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TO: (HAGUE) (BRUSSELS) (HAMBURG) (FRANKFURT) (CASABLANCA) (RABAT)
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TO: PRITY (HAGU) (BRUS) (HAMB) (FRAN) (CASE) (RABA)
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- REFS: A. DIR 32364 (TO (HAMB) (BRUS) (FRAN))*
 B. DIR 33866 (TO (HAGU) (HAMB) (FRAN))**
 C. DIR 34099 (TO (HAMB) (FRAN))***
 D. DIR 34264 (TO (CASE) (RABA))****

1. REFS DISPATCHED AND KURIOT TECH SENT EUROPE AND (MOROCCO) TDY IN ANTICIPATION ARRIVAL CERTAIN CUBAN VESSELS IN HOPE SOME IMMEDIATE SUCCESS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. ALSO EXPECTED AS MINIMUM WOULD SECURE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON SHIPS PLUS AGENT AND FIELD REACTION LEADING TO MORE CERTAIN SUCCESS NEXT TIME AROUND.

2. VARIOUS REACTIONS TO REFS RAISE SIMILAR POINTS RELATIVE:
- A. PURPOSE, EXTENT, NATURE, PRIORITY AND WISDOM SABOTAGE PROGRAM.
 - B. UTILIZATION SHIPBOARD ASSETS FOR SAB VERSUS THEIR VALUE AS INTEL PRODUCERS OR RECRUITERS.
 - C. CONSULTATION WITH ODACID AND CHIEFS OF MISSION.
 - D. [REDACTED] AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS.
 - E. LOSS OF LIVES, SINKING OF SHIPS AND GENERAL MORAL ISSUES.
 - F. CUBAN COUNTER SECURITY MEASURES.

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G. CUBAN AND OR BLOC RETALIATION IN KIND.

H. CASE OFFICER PROBLEM, I.E. CUBAN AGENT MOTIVATION IN LIGHT THEIR INTERPRETATION ODYOKE POLICY.

FOLLOWING COMMENTARY, AT RISK REPEATING POINTS COVERED REFS, DESIGNED PUT THIS PROGRAM PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND RESPOND ITEMS SUMMARIZED ABOVE.

3. ODYOKE POLICY CALLS FOR ALL FEASIBLE FORMS PRESSURE ON CASTRO REGIME TO INSIBIT ITS SUCCESS AND CULMINATE IN DISORDER LEADING TO ITS DOWNFALL. SABOTAGE OF CUBAN SHIPPING TO PRESENT PERMISSIBLE EXTENT OUTLINED REF B PARA 2 IS BUT FIRST OF SEVERAL PLANNED KUBARK COVERT INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT THIS POLICY. ALL CONSIDERATIONS NOTED PARA 1 ABOVE WERE CONSIDERED IN APPROVAL THIS PROGRAM WHICH IS NOW CHARGED TO KUBARK TO CARRY OUT. SINCE FIELD STATIONS ARE AWARE AND OTHER LOCAL EQUITIES WHICH LIMIT NATURE, EXTENT, KIND, TIME AND EVEN THE PLACE OF SUCH OPERATIONS, DO NOT HESITATE REPRESENT SUCH LIMITATIONS IN PRESENTING YOUR VIEWS.

4. PERFORMANCE OF SHIPBOARD ASSETS TO DATE IN EITHER INTEL PRODUCTION OR RECRUITING ON ISLAND IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY VALUABLE TO EXEMPT ANY ONE FROM "SABOTAGE DUTY". WHEREVER POSSIBLE USE SHIPJUMPERS

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 WITHOUT FAMILIES INSIDE, BUT IF AN AMLEG ASSET HAS BOTH CAPABILITY AND WILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE IN SAB OPS HE WILL BE USED. REALIZE MOTIVATION OF ASSETS WILL BE MAJOR KEY TO SUCCESS OPS, AND THAT DIFFICULTIES WILL BE ENCOUNTERED DUE THEIR INTERPRETATION ODOYOK POLICY.
BURDEN OF POSITIVE MOTIVATION THIS RESTS ON CASE OFFICERS INVOLVED WHO MUST DECIDE EACH CASE ON OWN MERITS AND USE CONSIDERABLE JUDGEMENT TO INDUCE COOPERATION. OUR MAJOR CAUTION ON THIS POINT IS THAT YOU NOT OVERSELL AN ACTIVISTIC ODOYOK POLICY, RESULTING IN DISAPPOINTMENT AND EVEN DISAFFECTION IF THE ASSETS DO NOT SEE OR HEAR OF ODOYOK ACTIONS OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH THEY DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

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 5. ODACID FULLY REPRESENTED IN APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BUT COMS NOT BEEN INFORMED. CHIEFS OF STATION SHOULD BRIEF COMS ON ANY SPECIFIC SABOTAGE OPERATION APPROVED BY HQS PRIOR ACTIVATION. COM DISAPPROVAL OR DISAGREEMENT WITH ANY PHASE OF SUCH OPS SHOULD BE CONVEYED HIS HQS VIA ROGER CHANNEL.

6. URGE MAXIMUM EXPLOITATION EVERY OPPORTUNITY SABOTAGE SHIPS OR THEIR CARGOES IN CONTEXT REFS AND ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING USE INDEPENDENT LOCAL ASSETS. BURDEN INITIATIVE RESTS IN FIELD TO

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CONCEIVE ~~OF~~ AND LAY ON WITH APPROPRIATE AGENT PERSONNEL SPECIFIC AND PRACTICAL SABOTAGE OPERATIONS ON EITHER TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY OR SLOWER-PACED BASIS TAKING LOCAL EQUITIES INTO ACCOUNT AND NEVER, IN ANY SINGLE INSTANCE RISKING MORE THAN IS TO BE GAINED IN TERMS OF INHIBITING CASTRO-CUBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS. IMPLEMENTATION EACH SPECIFIC PLAN MUST RECEIVE PRIOR EGS APPROVAL. INFO COPIES CABLE TRAFFIC CONCERNING SPECIFIC OPS SHOULD BE SENT ONLY TO STATIONS HAVING REAL NEED TO KNOW. WHENEVER SPECIFIC OP HAS BEEN LAID ON OR CARRIED OUT, STATIONS IN AREAS ON KNOWN ITINERARY OF TARGET VESSEL MUST BE INFORMED.

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SAS Comment: *Approval granted for sabotage of Cuban ships.
 **Spells out terms of sabotage approval to (Hague), (Hamburg) and (Frankfurt). 15-20
 ***Elaborates on use of recruited shipboard agents for sabotage duties. 15-6 15-26
 ****Spells out terms of sabotage approval (to Casablanca). 12-5

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