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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO), GY

SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF VESSEL "ALBATROSS II"

REF: GEORGETOWN 4065

1. ON BASIS OF PRESENT FACTS DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE
EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN SHOULD CONSULT WITH GOG REGARDING
ATTACHMENT OF CONSULAR SEALS TO THE ALBATROSS AND POSSI-
BILITY OF DETENTION OF VESSEL BY GOG. OBSTACLES TO THAT
COURSE OF ACTION ARE PANAMANIAN REGISTRATION THAT PRESENTS
DIFFICULTY IN OUR ASSERTING JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO
VESSEL AND RELUCTANCE TO INCUR BERTHING CHARGES FOR VESSEL
TO WHICH WE ARE MORE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO LAY CLAIM.

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2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PANAMA FURNISHING
PARTICULARS WITH RESPECT TO PANAMANIAN CORPORATION THAT
OWNS ALBATROSS IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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