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1. BRITISH HAVE FINALLY COME UP WITH PROPOSED PROCEDURE RE KUBARK MARITIME ACTIVITY. EQS HAS CONCURRED IN THEM WITH CERTAIN AGREED UPON UNDERSTANDINGS NOTED BELOW.

2. FOLLOWING BRITISH MESSAGE WAS SENT AS AN ORDER TO CEPCA, INFO GOVERNOR OF BAHAMAS, FROM LONDON ON EVENING 6 DECEMBER:

"FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SIGNAL TO C.F.F.C.A. REPEATED GOVERNOR AND JOINT STAFF NASSAU:

"BEGINS

"1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS ARISING FROM KUBARK OPERATIONS AND DECIDED THAT IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE THAT PATROLS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED OR THAT THE GUARDIAN BE DIRECTED TO AVOID AREA OF OPERATIONS. INTEGRITY OF BAHAMAS TERRITORY AND TERRITORIAL WATERS MUST BE PRESERVED WHILST INTERFERING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE WITH KUBARK OPERATIONS.

"2. WE ACCEPT THAT KUBARK VESSELS ARE NOT ALWAYS RECOGNISABLE AND THEREFORE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS MUST COME INTO FORCE TO MINIMISE RISK OF CLASH:

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"(A) BY KUBARK

"(I) ENSURE THAT THEIR VESSELS KEEP WELL OUTSIDE BAHAMAN TERRITORIAL WATERS UNLESS FORCED TO TAKE SHELTER IN WHICH CASE GOVERNOR IS TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"(II) KEEP GOVERNOR INFORMED OF MOVEMENTS OF THEIR VESSELS IN VICINITY OF BAHAMAS.

"(B) BY GOVERNOR

"KEEP COMMANDING OFFICERS OF U.S. SHIPS INFORMED THROUGH C.B.F.C.A. ON 'EXECUTIVE' BASIS OF ANY BREAK OPERATIONS WHICH THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY PROMOTE.

"(C) BY U.S. SHIPS

"(I) OUTSIDE BAHAMAN WATERS VESSELS WHICH MAY BE KUBARK TO BE TREATED AS CHECKPOINTS AS POSSIBLE.

"(II) FLAMMABLE RESOURCES OF SUCH VESSELS TO BE AVOIDED.

"(III) KUBARK VESSELS ENCOUNTERED INSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS ARE TO BE ORDERED TO LEAVE AND IF NECESSARY ESCORTED OUT WEATHER PERMITTING.

"(IV) ANY OTHER ARMED PARTIES TO BE ARRESTED AS HERETOFORE.

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(D) BY OUR SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT.

"PLAIN LANGUAGE REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS VESSELS OUTSIDE KANAMAN WATERS TO BE AVOIDED.

"3 TO ASSIST H.M. SHIPS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN 2(C) (III) AND (IV) THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVICES A POSITIVE FORM OF RECOGNITION SIGNAL IS BEING DISCUSSED.

"4. ACTION IS NOW BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PARAGRAPHS 2(A) AND (B). REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION ON PARAGRAPH 2(C) AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE ON 2(D). WE WANT IT TO YOU TO TAKE MEASURES NECESSARY TO LIMIT POSSIBILITY OF OTHER COMPANIES GAINING KNOWLEDGE OF THESE APPEARANCES."

3. FOLLOWING ARE THE POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KUBARK AND SOURCE ABOVE DURING VISIT:

A. IN PARA 2 (A) (I): THIS IS UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT KUBARK VESSELS WILL STAY A MINIMUM OF TEN MILES OUTSIDE OF KANAMAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. (THIS IS SAME DISTANCE KUBARK ORIGINALLY WANTED TO IN FIRST AGREEMENT REACHED 15 NOVEMBER.)

D. IN PARA 2 (A) (II): THIS IS MEANT TO APPLY IN CASES OF AND OTHER ACTS OF GOD WHEN A SUSPICIOUS VESSEL MUST ENTER

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TERRITORIAL WATERS. IN SUCH CASES THE CAPTAIN OF THE
 VESSEL SHOULD NOTIFY HQS WHO WILL INFORM HQS WHO WILL
 ADVISE SOUTH THAT A VESSEL WILL BE ENTERING BAHAMAN
 TERRITORIAL WATERS GIVING POSITION AND NAME. THIS MUST BE DONE
 TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE VESSEL INTO THE THREE MILE LINE

(SEE PARA 7 DIR 6344) OPERATIONS PERMITTING. THIS PARA DOES NOT
 REFER TO INTERMEDIATE WATERS BETWEEN BAHAMAN ISLANDS.
 C. IS PARA 3: HQS HAS AGREED TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS ANY

MATTER INVOLVING IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS BUT HAS ADVISED
 THAT TAKE A DUE VIEW OF THIS IN VIEW OF SECURITY PRO-
 BLEMS AND COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH PROCEDURE.

4. UNTIL ABOVE SYSTEM WORKS OUT, HQS IS CONTINUING TO ADVISE
 SOUTH LOCALLY OF PLANNED BAHAMAN MARITIME ACTIVITIES ON THE NORTH
 COAST OF CUBA. SOUTH SHOULD APPROPRIATELY HAVE CONTINUING ADVISE
 TO SO SOUTH IN ADVANCE OF BAHAMAN CRAFT MOVEMENTS TO ENABLE HQS MAKE
 ALERT TO SOUTH.

5. REALIZE BRITISH HAVE NOT COME UP WITH ANYTHING STARTLING
 OR MORE DIFFICULT THAN THAT ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON. HAVE ALSO
 STRESSED TO SOUTH HERE TO AGAIN STRESS TO LONDON, THAT IN ADDITION TO

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PROBLEM AROUND BAHAMAN WATERS, BRITISH VESSELS SHOULD STAY OUT OF CUBAN WATERS TO AVOID ANY UPWARD INCIDENTS AS A RESULT OF JITTERY TRIGGER FIRES ON EITHER SIDE. SMITH IS FULL AGREEMENT WITH US AND WILL JUST HAVE TO MAKE GOOD ON THIS SO ADVISING [unclear] BY [unclear] & APPROVED AT HIGHEST BRITISH LEVELS AND SPECIFICALLY BY CHIEF OF STAFF AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE. SMITH'S DIRECTIVE OF WHICH HAS BEEN REPHRASED READS "WHILE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ALTER MINOR DETAILS, ANY CHALLENGES TO THE MAIN PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE ADMIRALTY AND ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS MADE TO FOREIGN OFFICE." REPLYING WE HAVE COME AS MUCH AS WE CAN AT THIS POINT AND IT IS ESSENTIAL WE CAN LIVE WITH.

END OF MESSAGE

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