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Chief ()
Attn: ()
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BOFIEND

BOFIEND/VALUABLE Relationship with Military Junta

REFERENCE: 296-GRIAG

1. BOFIEND in LGDRINK fully appreciates ()'s exposed position on this matter and regrets he has been so neatly undercut.

2. The VALUABLE representative at this station states he was unaware his counterpart in TPCREDO made this disclosure and expressed great surprise that the Military Junta had detailed intelligence on the Saluki operation. Recalling difficulties experienced previously with HTNEIGH on this score and the understanding reached in TPCREDO at the October 1951 BOFIEND/VALUABLE that "all operational intelligence will be kept from HTNEIGH" (para. 8.a (2)), () went on to state he fully agreed that information regarding dates and locations should not be passed to the Junta. However, by way of excuse () stated that in some instances the ZRCROWNS had to go to the Junta to obtain letters of introduction and letters of instruction for their teams. If that is the case, () issues instructions to RNLUMPIT who proceeds on the information he has received on the operation previously from LGDRINK. In such instances the Junta obviously learns identities and can easily deduce general locale. As is pointed out in para 1 of reference, this course of action was followed in the case of Saluki. However, () was at a loss to explain the fact that the Junta knew the approximate date of the operation and that RNLUMPIT requested authorization for same.

3. For Wash: Considering the decision reached at the TPCREDO BOFIEND/VALUABLE meeting referred to above, this performance is obviously a glaring example of a breakdown in the practice of close policy coordination. As a result of BOFIEND and VALUABLE handling their approach to the Junta on such a vital matter in different ways, efforts to keep the Junta out of operations are seriously handicapped. Furthermore, ()'s difficult problem of keeping HTNEIGH ticking smoothly is made even more so, if he has to come under fire on this issue whenever HTNEIGH chooses to raise it. In view of its seriousness, it is strongly recommended that Headquarters list this matter high on the agenda of outstanding business for the next meeting on BOFIEND/VALUABLE with QKFERVOR.

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