, WHICH COULD CARRY ASSAULT PARTY NOT EXCEEDING 25 MEN IF DESIRED, WOULD HAVE MISSION CLEARING ASSISTING RESISTANCE AT LEAST FROM WATERFRONT AREAS AND PERHAPS ~~YES~~ A/C'S SUPPRESS ANY ARTILLERY OPPOSITION. VESSEL A COULD THEN MOVE IN TO DOCK TO COMMENCE DISCHARGE.

7. IF DESIRED VESSEL A MIGHT PROVIDE LIMITED TROOP LIFT FROM FRIENDLY ~~XXX~~ PORT REASONABLY CLOSE TO TARGET AREA. THIS WOULD INVOLVE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS WITH CREW AS WELL AS LOGISTICAL PROBLEM MOVING TROOPS TO PORT OF EMBARKATION. POSSI-

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BILITY IS MENTIONED ONLY TO ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING.

8. ARE PROCEEDING WITH CHARTER VESSEL A. WILL ADVISE TOMORROW AVAILABILITY VESSEL B. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST ON MODIFIED STRATEGIC CONCEPT AND PROBABLE NEED FOR THIS SUPPORT.

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