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FROM [] []

SUBJECT { GENERAL Promises made to [] re acquisition of aircraft
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Ref: DIR 12970, Para 4 [] 1121

1. The following is a recapitulation of instructions received from Headquarters and LINCOLN regarding advice which could be given to [] relative to the future acquisition of aircraft by him:
 - a. LINC 4689 for BRODFROST but turned over to MAGOFFIN for handling:

Para 1 (e): "SKIMMER will use its maximum influence to help [] procure additional fighter aircraft covertly from ODYOKE. Encourage him to switch to P51's and dispose of his F47's by sale to CALLIGERIS as latter aircraft now scarce and parts almost unobtainable."
 - b. LINC 4729, Para 3: [] approach to ODYOKE for P51's should be through KMFLUSH ambassador to ODACID just as procurement of F47's was handled. Previous assurances of maximum SKIMMER support to [] request for P51's should make it obvious that such a request will receive expeditious and almost certain favorable consideration."
 - c. LINC 4736, para 1: "(a [] approach for purchase aircraft will be supported to maximum extent possible by SKIMMER. (b) You should however give as personal opinion that [] may be unable obtain sale aircraft since many rumors that PBPRIME worried about [] intended move against LCPANGS. (c) You should point out that if true, PBPRIME refusal to sell is something about which SKIMMER can do nothing."
 - d. LINC 4673 to SHERWOOD. Para 4 (d) turned over by BRODFROST to MAGOFFIN for handling: [] should be assured that if at later date he wishes to sell his F-47's and replace with P-51's he will be able to do so."
2. Realizing that the difficulty between KMFLUSH and LCPANGS was not yet settled but only held in abeyance, MAGOFFIN was wary of making any promises to [] at the time of receipt of the above messages. As a result, the contents of Para 1 (c) above is the basis of the present promise to [] and he is fully aware that his difficulty in securing planes stems from his difficulty with LCPANGS. MAGOFFIN's feeling of moral responsibility to [] stems not from actual promises made to [] but from a knowledge of the critical part [] played in PBSUCCESS and the intent of SKIMMER

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as indicated in the earliest of the above messages. MAGOFFIN feels that every effort should be made to keep faith with [] if it is impossible due to factors beyond the control of SKIMMER, then we shall at least have the satisfaction of knowing that everything possible was done to assist one who has proved himself to be a true ally and who could very well be again in the future.

3. With regard to future SKIMMER [] relations, there is no foreseeable possibility of deterioration other than a possible loss of respect by [] for SKIMMER capabilities and a cause for wonder as to why SKIMMER was able to produce so readily during the PBSUCCESS operation and is now unable to produce at all. As of the present, there is no doubt in MAGOFFIN's mind that if SKIMMER again needs [] he will offer his services as readily as he has in the past.

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11 August 1954

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