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INFO OCT-71 ARA-11 ISO-00 SCS-06 CA-01 JUSE-00 TRSE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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EO 12065: N/A

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

SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF VESSEL "ALBATROSS II"

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 4066, (B) STATE 307131

1. REGISTRATION NUMBER CITED IN REFERENCE (A) IS  
REGISTRATION NUMBER FOR VESSEL ALPATROSS III NOT  
ALBATROSS II. ALBATROSS III IS OWNED BY ASOCIACION  
E.B. INTERNACIONALE EMPRESA CARITATIVA, S.A., A  
PANAMANIAN CORPORATION INCORPORATED MAY 22, 1978. THE  
OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE LISTED AS FELIPE S. TAPIA,  
PRESIDENT; ELOY ALFARO DE ALBA, VICE PRESIDENT AND  
TREASURER; AND RODOLFO EVARISTO MENDOZA, SECRETARY.  
RECORDS INDICATE THE CORPORATION WAS STARTED WITH \$10,000  
OF CAPITAL. TAPIA AND ALFARO ARE MEMBERS OF THE WELL-  
KNOWN AND RESPECTED LOCAL LAW FIRM OF TAPIA, LINARES AND  
ALFARO, WHICH HAS A GENERAL CORPORATE AND SHIPPING  
PRACTICE AND APPEARS ON THE EMBASSY'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS.  
THEY ARE SERVING AS STRAWMEN FOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF  
THE VESSEL, A PRACTICE VERY WELL ESTABLISHED IN PANAMA.

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2. [REDACTED] SOURCE  
WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT,  
ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, THE PEOPLE WHO ORIGINALLY  
APPROACHED THE LAW FIRM IN CONNECTION WITH INCORPORATION  
ARE QUOTE NO LONGER AMONG THE LIVING UNQUOTE. THE SOURCE  
ALSO POINTED OUT A PORTION OF ARTICLE 14 OF THE COMPANY'S  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WHICH DIRECTS THAT NET ASSETS  
OF THE CORPORATION BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE OR  
THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST UPON LIQUIDATION OF THE COMPANY.  
ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE WAS RELUCTANT TO MENTION SPECIFIC  
NAMES, HE SAID THAT THE COMPANY'S STOCKS WERE BEARER  
STOCKS AND, THUS, THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WERE THOSE  
WITH THE STOCKS IN THEIR POSSESSION. THE SOURCE LEFT  
NO DOUBT THAT THE PT WAS IN FACT BEHIND THE COMPANY.

3. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE  
ALBATROSS III WAS PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED IN THE  
PANAMA, AND THAT IT WAS PURCHASED FROM ONE LAL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR  
REVIEWED BY J. SIMMS, AMST DATE 3-27-81  
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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HAZARI (NFI). WHO IN TURN PURCHASED THE VESSEL FROM  
ALBATROSS LIMITED (NFI). SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT THE  
VESSEL'S PANAMANIAN REGISTRY WAS PROVISIONAL. MOSS  
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