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~~T O P S E C R E T DIR/196/62~~
1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY DIR/171 (NOTAL) DATED 27 JULY 62, WHICH RELATED TO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ACQUIRING A SHIPBORNE COLLECTION PLATFORM AGAINST CUBAN COMMUNICATIONS. AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, THE USS OXFORD WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK. IT HAS SINCE BEEN EVIDENT THAT THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE OXFORD APPLIED TO THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE. CONSEQUENTLY, RECONSIDERATION BASED UPON OUR EXPERIENCE FACTOR HAS DICTATED A CHANGE IN REQUIREMENT TO A LARGER VESSEL THAN THE AKL NR 4 MENTIONED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION. NSA IS THEREFORE COMMENCING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE USNS MULLER, A VESSEL WHICH CAN APPROXIMATE THE ACCOMODATIONS AND FACILITIES ABOARD THE OXFORD.
2. APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THIS OPERATIONAL EXIGENCY. SP-1
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