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MATTER MENTIONED RECAP DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER HARRY R. ZERBEL THIS DATE. HE ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO HE WAS INFORMED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF US ATTORNEY FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WOULD COME TO MEXICO AND CONTACT HIM FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING INSTANT CASE AND OBTAINING PERTINENT DOCUMENTS. TO DATE THIS REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT COME TO MEXICO.

ZERBEL FEELS IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME FOR THIS OFFICE TO CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO AND REQUESTED WE TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL HE RECEIVES ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND FROM US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. ZERBEL MENTIONED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT APPARENTLY SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON SOME AGO APPROACHED CIA ABOUT OBTAINING TRANSCONTINENTAL DOCUMENTS AND CIA HERE HAS CLANDESTINE MEANS OF OBTAINING SUCH DOCUMENTS IF NECESSARY.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO ANTONIO RICHIA PERSONALLY KNOWN TO LEGAT AND IT IS FELT HE WOULD BE COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE IN ATTEMPTING OT OBTAIN DOCUMENTS PROVIDING FRAMEWORK OF MEXICAN LAW WOULD PERMIT HIM TO DO SO. IN VIEW OF ZERBEL'S REQUEST AND UACB NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN HERE AT THIS TIME PENDING ADDITIONAL BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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*Let to PAC
3/1/65 HCF*

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Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, by letter 3/10/65, requested our assistance in securing information from Mexican Government in connection with a case being handled by Department. Subjects in violation of embargo shipped American-made automotive parts from Texas to Mexico and subsequently to Cuba. Cortez, who is President of Transcontinental S. A., was granted prosecutive immunity and is scheduled to be a key Government witness. He told USA for Eastern District of Texas that certain documents of his firm would serve as corroborative evidence. Cortez's firm, however, has been liquidated and liquidator has declined to show records to U. S. Government representatives. AAG, in referenced letter, indicated that he was aware our Legat was in contact with AG of Mexico on almost daily basis and requested that we have our Legat request AG of Mexico to persuade liquidator to make his records available. AAG suggested we have our Legat contact Harry Zerbell, referred to above.

In addition to information in this letter, Zerbell confidentially told Legat that someone in Washington sometime ago approached CIA about obtaining instant documents as CIA in Mexico City has [clandestine] means of obtaining documents if necessary. Legat advised AG of Mexico personally known to him and would probably be cooperative in attempting to obtain documents providing framework of Mexican law would permit him to do so. (U)

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