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EYES ONLY AMBASSADORS FROM LEDDY

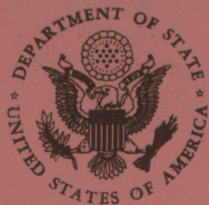
1. SINCE, APART FROM FEW EXCEPTIONAL CASES WITH WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR, US PRESS HAS SHOWN NO INTEREST IN QUOTE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE'S EXCHANGE UNQUOTE REFERENCES TO YOU, DOUBT ANY US CORRESPONDENTS NOW IN PRAGUE WILL RAISE SUBJECT.

2. IF SUBJECT RAISED BELIEVE BEST COURSE ACTION IS FOR YOU

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CHARACTERIZE AS REDICULOUS ALLEGATIONS OF ASSOCIATION WITH MRS. MICHALOWKA BUT AVOID SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TOTHER ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HER. WE HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO TAKE THIS LINE IF QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO US.

3. LEDDY WROTE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MICHALOWSKI, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE WELCOMED:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:



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AS YOU WILL RECALL FROM OUR CONVERSATION OF FEBRUARY 8, I EXPRESSED BY DEEP DISTRESS OVER RIDICULOUS CHARGES PUBLISHED IN INNER QUOTE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE'S EXCHANGE END INNER QUOTE AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS REGARDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MRS. MICHALOWSKA AND AMBASSADOR BEAM. I KNOW HOW DISAGREEABLE THIS HAS BEEN FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE PLACE A HIGH VALUE IN THIS COUNTRY UPON INSTITUTION OF FREE PRESS. WE DO NOT CONDONE, HOWEVER, ABUSE OF THIS INSTITUTION BY UNSCRUPULOUS PERSONS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, ONLY LEGAL MEANS TO DEAL WITH THIS UNPLEASANTNESS ARE THROUGH THE COURTS, AND WE RECOGNIZE

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THAT TO FILE SUIT WOULD ONLY GIVE RISE TO FURTHER PUBLICITY OF KIND WE UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD WISH TO AVOID.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT NO ONE IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF THIS MATTER PLACES ANY CREDENCE WHATSOEVER IN THESE CHARGES. I AND MY COLLEAGUES VERY MUCH REGRET INDIGNITY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED. UNQUOTE.

4. ALTHOUGH LETTER IS INTENDED BY MICHALOWSKI FOR USE WITH HIS FOREIGN OFFICE, IT WAS SO DRAFTED THAT IF IT SHOULD BECOME DESIRABLE AT SOME LATER TIME TO RELEASE IT TO THE PRESS, WE COULD DO SO, SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL AND THAT OF MICHALOWSKI. RUSK

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