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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8307

INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO) GY

SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF VESSEL "ALBATROSS II"

DEC 6 1978

cc - Stephens

1. SUBJECT VESSEL REPORTED TO BE IN BRIDGETOWN WITH PT MEMBERS CHARLES TOUCHEITE AND PHILIP BLAKESY ON BOARD.

SHIPPING AGENT HERE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT VESSEL IS REGISTERED IN PANAMA (#7941 PEXT) AND THAT REGISTERED OWNER IS A PANAMA CORPORATION. CONNECTION BETWEEN CORPORATION

AND PT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

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2. QUESTION HAS ARISEN REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ACTION BY  
US CONSUL, BRIDGETOWN, TO ESTABLISH US CUSTODY OVER VESSEL.  
SUCH ACTION DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AUTHORIZED BY 22 USC SEC. 1175  
SINCE VESSEL IS NOT PART OF ESTATE OF DECEASED US CITIZEN  
DOMICILED WITHIN BARBADOS AT TIME OF DEATH. ARTICLE 18 OF  
CONSULAR TREATY (3 UST 3426) DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT DECEDENT  
BE DOMICILED WITHIN BARBADOS, AND THUS MAY PROVIDE INDEPENDENT  
BASIS FOR CONSULAR CUSTODY, ASSUMING CONNECTION BETWEEN  
REGISTERED OWNER AND PT CAN BE ESTABLISHED. SITUATION IS  
FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT VESSEL CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED  
AS PART OF THE PERSONAL ESTATE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL US CITIZEN.]

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SIMILAR DIFFICULTY EXISTS IN GUYANA REGARDING "ORGANIZATIONAL PROPERTY" OF PT. EMBASSY HAS ATTACHED CONSULAR SEALS TO SUCH PROPERTY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ANY CLAIM WHICH US MAY HAVE ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUAL US CITIZENS.

2. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED (TO DETERMINE WHETHER EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH GOB REGARDING ATTACHMENT OF CONSULAR SEALS TO THE "ALBATROSS", AND POSSIBILITY OF DETENTION OF VESSEL BY GOB.)

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