

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM JR.
OSA/DDR
5682
26 MAY 1963

SECRET

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DIRECTOR

OSA (1-2)

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INFO

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FOR COL. LEEFORD FROM JIM CUNNINGHAM

HAVING READ THE SEVERAL LETTERS NORMALLY CONTAINED IN PILOT KIT WITH ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH, FEEL THAT THEY IN THEMSELVES NOT DANGEROUS, SINCE THEY DO NOT IDENTIFY AIRCRAFT OR REFER TO ITS MISSION OR CONFIGURATION OR TO MANUFACTURER.

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JUST POSSIBLE THAT FINDER MIGHT TRY TO CALL NUMBER GIVEN TO SEE WHAT INFO COULD BE OBTAINED, ESPECIALLY IF HE NEWSMAN. WE TAKING STEPS THRU COL. GEARY TO SEE THAT GEN. STROTHERS ALERTED TO ANY POSSIBLE INQUIRY THIS SORT, SINCE HE SIGNATORY TO ONE KEY LETTER AND UNDERSTAND IT NOT CLASSIFIED. JOHN P. OF VIEW THAT FINDER, IF NOT NEWSMAN, MAY BE HAPPY TO SETTLE FOR CASH INSIDE. IN WHICH EVENT HE WOULD NOT CARE DO ANYTHING WITH LETTER.

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END MESSAGE

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM JR.
OSA/DDR

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 2235Z 29 MAY 1963

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ROUTING

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TO : DIRECTOR 25X1A

FROM : [REDACTED]

ACTION: OSA (1-15)

INFO : S/C (16)

Richard [Signature]

ROUTINE

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TOR: 2317Z 29 MAY 1963

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IN 78129

TO : [REDACTED]
OXCART

INFO

CITE

[REDACTED] 9731

COL LEDFORD FROM [REDACTED] I HAVE HAD FIVE SECURITY PEOPLE WALKING THROUGH THE CRASH AREA ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND TODAY, 28 AND 29 MAY 63, PER OUR DISCUSSIONS. SO FAR NO RESULTS. I AM TAKING THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO FURTHER INSURE THAT THE PACKET IS NOT LAYING IN IMPACT AREA. I HAVE HIRED FOUR RIDING HORSES EFFECTIVE 1200 NOON 3 JUNE THROUGH 1200 NOON 8 JUNE FOR USE BY MY PARAMEDICS AND FIRST SGT WHO WILL CAMP OUT OF SIGHT IN FOOTHILLS AND SYSTEMATICALLY COVER IMPACT AND SURROUNDING AREAS ON HORSEBACK. [REDACTED] COMMANDER WENDOVER, IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN A DISCREET MANNER AND WILL PERSONALLY PROVIDE WHATEVER SUPPORT IS NEEDED. THIS HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY MY PARAMEDICS AND I BELIEVE IT EXCELLENT IDEA. A COMPLETE REPORT INCLUDING MAP OF AREAS SEARCHED WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS SEARCH TERMINATES. AFTER THIS I AM AT A LOSS OF WHAT OTHER PRACTICAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO DETERMINE IF:

- A. PACKET ON GROUND.
- B. PACKET BURNED UP WITH AIRCRAFT.

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S E C R E T

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C. PACKET ALREADY PICKED UP BY SOMEONE.

HORSEBACK SEARCH IS EASY TO DO, RELATIVELY CHEAP AND CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SECURITY COMPROMISE.

END OF MESSAGE

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UNIT : AAD/OSA
EXT : 6423
DATE : 5 JUNE 63

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE
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TO : [REDACTED] 25X1A

FROM : DIRECTOR

CONF : OSA (1-15)

INFO : S/C (16)

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OUT 7297

TO OPIM [REDACTED] INFO

DATE [REDACTED] 0315

OXCART

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1. CONFIRMING DISCUSSION BETWEEN LEDFORD AND [REDACTED]
NO FLYING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL THE EMERGENCY PACKET
IS SECURELY SEWN INTO THE FLT SUIT OR A SPECIAL POCKET
PROVIDED

2. CONTENTS OF THE PACKET ARE PRESENTLY BEING
RECONSIDERED. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

END OF MESSAGE

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[REDACTED]

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 1745Z 30 MAY 63

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TO : DIRECTOR 25X1A
 FROM : [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: OSA (1-15)
 INFO : S/C (16)

PRIORITY

TIME: 1808Z 30 MAY 63

IN 78178
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TO : PRITY [REDACTED] INFO [REDACTED] CITE [REDACTED] 9735

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OKCART [REDACTED]
 ATTN: COL LEDFORD, [REDACTED]

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TO ASSIST IN COL LEDFORD'S BRIEFING OF DCI ON 3
 JUNE RE LOST PACKET FOLLOWING IS RECAP OF SEARCH ACTION
 CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] AND FOUR SECURITY GUARDS ON
 28-29 MAY:

AN AREA APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES LONG AND FROM ONE
 HALF TO TWO MILES WIDE WAS WALKED OVER COMPLETELY.
 THIS AREA HAD AS ITS CENTER THE POINT WHERE THE CANOPY
 WAS FOUND. THE SECTION WHERE MOST OF THE FALLOUT WAS
 LOCATED WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE MOST LIKELY LOCATION OF
 THE PACKET AND THIS AREA HAS BEEN WALKED OVER AT LEAST
 THREE TIMES. AREAS FURTHER FROM THE IMPACT POINT WERE
 DRIVEN OVER IN A VEHICLE WITH ALL INDIVIDUALS KEEPING
 A CLOSE WATCH ON THE GROUND.

END OF MESSAGE

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DATE: 26 MAY 63

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TO: DIRECTOR

INFO: OSA (1-15)

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IF NOT ALREADY UNDERWAY, COL. GEARY RECOMMENDS
 INITIATE UNOBTUSIVE SEARCH FOR LOST PILOT'S EMERGENCY KIT.
 RECOMMEND USE OF CIVILIAN SECURITY PERSONNEL FROM
 UNDER SOME GUISE SUCH AS PROSPECTORS, HUNTERS, ETC RATHER THAN
 USE OF "BLUE SUITERS" DRIVING AIR FORCE VEHICLES. HQS CONCURS.

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END OF MESSAGE

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BY PHONE

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