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FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA

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RE FORTUNE

1. [] [] , NATIVE BORN U.S. CITIZEN, NEGOTIATING SALE HIS SHIP CURRENTLY IN PANAMA BAY TO RAFAEL RAMIREZ GUZMAN, GUATEMALAN. LATTER INTENDS REGISTER SHIP IN HONDURAS AFTER WHICH WILL CARRY MEAT AND GENERAL CARGO BETWEEN HONDURAS AND CUBA.

2. SHIP NAMED [] [] , IS FISHING CARGO MOTOR VESSEL, 80 FEET LENGTH WITH CAPACITY APPROX 180 TONS. BUILT AT BREMERTON NAVY YARD, SEATTLE, AND HAS PERMANENT U.S. REGISTRY.

3. [] [] MAKING APPLICATION WITH MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASH, FOR AUTHORITY TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO RAMIREZ GUZMAN. LATTER WILL SAIL FOR HONDURAS WHEN TRANSFER COMPLETE.

4. LOCAL POLICE INVESTIGATING UNIDENTIFIED SHIP PANAMA BAY WHICH THEY SUSPECT MAY BE ENGAGED ARMS RUNNING CENTRAL AMERICA. THEY UNAWARE NAME SHIP AND ONLY SURE (ROAD SHORE) SHIP MAY BE FOR SALE. WE SUSPECT [] [] IS SHIP IN WHICH POLICE INTERESTED. NO INTEREST

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5. FOR GALBOND: PAILSON HAS SEEN THIS CABLE AND ASKS WHETHER SALE FOR OR AGAINST U.S. INTEREST. ADVISE IF ANY LOCAL ACTION DESIRED SINCE WE CAN POSSIBLY BLOCK SALE. SOURCE: U.S. CONSULATE EVAL: B2 DIST: EMBASSY.

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