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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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31 JULY 1953

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TO:

FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA

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PRIORITY

ACTION: WH (1)

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INFORMATION:

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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

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TO: DIR

CITE: SROBA

REFORTUNE, ATTN: GALDOND

2003

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SILENCE RECEIVED 1600 HOURS BY *ARVILLE* FROM [] REQUEST TUG IMMEDIATELY, BARELY HOLDING OWN. FOUR ENGINES NOT OPERATIVE. ANSWER IMMEDIATELY IF AND WHEN AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND CONSIDER SINKING VESSEL HERE AND RESCUE CREW WITH NAVY P.B.M.S. NO IMMEDIATE DANGER TO CREW BUT VESSEL NOT NAVIGABLE. 15-30 NORTH 80-10 WEST.

2. IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED NAVY AND ON NAVY ADVICE MESSAGED SILENCE "NAVY NOTIFIED. ACTION BEING TAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY P.B.M.S. DO EVERYTHING SAVE CREW".

3. NAVY NOTIFIED AIR SEA RESCUE ALBROOK FIELD. CONFIRMED BY ARVILLE. ALBROOK STATED P.B.M.S. WOULD ARRIVE LOCATED POSITION BY DAY LIGHT BUT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE LAND IN ROUGH SEAS. ALL SHIPS LOCATED AREA NOTIFIED AND REQUESTED REPORT BACK TO NAVY HERE.

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4. NAVY AND ALBROOK GIVEN FOLLOWING INFORMATION ONLY:
NAME OF LCFANGLED, POSITION, NUMBER OF MEN ON BOARD, EXTENT OF
DANGER, CLASSIFIED PROJECT, NO PUBLICITY. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
HAD TO BE OFFICIAL AND IN ARVILLE'S NAME AS COMMANDER THIS POST,

5. AFTER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH GALESON,
SILLENGE REPORTED THROUGH [] 1830 HOURS "SHIP NOT IN IMMEDI-
ATE DANGER. NOT NAVIGABLE. IF CREW CARRIED OUT BY P.B.M.
BELIEVE OPERATIONAL SECURITY REQUESTED SHIP BE SUNK. DO YOU
CONCUR?"

6. ARVILLE REPLIED TO SILLENGE 1845 HOURS "SCUTTLEING
OF SHIP WITHIN YOUR DISCRETION".

7. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

END OF MESSAGE

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