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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, BECAUSE MR. CHARIG DID NOT INFORM THE EMBASSY, BERN, OF HIS ACTIONS IN ADVANCE, HE HAS ANTAGONIZED AND OFFENDED THE AMBASSADOR; HIS ACTIONS ALSO OFFENDED SWISS FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BECAUSE HE DEALT DIRECTLY WITH CANTONAL OFFICIALS, AND LEGAT STILL QUESTIONS WHETHER THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL FULFILL THE COMMITMENT WHICH CHARIG MADE.

BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS CASE, AND BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL INTEREST OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN BERN, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT LEGAT BE ADVISED EXPEDITIOUSLY WHETHER INVESTIGATION IN SAN FRANCISCO IS BEING EXPANDED AND WHETHER FORMAL REQUEST PURSUANT TO THE U.S.-SWISS TREATY ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS WILL BE SUBMITTED.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO SUTEL RESPONSE TO BERN. (u)

ADMINISTRATIVE: (N)

BUREAU REQUESTED TO RETRANSMIT TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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