

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ROUTING

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TO : DIRECTOR

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ACTION: WE (1-4)

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ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR

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RE: DIR 03291 (OUT 50387)

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1. SOURCE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING REFLECTIONS ON REACTION GUATEMALAN MINISTER TO CURRENT EVENTS GUATEMALA:

A. MINISTER EXTREMELY UPSET AND UNCOMMUNICATIVE ON 18 JUNE. HOWEVER ON 19 JUNE VOLUNTARILY COMMENTED ON SITUATION TO EFFECT THAT HIS PERSONAL SITUATION SECURE WITH ARMAS SINCE AFTER ALL HE TOO IS GUATEMALAN NATIONALIST. MINISTER IS OLD PERSONAL FRIEND OF ARMAS.

B. ATTEMPT TO LOAD ARMS AT HAMBURG (PRESUMABLY 20 MM AMMO) WAS THIRD SHIPMENT. FIRST SHIPMENT WAS ONE WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PUBLICITY AND SECOND WAS SLIPPED THROUGH AMERICAN CONTROLS. THIS PRESUMABLY REFERS TO REPORT FORWARDED [] 1836 WHICH STATES THAT ARMS SHIPMENT SLIPPED BY WHILE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WERE INTERCEPTING FRENCH VESSEL GUYANNE. NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS CONFUSION WITH WYOMING.

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C. NEXT SHIPMENT BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO BE "TANKS FROM KENYA" WILL BE MADE AT MUCH LATER DATE. MINISTER HAS STATED HE WILL REQUIRE [] ASSISTANCE THAT REGARD.

D. MINISTER COMMENTED THAT THE DUTCH GOVT HAD REFUSED PERMISSION TO HAVE THEIR SHIPS SEARCHED AND THAT IT WAS THEREFORE TO THEIR INTEREST TO SHIP IN DUTCH VESSELS.

2. SOURCE REPORTS ON [] JUNE HE TOOK TELEPHONE CALL FOR MINISTER FROM [] NOTED [] 1752 IN WHICH [] STATED HE WOULD ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERY ARMS WHICH HE HAD OFFERED TO GUATEMALAN PORT OF DESTINATION. ALSO CALLED MINISTERS ATTENTION TO OFFER OF MACHINE GUNS FROM [] LUXEMBOURG. REQUESTING [] PROVIDE TRACES THIS FIRM.

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