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RE: ARGENTINE MAILED RE SEAGRAM -- BRAZIL: U.S.
SUSPICIONS ABOVE RETAINED SPIE

CHARGE: ACCRA CITES CAPTAIN OF SHIP CARRYING ARMS

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((COPY)) THE CAPTAIN OF THE ARGENTINE SHIP WHICH WAS REPORTED
DETAINED IN BRAZIL CARRYING ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOUND FOR CHARGE,
HAS CONFESSED THAT THE CREW OF THE SHIP WERE RECRUITED BY A
GRANAIAN DISSIDENT ABROAD. HE WAS SPEAKING AT A NEWS CONFERENCE
IN BRAZIL. THE CAPTAIN SAID HE AND THE CREW WERE RECRUITED
IN THE UNITED STATES. THE CREW, WHO ARE WAR VETERANS, SOME FROM

THE VIETNAM WAR, CONFIRMED THE CAPTAIN'S STORY, AND SAID THEY
ARE ON THE PAYROLL OF GRANAIAN DISSIDENTS IN AMERICA. IN THE
MEANTIME, THE BRAZILIAN POLICE, WHO HAVE DETAINED THE GROUP ON
SUSPICION OF ARMS SMUGGLING, SAY THEY ARE WAITING FOR FURTHER
CONFIRMATION FROM THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES BEFORE TAKING FURTHER
ACTION ON THE MATTER.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ON TUESDAY DESCRIBED
THE INCIDENT AS PART OF A PLOT TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY.

A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THAT DAY SAID THE SHIP WAS ILLICITLY
FLYING A GRANAIAN FLAG, BUT HAD PANAMANIAN REGISTRATION. ITS
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RE: ARGENTINE MARINE FEE SHIP 186624 -- BRAZIL: U.S.
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GRAMA: ACCPA CHIEF CAPTAIN OF SHIP CARRYING ARMS

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RE MERCENARIES AND VETERANS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR. THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION HAS BEEN BOUGHT BY A GROUP OF GHANAIAN DISSENTS LEAD BY A GEOFFREY OSEI, WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH SOME FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND FOYERS. THE STATEMENT SAID THE SHIP WAS ARRESTED FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION MADE TO THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES BY THE GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR THEFF, WHO WAS ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ACCRA.

GBC ((GHANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION)) CORRESPONDENTS NOTE THAT THE WAY THE WESTERN MEDIA, ESPECIALLY THE BBC AND VOICE OF AMERICA BROKE THE STORY ON TUESDAY IS FURTHER PROOF THAT THERE IS CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND THESE MEDIA. THESE INTELLIGENCE ORGANS ARE IN THE HABIT OF (TIPPING) THE FOREIGN MULTINATIONAL MEDIA HOUSES WITH THE WRONG INFORMATION SO AS TO RECEIVE THE WORLD BEFORE THE TRUTH CAN COME OUT. OUR CORRESPONDENTS ADD THAT THEY DID THIS IN THE SCHENCK'S CASE LAST JULY, PARTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF WARNING CIA SPIES AND COLLABORATORS TO RUN AWAY. (PRIAL) 201300 [REDACTED] 20/14227 MA

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