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CITE: [redacted]

TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR, SAN JOSE [redacted]

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NIACT DIRECTOR, SAN JOSE

INTEL RYBAT [redacted]

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SHIPMENT OF LETHAL MATERIALS FROM MIAMI

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 868129  
B. SAN JOSE [redacted] 0834698

1. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA FOUR.

2. PER REF A REQUEST, STATION ADVISED [redacted] OF REF B INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE SHIPMENT OF ARMS ON A 707 AIRCRAFT OWNED BY SARKIS ((SOGHANALIAN)) GARABED. [redacted] CONDUCTED A VERY THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE ONLY 707 OWNED BY SOGHANALIAN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A FLIGHT TO ECUADOR AT 1900 ON 10 MAY. THE SCHEDULED FLIGHT PATH OF THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT ALONG THE NORTHERN COSTA RICAN BORDER. THE AIRCRAFT WAS ALSO SCHEDULED TO MAKE ANOTHER FLIGHT TO ECUADOR AT 0800 ON 11 MAY. [redacted] DID A COMPLETE SEARCH OF CARGO TO BE CARRIED ABOARD THIS FLIGHT ALSO WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

3. [redacted] COMMENTED THAT IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED TO AIRDROP THE AMMUNITION BASED ON THE CONFIGURATION OF THE CARGO DOORS AND LIMITED ACCESS TO THE BELLY OF THE AIRCRAFT. [redacted] DOES BELIEVE SOGHANALIAN COULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND THEY PLAN TO CLOSELY MONITOR HIS ACTIVITIES AND AIRCRAFT OVER THE NEXT WEEK. [redacted] BELIEVES THEIR WEEKEND SEARCHES MAY BE A DETERRENT TO ANY ILLICIT ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR NEAR FUTURE.

4. FOR SAN JOSE: PLEASE ADVISE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ FEEDBACK THAT MIGHT ASSIST [redacted] INVESTIGATION.

5. FOR HQS: [redacted]

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