

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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TO : SR. REP. GUATEMALA CITY
FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA
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GUAT 307 (IN 11625)

1. URGE CALLIGERIS APPROACH REPRESENTATIVE [BRITISH] GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY IN ATTEMPT MAKE HONORABLE SETTLEMENT CLAIM ON [SPRINGFJORD]. HQS AUTHORIZES CALLIGERIS NEGOTIATE IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT \$900,000 FOR SHIP AND CARGO.

2. CALLIGERIS SHOULD BE ASKED TO APPROACH THE [BRITISH] ALONG THE LINE THAT WHILE THE PRESENCE OF ANY SHIP IN A PORT DURING A REVOLUTION SUBJECTS THE SHIP TO AN UNWARRANTED RISK, HE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW HIS GOOD FAITH ~~AND ACCEPT THE~~ []

~~LOSS OF THE SHIP AND CARGO~~ BY PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE INDEMNITY FOR THE LOSS. HE SHOULD MAKE IT PLAIN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S FINANCES ARE IN A DISASTROUS CONDITION AND THAT \$900,000 REPRESENTS GREAT SACRIFICE ON PART OF GUATEMALA AND IS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS [BRITISH] GOVERNMENT.

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