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Within past week USAF information office has released to press statement contained in second quoted paragraph forming part of reftel. Although no apparent news media reaction has yet been observed, it is anticipated that requests for information may be forthcoming in Caracas. If this occurs you are authorized to release to Venezuelan press this same statement, but this should be done only upon query.

Embassy may also now transmit to Venezuelan Government the statement, quoted in reftel, which you were originally authorized to transmit to them once you had become aware that the DOD-USAF statement had been released here. As we place high value upon handling these releases in low key and upon discouraging any inclination to generate major news treatment of subject, we prefer that manner this transmittal be via senior service attache to Minister Defense. Since Defense Ministry already conversant this matter to some extent and is understood appreciate desirability low-key treatment, this procedure will tend limit range knowledgeability within Venezuelan Government and to reduce likelihood that more extensive publicity will ensue.

Please coordinate with [redacted] who will receive parallel message. END

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