

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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2003

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 09 AUG 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : []

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), COP (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8)

referred to Whelan
letter returned + memo sent

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ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE

TO: DIR

CITE: []

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1. [] NEGOTIATING WITH [] FOR PURCHASE OF 25 F-51'S TOGETHER WITH SUFFICIENT SPARE PARTS FOR 500 HOURS AND NECESSARY SPECIAL TOOLS FOR MAINTENANCE. PURCHASE PRICE INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO MANA \$600,000. [] REQUESTS SKIMMER ASSIST IN CONVINCING [] AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO ADVISE HIS GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT SALE. [] AWARE THAT PRESENT TENSION WITH LCPANGS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTITUDE OF [] GOVERNMENT AND PROMISES PLANES WILL NOT BE USED FOR AGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

2. THEODORE PICADO JR LEAVING SOON FOR [] TO ATTEMPT TO CLOSE SALE AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION OF PLANES.

3. IF POSSIBLE MAGOFFIN BELIEVES SKIMMER SHOULD GIVE ASSIST TO [] FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. [] HAS YET TO VIOLATE HIS WORD ONCE GIVEN.

B. DUE TO GENERALLY ASSUMED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN [] AND CALLIGERIS, PRESENCE OF PLANES IN KMFLUSH COULD BE STRONG DETERRENT TO ANY ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW CALLIGERIS.

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C. MAGOFFIN BELIEVE SKIMMER HAS MORAL OBLIGATION
TO GIVE [] ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING SOME PLANES ALTHOUGH
NOT THIS NUMBER IN VIEW OF PROMISES MADE BEFORE CLOSING OUT
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END OF MESSAGE

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