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 KYBAT TYPIC AMECRU AMCALL

- REFS: A. WH/MIAMI-8610 (IN-144406)
- B. WH/MIAMI-7653 (IN-088541)
- C. WH/MIAMI-7649 (IN-088054)
- D. UFAA-2138, 13 JULY 1970

1. PRIOR ANY HQS CONSIDERATION REF A REQUEST FROM AMCALL-1 WIFE TO MAKE UP \$25,000 VANISTENDAEL SHORTAGE, REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS THIS CASE ARE REQUIRED.

2. ORIGINAL ANTICIPATED \$100,000 RANSOM WAS TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN JKLANCE AND VANISTENDAEL. WHEN REFS B-C ADVISED VA SHARE HAD BEEN DEPOSITED AND FORWARDED BANKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMCALL-1 WIFE'S SHARE, JKLANCE \$50,000 WAS IMMEDIATELY PLACED IN SWISS ESCROW. REF C ALSO STATED

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VA POSTED ADDITIONAL \$10,000 FOR AMECRU-1 EXPENSES. ACCORDING REF D REPORT, WHEN AMCALL-1 WIFE MET WITH VANISTENDAEL IN RCME TO DISCUSS FIRM \$120,000 RANSOM DEMAND, VA AGREED PUT UP \$70,000 DIFFERENCE-REQUIRED MEET RANSOM PLUS ADDITIONAL \$5,000 EXPENSES. IF \$70,000 VA PROMISE INCLUDED ORIGINAL \$50,000 HE PRESUMABLY MADE AVAILABLE IN MAY, DIFFERENCE REQUIRED, INCLUDING NEW \$5,000 EXPENSE BITE, WOULD BE THE \$25,000 AMECRU-1 CLAIMS NOT DEPOSITED. ASIDE FROM LARGE RANSOM, \$2,500 AMECRU-1 EXPENSES PAID BY JKLANCE OCT 69. \$10,000 REPORTEDLY PAID BY VA MAY 70, AND LATEST \$5,000 EXPENSE AGREEMENT NOW TOTAL \$17,500 WHICH APPEARS HIGHLY UNREALISTIC AND OPEN TO QUESTION. EVEN IF APPROVAL GRANTED MAKE UP VANISTENDAEL DEFICIT, HQS NOT PREPARED PICK UP ANY MORE AMECRU-1 EXPENSES

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FOR NEGOTIATING THIS CASE.

3. IN ORDER ARRIVE SOME IMMEDIATE DECISION REQUEST BINIARIS DISCUSS STEP BY STEP FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND ACTUAL FUNDS PROVIDED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WITH VERIFICATION DATES AND AMOUNTS, INCLUDING NEGOTIATING EXPENSES, ACTUALLY PAID OR PLACED IN AMECRU-1 ESCROW. SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN OF PRESENT \$25,000 REQUESTED SHOULD ALSO BE CLARIFIED. FINAL HQS DECISION ~~ON REQUEST~~ ^{MADE} ~~WILL BE~~ WHEN REQUESTED INFO PROVIDED.

JEF

4. FILE: 201-061063, 201-275949.

END OF MESSAGE

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