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C/S COMMENT: STATION CABLED-ALING REVERSED. C/S COMMENT: VASLOUCH-2 CALL STATION 11. DEC AT DIFFICULTY WITH MEXICAN CUSTOMS ON BAGGAGE.

1. STATION OFFICER ACCOMPANIED VASLOUCH-2 AGAIN TO AIRPORT MORNING 13 DEC. AFTER ROUTINE DELAY ADMITTED TO AIR CARGO AREA. DOCTOR'S CASE INSPECTED. THIS TIME TWO BOTTOM STUDS ONLY WERE MISSING. VASLOUCH-2 HAD INSPECTED DAY PREVIOUSLY AND FOUND THREE OF FOUR MISSING. NOTE THAT FIRST INSPECTION WAS IN ANOTHER BUILDING. CONSEQUENTLY BETWEEN TIME VASLOUCH-2 SAW BAG 12 DEC AND 1030 MORNING SOMEONE HAD INSERTED ONE MISSING STUR-5000. VASLOUCH-2 SAYS SHE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN BUT NOT MISTAKEN CONCERNING ABOVE.

2. DOCTOR'S BAG AND OTHER FIVE PIECES REMOVED FROM CARGO AREA BUT WERE NOT PASSED BY BUILDING DOOR INSPECTOR WHO INSISTED ON OPENING ALL SIX PIECES. VASLOUCH-2 PROTESTED. CHARGE HER LOCAL EMBASSY CONTACTED AND HE SPOKE ON TELEPHONE TO CUSTOMS OFFICIAL TO NO AVAIL. VASLOUCH-2 THEN SAW CHIEF AIRPORT CUSTOMS WHO REITERATED FACT THAT PARCELS WOULD BE INSPECTED

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UNLESS LOCAL EMBASSY OBTAINED FREE ENTRY. STATED REASON WAS PARCELS ARRIVED "DESTINATION MEXICO" RATHER THAN "IN TRANSIT". CUSTOMS CHIEF REFUSED RECONSIDER EVEN AFTER OFFER OF BRIBE BY VAELOUCH-2.

3. BY THIS TIME PRACTICALLY EVERY CARCO AND CUSTOMS OFFICIAL AIRPORT AWARE OF SITUATION AND OF ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN VAELOUCH-2 BY STATION OFFICER WHOSE NUMBER FACE WAS CROWING LESS AND LESS [REDACTED]

4. PARCELS WERE RETURNED AIR CARCO STORAGE AREA. ALL INCLUDING DOCTOR'S BAG WERE FIRMLY SEALED. VAELOUCH-3 THEN TURNED OVER PAPERS TO LOCAL EMBASSY WHICH WILL OBTAIN FREE ENTRY AND KEEP ALL PARCELS MEXI. VAELOUCH-1 WILL TRAVEL MEXI SOON AFTER 7 JAN TO RECOVER THEM. CONSEQUENTLY STATION WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DOCTOR'S BAG UNTIL THAT DATE.

5. VAELOUCH-2 TALKED TO VAELOUCH-1 AFTERNOON 12 DEC. LATTER INSISTED SHE RETURN PERUVEN FLIGHT 13 DEC AS HER EMPLOYERS WERE PROTESTING TARDY ARRIVAL.

THIS COMBINED WITH VAELOUCH-2 FEAR THAT DOCTOR'S BAG HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE PERSUADE HER REMAIN MEXI LONGER. SHE PLANS DEPART 13 DEC IF FLIGHT LEAVES. IT NOW CONFIRMED AS DELAYED AND MAY NOT DEPART UNTIL 14 DEC.

6. LAST FIRM STATION CONTACT WITH VAELOUCH-2 IS AT 1400 LOCAL 13 DECEMBER. CANNOT PROMISE ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR GUIDANCE FROM HQS WILL REACH HER VIA STATION AFTER THAT HOUR.

7. RECRET THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND FACT THAT [REDACTED] WILL BE HELD (IF IT STILL IN DOCTOR'S CASE) FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FELT FURTHER STATION INVOLVEMENT AND MORE PRECIPITANT ACTION CONSTITUTED UNACCEPTABLE SECURITY RISK.

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