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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SAS/Support *JS*

SUBJECT : C-4 and C-3

1. C-4 and C-3 explosives are available on world-wide basis although in many instances they might bear different trade names.

2. The above items are also available from Agency stocks. C-3 is tan color and of plastic composition but has a definite aroma of banana oil. C-4 is white and odorless. Both items come in two 1/2 pound blocks and are carried on the general stock run at \$1.00 a block. Each block is two inches by eleven inches. Midwest Depot presently has 300,000 blocks of C-4 on hand. Use of Midwest Depot stocks is not restricted because the items have world-wide distribution and are consequently deniable. Transportation and delivery to the consignee would be the only problem.

3. Commercial procurement through traders in this type item is definitely possible but raises many problems. Export and import permits are required and shipment of such commodities is restricted to certain bottoms and local Coast Guard requirements must be adhered to. The point is that movement of commodities of this nature through commercial channels is possible but presents many problems.

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