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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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1. STATION HAS HAD MIXED RESULTS IN ITS EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND SET UP INTERVIEWS BETWEEN THE THREE PERSONS SUBJECT REF B WITH THE HSCA INVESTIGATORS. RAYMOND H. GERENDE HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND AGREES TO MEET WITH THE INVESTIGATORS. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH HIM ON 7 AUG. STATION CANNOT LOCATE LIONION/1 AND EDWARD G. TICHBORN IN MEXICO. THEIR NAMES DO NOT APPEAR IN MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS AS BEING PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY.

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2. STATION CHECKED LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF TICHBORN GIVEN DIRECTOR 261710. PRESENT OCCUPANT IS SRA. EMILIA LOPEZ AGUILAR [NO RELATION] WHO DOES NOT KNOW TICHBORN. BUT DURING THE YEAR SHE HAS LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS, SHE HAS RECEIVED MANY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PERSONS INQUIRING AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS. ONE CALL WAS FROM A BANK IN GUADALAJARA TO ADVISE THAT TICHBORN WAS TO RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE. SHE HAS ALSO RECEIVED CALLS FROM DEBT COLLECTORS REPRESENTING MEXICO CITY DEPARTMENT STORES. SHE ALSO RECALLED THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO, AN UNIDENTIFIED MEXICAN NATIONAL CAME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRING ABOUT TICHBORN AND ALSO ATTEMPTED TO ELICIT INFORMATION FROM HER CHILDREN ABOUT TICHBORN. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PREVIOUS TENANTS AT THIS ADDRESS IN HOPES THEY MAY HAVE SOME INFO HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. AGAIN, REQUEST HQS TRACE TICHBORN THROUGH HIS MOST RECENT ADDRESS IN NEW YORK.

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3. STATION OFFICER RECALLS THAT AT THE TIME OF LIONION/1'S TERMINATION THAT PAYMENT OF HIS TERMINATION BONUS WAS TO BE MADE IN SPAIN. THIS PROCEDURE ADOPTED IN ORDER ENSURE THAT HE LEFT MEXICO. THE PAYMENT WAS TO BE MADE BY A [REDACTED] OFFICER OR OTHER DESIGNEE. AGAIN, SUGGEST [REDACTED] ATTEMPT 15-2 LOCATE SUBJECT.

4. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LICOOKY/1 ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL. THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON WITH SAME SURNAME LISTED IN MEXICO CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. SHE ADVISED STATION THAT SHE HAS NEVER HEARD OF LICOOKY/1.

5. THE RECORDS OF CONSULATE IN MEXICO CITY WERE SEARCHED BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF LICOOKY/1, LIONION/1, OR EDWARD G. TICHBORN. RESULTS FROM CHECKS IN OUTLYING CONSULAR DISTRICTS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

6. ATTEMPTING CONFIRM AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED PARA 4 REF B FOR 7 AND 8 AUGUST. WILL ADVISE.

7. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR CAPTAIN GOODING AT THE HOTEL BRISTOL FOR 6 THROUGH 10 AUGUST. STATION PLANS MEET CAPT. GOODING AT THE MEXICO CITY AIRPORT AFTER HE DEPARTS CUSTOMS AREA. SUGGEST HE HOLD HIS OFFICIAL PASSPORT IN RIGHT HAND TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION.

8. NO FILE. E2 IMPDET.

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