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TO: MEXI CITY	31	16
FROM: WASH DC	APR 19 61	C-53 12
SUBJECT: COO, ACC/A, C/W, BELL S/C	PRIORITY	
	IN 4459	

*1cc tel Mexi
1cc Arbel Mexi*

FROM BELL WAVE CITE MEXI 7875
REF A BELL WAVE (out - 5/62)
B MEXI 3330 (IN 10/30)

1. RE REF A PARA 3 MEXI STRONGLY RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION^{of} LITANIL³ RETAIN DIPLOMATIC POST MEXI FOR FOL REASONS:

- A. EXCELLENT COOPERATION SINCE REF C.
- B. MORE THAN 30 YEARS DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE.
- C. GOOD RAPPORT WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS.
- D. HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S. AMB THOMAS MANN (EL SALV TOGETHER).
- E. REPORTION COULD BE USED.
- F. CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES HAVE PUT HIM IN COMPROMISING POSITION.
- G. BOTH "CUTOUTS" LITANIL¹ AND LITANIL² HAVE HIS FULL CONFIDENCE AND HIS DESIRE HAVE ODDYCKE "THIS SIDE" GIVES CO GOOD RAPPORT AND "WEDGE".

2. LITANIL³ HAS BEEN AMICUS "SET OUT" EMP FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME BUT HAS "STAYED IN PLACE" AT STATION REQUEST. STATION BELIEVES RETENTION LITANIL³ WOULD VINDICATE HIM EYES ANTI-CASTROISTS WHO NOT AWARE CLANDESTINE COOPERATION AND SOLVE DISPOSAL PROBLEM. REQUEST HQS AND WAVE COMMENTS SUGGEST RE ABOVE. (END OF MESSAGE)

C/S COMMENT: *DISSEMINATION APPLICABLE TO REPEAT UNZIP CABLES.
*VIA LICARI WOULD BRIEF ANOIP/LANSO/1 ON SATUR 12/1 AND TRY LEARN CONTENT LETTER TO ANOIP/1 FROM MEXICAN PRESS. WOULD BE ADVISED AS SOON AS DECISION REACHED.

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