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MEMO FOR THE CHIEF WFO

SUBJECT: Arrangements to receive certain in the Canal Zone

1. Confirming your instructions of 9 October I will proceed to [] Panama on 11 October.
2. As soon after my arrival in the Canal Zone as possible, but in no event later than 1200 hours on 14 October I will make secure arrangements to receive in the Canal Zone 1031 cases of cargo weighing about 81 tons.
3. In obtaining secure permission for the SS Leon to enter and unload this cargo at either Cristobal or Coco Solo I will seek the advise of Mr. John Glancy, Chief of Customs and Immigration ~~and~~ at Cristobal. []
to the secrecy of our [] nature as [] [] I will caution him as to the operation and explain its general nature of the cargo as outlined on the SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION in my possession. I will stress that we do not want to attract attention to this project and therefor desire to off-load at Coco Solo; that off-loading at the latter place will also save us a long trucking haul, and permit us to use our own labor without attracting attention. [] I will cite to him the size and nature of the cargo as outlined on the SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION in my possession. I will stress that we do not want to attract attention to this project and therefor desire to off-load at Coco Solo; that off-loading at the latter place will also save us a long trucking haul, and permit us to use our own labor without attracting attention.
4. If Glancy feels he cannot clear this ~~along~~ without going to higher authority I will then take it up with Col. Paxson, Lieut. Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. If the latter needs Navy approval I will see Admiral Bledsoe and ask his approval to use Coco Solo. He in turn will have to direct Captain Koepke, Commanding Coco Solo to permit the landing of the SS Leon at his base and the off-loading of the cargo there.
5. When arrangements have been made I will cable full details to HEADQUARTERS. If I cannot cable I will telephone Mr. [] or [] at RE 5269 or [] at JE 32611 if at night. []
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Typed by [] personally.

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