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TAGS: CASC(STOPN, VICTOR)  
SUBJECT: W/W VICTOR STOEN  
REF: 77 GEORGETOWN 2435, 77 GEORGETOWN 3733  
1. SCS TODAY RECEIVED LETTER TO ASST SECRETARY FOR  
CONG. RELATIONS, DOUGLAS J. BENNET, JR., FROM LAW FIRM OF  
JEFFREY A. HAAS WHICH CRITICIZED DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY FOR  
ASSISTANCE RENDERED THUS FAR IN STOEN CUSTODY CASE.  
2. LETTER GIVES ATTORNEYS VIVY OF EVENTS UP UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER 14. LETTER THEN GOES ON TO STATE QUOTE EVENTS  
THEY CEASED TO FOLLOW THE NORMAL LEGAL COURSE. DESPITE  
NUMEROUS REQUESTS OF COUNSEL, THE CLERK OF THE COURT  
FAILED TO SIGN AND ISSUE THE WARRANT. IT WAS MR. HAAS'  
UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS THE STATED POSITION OF THE UNITED  
STATES EMBASSY IN GUYANA THAT A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN  
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THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT HAD ILLEGALLY INSTRUCTED THE CLERK  
NOT TO ISSUE THE WARRANT. THE EMBASSY SENT A DIPLOMATIC  
LETTER PROTESTING THIS CLASSIC DENIAL OF JUSTICE TO THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. HAAS LEFT GUYANA ON  
SEPTEMBER 26TH. THE WARRANT WAS UNSIGNED AT THAT TIME AND  
REMAINS UNSIGNED.  
3. CONTINUE QUOTE, NEW PARAGRAPHE, DESPITE THE DIPLOMATIC  
LETTER OF PROTEST, NEITHER THE COURT NOR THE GOVERNMENT  
TOOK STEPS TO COUNTERMAND THE WRONG WHICH HAD OCCURRED.  
END QUOTE.  
4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT REFTELS DO NOT SUPPORT VIE.  
OUTLINED IN LETTER. EMBASSY COMMENTS WILL BE  
APPRECIATED.  
5. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT ATTORNEYS MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO  
USE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH THAT  
COURT PROCEEDINGS NOT BEING HANDLED IN FAIR AND  
IMPARTIAL MANNER. CHRISTOPHER  
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