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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MASS BL

SUBJ: GOB REQUEST FOR SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION

REF: LA PAZ 638

BINNS/AMBASSADOR TELECON JAN 31

1. POINTS EMBODIED IN BINNS/AMBASSADOR TELECON JAN 31 HAVE BEEN PASSED TO APPROPRIATE BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES. I DID NOT RAISE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS WITH PRESIDENT BANZER WHEN I SPOKE TO HIM AT 2:30 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. WE HAVE INFORMED GOB THAT WE WISH TO HELP IN REQUEST FOR AMMUNITION AND THAT SALE IS APPROVED. WE HAVE INFORMED AUTHORITIES OF DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING OFFICIAL US AIR TRANSPORTATION. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT THE TRANSPORTS MATERIAL PAYMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. BOLIVIANS HAVE INFORMED US THEY ARE UNABLE TO AIRLIFT CARGO FROM CANAL ZONE TO LA PAZ. APART FROM NORMAL PROBLEMS IN FLYING FROM LA PAZ TO PANAMA WITH OLDER AIRCRAFT, THEY HAVE UNFULFILLED INTERNAL AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS IN PRESENT EMERGENCY. THEY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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REPEATED THEIR REQUEST FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING THE CARGO IN

AND HAVE ASSURED US AGAIN THAT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY.

3. CHIEF US AIR FORCE MISSION BELIEVES AIRLIFT OF CARGO FROM ZONE TO BOLIVIA IS BEYOND BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE CAPABILITY. IN HIS OPINION IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS FOR BOLIVIA TO BRING IN AMMUNITION AND IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ON A SLOW SHUTTLE BASIS. HE ALSO REPORTS BOLIVIANS MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN ACQUIRING CLEARANCES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FOR LANDING FOR REFUELING PURPOSES WITH AN AMMUNITION CARGO.

4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND DEFENSE ON ARRANGMENTS FOR OFFICIAL US TRANSPORT OF CARGO TO LA PAZ.

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