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FM PANAMA CITY 082200Z APRIL 82

TO FLASH FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 35 OF 8 APRIL

INFO FLASH MODUK (DS 5) AND WASHINGTON.

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YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 25 AND MY TELEGRAM NO. 32: TIDEPOOL.

1. US EMBASSY HERE INFORM US THAT THEY HAVE HEARD FROM WASHINGTON THAT TIDEPOOL WILL BE BERTHING AT US NAVAL BASE RODMAN AND HAVE SOUGHT OUR CONFIRMATION. THEY POINT OUT THAT UNDER THEIR NAVAL REGULATIONS CLEARANCE OF PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES IS REQUIRED FOR FOREIGN VESSELS ENTERING RODMAN WHICH, FOR THIS PURPOSE, IS TREATED AS A PORT UNDER PANAMANIAN JURISDICTION.

2. STRONGLY URGE THAT TIDEPOOL PASS STRAIGHT THROUGH THE CANAL REFUELLING ELSEWHERE, EG CURACAO, IF NECESSARY. WITH ALL PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY PERMISSION WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN EVEN IF PANAMANIAN WERE PREPARED TO GIVE IT.

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