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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN PRIORITY
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INFO 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: W/A STON CUSTODY CASE

REF: WASHINGTON 372

1. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF 1.
2. ON FRIDAY MORNING, MR. TIMOTHY STON CALLED SCS AND
ASKED FOR 3:30 APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS CUSTODY CASE OF HIS
SON, JOHN VICTOR STON. AFTER AGREEING TO THE MEETING SCS
OFFICER TELEPHONED AEA/CAN TO INVITE DESK OFFICER TO
MEETING. AT THAT TIME DESK OFFICER INFORMED SCS THAT HE WAS
TRAVELING TO GUYANA NEXT DAY TO VISIT JONESTOWN WITH THE
DCM AT THE REQUEST OF THE AMBASSADOR. THE DESK OFFICER
ATTENDED THE EARLY PART OF THE STON MEETING BUT HAD TO
LEAVE AT 4:00 AND WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN STON MADE HIS
REQUEST.

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3. SCS CONSIDERED REQUEST REASONABLE AND ONE WHICH WE
SHOULD FORWARD TO THE EMBASSY PROMPTLY. SCS PREVIOUSLY
INFORMED THAT ONLY NIAC CABLES GET DELIVERED OVER THE
WEEKEND AND AS IT WAS FRIDAY AFTERNOON CABLE WAS SENT NIAC
TO AVOID IT BEING HELD UNTIL MONDAY. DEPARTMENT WANTED
CABLE SENT OVER WEEKEND SO PROPOSITION COULD BE DISCUSSED
WITH TONKIN AND DCM BEFORE THEY DEPARTED FOR JONESTOWN.

4. EMBASSY MEMCON WITH ACCOUNT OF STON REQUEST DIRECTLY
TO EMBASSY WAS NOT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT UNTIL JANUARY 31.
AT TIME STON MADE REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT SCS HAD NO WAY OF
KNOWING HE HAD ALREADY MADE SAME REQUEST DIRECTLY TO
EMBASSY.

REASON FOR CLASSIFICATION. AFTER TALKING WITH STON
DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED IT EASILY POSSIBLE FOR JONES TO HAVE
AT LEAST ONE EMPLOYEE IN EMBASSY HEARING JONES INFORMATION.
IN ADDITION DEPARTMENT AWARE THAT IN MANY EMBASSIES AT
LEAST SOME LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN CONSULAR SECTIONS HAVE
ACCESS TO LOW MATERIALS. HENCE DECISION TO CLASSIFY CABLE
CONFIDENTIAL.

5. DEPARTMENT REGRETS LATE HOUR OF DELIVERY OF CABLE IN
GUYANA. CABLE LEFT SCS OFFICE 5:30 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME

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