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TELEGRAM NUMBER 080 OF 10 APRIL

INFO PRIORITY ASCENSION (PERSONAL FOR ADMINISTRATOR).

YOUR TELNO.43:FLIGHTS TO ASCENSION

1. I AM HOPEFUL THE SENEGALESE WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION TO BASING SLIP CREWS HERE PROVIDING IT IS DONE DISCREETLY (EG. PLAIN UNIFORMS ON DUTY, CIVILIAN CLOTHES OFF DUTY) IT SHOULD NOT INCREASE THE POLITICAL RISKS ALREADY ACCEPTED. A GRADUAL BUILD-UP WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND CREWS SHOULD BE FUNDED PREFERABLY IN FRENCH FRANCS.
2. I WOULD NOT PROPOSE TO SEEK FORMAL PERMISSION, BUT INSTEAD KEEP THE SENEGALESE INFORMED ORALLY TO SHOW OUR GOOD FAITH.
3. I SHOULD PREFER NOT TO GO INTO DETAILS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL OVER CARGO CARRIED. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE NEVER RAISED THE MATTER WITH US AND MUST ASSUME OUR FLIGHTS ARE CARRYING GUNS ASWELL AS BUTTER. I SHOULD HOWEVER LIKE DISCRETION TO KEEP THE CIVIL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES INFORMED AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WHERE

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DANGEROUS CARGOES COULD GIVE RISE TO SAFETY PROBLEMS.

4. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE AIRCRAFT ARE ROUTINELY VISITED BY
SENEGALESE GENDARMERIE AND IMMIGRATION, SO THERE IS NO QUESTION
CONCEALING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT IS BEING TRANSPORTED.

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