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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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[REDACTED]

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : CARACAS

ACTION: [REDACTED] NOTIFIED AND COPY TUBED AT: 1625, 5 AUG DM)

INFO : [REDACTED]

ADDED CGS/HR [REDACTED] OCA<sup>3</sup> VR

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IMMEDIATE DIR CITE [REDACTED]

REF [REDACTED]

C/S COMMENT: REPORT THAT A NORTH AMERICAN SPACE CAPSULE FOUND BY VILLAGERS NEAR THE COLOMBIAN BORDER.

5 AUG 64 [REDACTED]

1. IN ABSENCE OF [REDACTED] ATTACHE IDENTIFICATION OF SATELLITE BEING HANDLED BY [REDACTED] ATTACHE. HIS TRAFFIC IN [REDACTED] DATED 4 AUGUST, [REDACTED] DATED 5 AUGUST AND INCOMING [REDACTED] DATED 4 AUGUST.

2. CAPSULE WAS ORIGINALLY SIGHTED FROM AIR BY LOCAL AERIAL MAPPING SURVEY PLANE IN VICINITY LA FRIA. CREW LANDED NEARBY AND EXAMINED CAPSULE WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS ONE METER IN DIAMETER AND ONE METER IN LENGTH WITH WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 175 POUNDS. THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE CAPSULE WAS DROPPED BY PARACHUTE BEARING CALIFORNIA MARKING. THROUGH PORT IN CAPSULE THE MAPPING CREW WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE SECRET STAMP ON WHAT LOOKED LIKE RADIO GEAR. CAPSULE HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY ATTEMPTS LOCAL PEASANTS TO OPEN BUT CONTENTS INSIDE SEEMED INTACT.

3. LOCAL PEASANTS GAVE DIFFERENT VERSIONS ON TIME OF CAPSULE DESCENT. SOME STATED CAPSULE LANDED NOVEMBER 1963 WHILE OTHERS INDICATED CAPSULE DESCENDED TWO WEEKS AGO.

4. ASSISTANT [REDACTED] ATTACHE NOW AT CAPSULE SCENE AND VEN GOVT TRANSPORTING SATELLITE TO CARACAS AFTERNOON 5 AUGUST WHEN EXAMINATION OF CAPSULE WILL PRODUCE MORE MEANINGFUL INFO.

5. WILL ADVISE

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