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U N C L A S S I F I E D

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE: POSTAL SERVICES

TO FILE 811/10 FROM FILE 91/1526

YOUR ENQUIRY ABOUT DELIVERY OF MAIL TO THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" WAS PASSED BY THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN POSTAL CORPORATION (AUSTRALIA POST). THEY ARE AWAITING ADVICE FROM THEIR WESTERN AUSTRALIA OFFICE.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AUSTRALIA POST CONFIRM THAT HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IS NOT RECOGNISED FOR THEIR PURPOSES AS A LEGAL ENTITY AND IT DOES NOT HAVE A POSTCODE. THEREFORE ANY MAIL, REGISTERED OR NOT, WOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE NEAREST POSTCODE.

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TO.
RR CANBERRA/

FM. PARIS EMB / FA

U N C L A S S I F I E D

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

FROM FILE 550/2/1/1

WE HAVE RECEIVED AN ENQUIRY ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, WE CAN
FIND NOTHING ON FILE AND CD-ROM IS SILENT ON BOTH THE PROVINCE
AND PRINCE LEONARD. GRATEFUL YOUR ADVICE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S
CURRENT POSITION.

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE: POSTAL SERVICES

FROM FILE 811/10

WE WERE APPROACHED BY s 47 F(1) THE SELF STYLED
'HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' (SEE REFTEL PARA
3) ON 18 MARCH.

2. s 47 F(1) MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT LETTERS, INCLUDING REGISTERED
MAIL POSTED FROM THE NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG AND BELGIUM, WERE BEING
RETURNED TO SENDER. GENERAL MAIL WAS RETURNED WITHOUT EXPLANATION OR
ON THE GROUNDS OF INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE (EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE
CORRECT POSTAGE FOR AUSTRALIA). REGISTERED MAIL WAS CONSISTENTLY
'DISAPPEARING' WITH ONE LETTER EVEN TURNING UP IN MELBOURNE. A
RECENT 'TEST' REGISTERED LETTER HE SENT HAS GONE MISSING WITHOUT
EXPLANATION.

3. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO PRODUCE ANY OF THE LETTERS WHICH WERE
RETURNED, s 47 F(1) ASSURED US THAT HE HAD RECEIVED OVER 54
COMPLAINTS - ALL OF WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE THE ARTICLE IN THE DUTCH
NEWSPAPER 'DE TELEGRAF' WAS WRITTEN (SEE REFTEL). WE ENQUIRED
WHETHER HE WAS IMPLYING THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
ARTICLE AND PROBLEMS WITH POSTAGE, TO WHICH HE REPLIED HE WAS 100%
CERTAIN THIS WAS THE CASE.

4. s 47 F(1) CLAIMED THAT A TREATY BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE
NETHERLANDS DEALING WITH POSTAL RELATIONS REQUIRES THAT LETTERS MUST
BE DELIVERED AND HE IS GOING TO LODGE AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT WITH THE
DUTCH POSTAL AUTHORITIES THAT REGISTERED MAIL IS DISAPPEARING. WE
REPLIED THAT PRESUMABLY AS AN ORDINARY DUTCH CITIZEN HE WAS ENTITLED
TO MAKE SUCH A COMPLAINT BUT THAT SIMPLY ADDRESSING LETTERS 'HUTT
RIVER PROVINCE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA' WAS NOT NECESSARILY SUFFICIENT TO
ENSURE DELIVERY. WE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO POSTCODE FOR THE
HUTT RIVER AREA AND SUGGESTED PERHAPS OBTAINING A POSTBOX IN PERTH
WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

5. WE MADE CLEAR TO s 47 F(1) THAT WE WERE ADDRESSING HIS COMPLAINT
AS WE WOULD WITH ANY ORDINARY DUTCH CITIZEN. WE ENQUIRED ABOUT HIS
CONNECTION WITH THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' WHICH SEEMS TO ESSENTIALLY
BE PROVIDING TWO WAY INVESTMENT INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS. HE
APPARENTLY ALSO HAS A FAMILY COMPANY IN VENEZUELA. HE CLAIMS TO WORK
FOR THE DUTCH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH HIS NAME DOES
NOT APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

6. FOLLOWING OUR APPROACH TO MFA CONCERNING s 47 F(1) OPERATIONS
AS 'CONSUL-GENERAL', THEY CAN ONLY TAKE ACTION IF s 47 F(1) ATTEMPTS
TO FULFIL CONSULAR FUNCTIONS SUCH AS ISSUING VISAS. A COPY OF THE
THIRD PERSON NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER MEMO.

7. GRATEFUL ADVICE ON THE QUESTION OF RETURNING MAIL AND ALLEGED
DISAPPEARANCE OF REGISTERED MAIL ITEMS. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT

s 47 F(1) HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH THE JOURNALIST WHO WROTE THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE IN 'DE TELEGRAF' AND WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT MORE ARTICLES ON THIS ISSUE. A TIMELY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE: DUTCH MEDIA ARTICLE

FROM FILE 811/10

START OF SUMMARY

THE DUTCH NEWSPAPER 'DE TELEGRAAF' HAS RUN A STORY ABOUT THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' DESCRIBING IT AS A TAX FREE HAVEN WITH ITS OWN VALID MONEY, PASSPORTS, VISAS AND STAMPS. WE HAVE RECEIVED ENQUIRIES RANGING FROM TOURISM AND STAMPS TO TAX FREE INVESTMENT PROSPECTS.

END OF SUMMARY

WE HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT TEN TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES RELATED TO A FULL PAGE COLOUR FEATURE ARTICLE IN THE DUTCH NEWSPAPER 'DE TELEGRAAF' ABOUT THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'. AMONG THE INEVITABLE QUESTIONS ABOUT STAMPS AND TOURISM, ONE PERSON WANTED TO INVEST LARGE SUMS OF MONEY IN THE PROVINCE AS HE WAS CONVINCED IT WAS A TAX HAVEN. ANOTHER ENQUIRER WAS SEEKING A BANK THAT WOULD EXCHANGE HIS HUTT RIVER PROVINCE MONEY INTO DUTCH GUILDERS.

2. THE ARTICLE CONTAINS SEVERAL MISLEADING COMMENTS INCLUDING:
(EMBASSY TRANSLATION)

'LEONARD CASLEY GOVERNS NOW AS PRINCE LEONARD OVER HIS FULLY LEGAL HUTT RIVER PRINCEDOM, THAT IS ATTRACTING MASSIVE NUMBERS OF TOURISTS AS A TAX FREE PARADISE'

AFTER DESCRIBING HOW HE WANTED TO GIVE HIS STATE ITS OWN IDENTITY: 'IN ORDER TO DO THIS THE STATE PROVIDES A FULLY LEGAL PASSPORT. WHOEVER WISHES TO CAN OBTAIN HUTT RIVER NATIONALITY FOR 50 DOLLARS. VISITORS TO THE PRINCEDOM MUST ALSO HAVE A VISA WHICH CAN BE EASILY BOUGHT FOR THE SYMBOLLIC PRICE OF A DOLLAR. THE PRINCE ALSO HAS HIS OWN MONEY: A PERFECT REPLICA OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR AND 24 CARAT GOLD COINS THAT ARE WORTH \$100 EACH. THE PRINCE ALSO HAS HIS OWN POSTAGE STAMPS.'

'WHOEVER THINKS IT IS NOT SERIOUS SHOULD REALISE THAT ALL OVER THE WORLD THE PRINCE IS RECOGNISED AS A FULLY LEGAL REIGNING MONARCH. HE IS RECOGNISED AS A LEGAL HEAD OF STATE FROM INDIA TO EGYPT.'

'THE PRINCE HAS MONUMENTAL PROJECTS PLANNED. AFTER ALL, HIS PRINCEDOM IS A TAX FREE PARADISE, A TAX FREE ENCLAVE IN AUSTRALIA WITH POTENTIAL INTEREST FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT. JAPAN, WHERE THE PRINCE IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD, SEEMS TO BE MOST INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS POSSIBILITIES OF HUTT RIVER.' (THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE TOURIST POTENTIAL).

. THE ARTICLE ALSO PROVIDES A PHOTO OF MR CASLEY'S PASSPORT DESCRIBED AS 'THE OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WHICH PRINCE LEONARD USES FOR FOREIGN STATE VISITS'.

3. IT HAS ALSO BEEN DRAWN TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THE HAGUE TELEPHONE BOOK LISTS s 47 F(1) AS THE 'HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'. WE WILL BE APPROACHING MFA CONCERNING THIS ALLEGED STATUS.

4. WE ARE ADVISING CALLERS THAT HUTT RIVER IS NOT A SEPARATE COUNTRY OR PRINCEDOM, THAT ITS MONEY, PASSPORTS, VISAS AND STAMPS ARE NOT VALID AND ARE NOT ACCEPTED ELSEWHERE AND THAT ALL AUSTRALIAN LAWS, INCLUDING TAX LAWS, APPLY TO THE REGION.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS TO OTHER POSTS AND DFAT PERTH AS REQUIRED.

6. GRATEFUL ANY ADVICE OR INSTRUCTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE.

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

MEDIA VISITOR: s 47 F(1) - 'LA 5'

FROM FILE 250/11/6-1

ATTENTION L/O EUROPE

s 47 F(1) JOURNALIST FOR FRENCH TV CHANNEL 'LA 5',
LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA WITH CAMERAMAN ON 23 JANUARY.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

3. s 47 F(1) WISHES TO EXTEND HIS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND MAKE
STORIES ON: s 22 (1)(a)(ii) "PRINCE" LEONARD
CASLEY IN HUTT RIVER (WA), s 22 (1)(a)(ii)

4. GRATEFUL FOR: s 22 1(a)(ii)
-CONFIRMATION THAT MR CASLEY STILL A "PRINCE".

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OVERSEAS MEDIA VISITING AUSTRALIA ---- FA: AACR AOIS

(IF VISITING OTHER STATES - ADD STATE OFFICE) - CDLO 9/5/83

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TO: AFP LO MANILA
FM: OIC INTERNAT (TO'B)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

IN TWO PREVIOUS CONTAINERS PRIOR TO THE APRIL ONE, s 47 F(1)
SECRETED ONE CARTON OF CRUTCHLESS UNDERWEAR CALLED 'PINKIES
SURPRISE' AND IN THE OTHER 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' BOOKS. s 47 F(1)
INSTRUCTION TO s 47 F(1) AND HIS OF SECRETING THESE ITEMS IN THE
CONTAINERS SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED. s 22 1(a)(ii)

RE THE LAST CONTAINER, WHEN
s 47 F(1) FIRST INSTRUCTED HIM TO SECRET THE FORGED DOCUMENTS
(WRAPPED DISGUISED AS BOOKS IN MANILA PAPER AND MARKED 'HRP
BUREAU'). s 22 1(a)(ii)

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FROM FILE MN3-019

FM: AFP LO MN

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OPERATION ''SPIRAL''

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HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THEY WERE
BOOKS AS HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SENT BOOKS FOR THE HUTT RIVER PROVENCE.

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SEIZURE OF FORGED NSW DRIVERS' LICENSES, BIRTH CERTIFICATES,
ETC. BRISBANE 090589.

YR CE715981 ON 120589

COPY TO A/COMMISSIONER NORTHERN REGION

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

2. AT THE BREAKFAST MEETING, MET WITH LORD s 47 F(1) FOR THE FIRST TIME. AFTER A SHORT TIME, THEY WERE JOINED BY ANOTHER AUST NAMED 'SIR s 47 F(1) ' ALSO OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. s 47 F(1) PLAYED NO PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING A.M. HE WOULD MEETS 47 F(1) AT THE HILTON HTL AND TAKE HIM TO VIEW SAMPLES/QUALITY OF THE CLAY POTS.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

15. ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF MARCH 1989, s 47 F(1) CALLED AT HIS HOME AND s 47 F(1) ADDRESSED EACH OF THE PARCELS / FOR SHIPPING IN THE CONTAINER / WITH THE INITIALS 'H.R.P. BUREAU' WHICH CONFIRMED IN HIS MIND THAT THEY WERE GOING TO A FOREIGN GOVT. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW THAT THE INITIALS H.R.P. STOOD FOR THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE.

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s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 47 F(1) IS ADAMANT THAT LORD s 47 F(1) WAS SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY/WITH INFLUENCE WHO WAS ASSOICATED WITH THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. HE CLAIMED THAT AS FAR HE WAS AWARE, THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE WAS COUNTRY AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE REQUEST TO HAVE THE DOCS PRINTED. THIS MAY SEEM HARD TO BELIEVE BUT WHEN SIR s 47 F(1) AND OTHER PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE INITIALLY CAME TO THE PHIL, THEY HOSTED A FUNCTION THAT WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PHIL DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL FILIPINOS TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMBASSY FOR THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IN THE PHIL. SINCE THAT TIME, DIPLOMATIC AND ORDINARY PASSPORTS FM THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE HAD BEEN SOLD TO NUMEROUS FILIPINOS AND PERSONS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES IN THE PHIL. THE AUSTT EMB MN DID TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO ALERT THE AUTHORITIES THAT THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE WAS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE AUST GOVERNMENT.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

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FROM FILE MN3-019

FM AFP LO MN
TO COMMANDER INTERNAT

REF: SEIZURE OF FORGED NSW DRIVERS LICENCES, CERTIFIED COPIES
OF NSW BIRTH CERTIFICATES ETC.

REF: O.CE715981 ON 120589:

s 22 1(a)(ii)

SIR s 47 F(1) - OF HUTT RIVER PROVENCE FAME - TRIED TO
CONTACT ME ON 120589. HE HAS ASSURED MY SECRETARY THAT HE
WILL BE IN CONTACT ON 220589.

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TO FILE MN3-019

FROM FILE MN/10/16

TO: AFP LO MANILA
FM: OIC, INTERNAT (AAF)

REF s 47 F(1)

FOLLOWING FM FRAUD ~~and~~; GENERAL CRIME NORTHERN REGION.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 47 F(1) STATED THAT THE DOCUMENTS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY (ON HUTT RIVER) WOULD NOW NOT BE DELIVERED BUT WOULD BE BURNT BY s 47 F(1)

s 47 F(1) STATED THAT A REV. s 47 F(1) (KNOWN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY) AND LIVING IN 'THE FORTRESS' IN THE PHILLIPINES WAS IN POSSESSION OF A SUITCASE CONTAINING A LARGE NUMBER OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORTS, DRIVER'S LICENCES, STAMPS AND DOCUMENTS OF ACCREDITATION.

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POSSIBLE PASSPORT FRAUD

TO FILE 1622/1/67(22) AND CC89/ FROM FILE 67/1/7 AND 61/4

FOR CONSULAR OPERATIONS AND PASSPORTS POLICY

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 47 F(1)

- s 47 F(1) CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY OF s 22 1(a)(ii)
AND HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

s 22 1(a)(ii)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

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FROM FILE MN2-009/13

FM: AFP LO MN
TO: COMMANDER INTERNAT

s 47 F(1)

s 22 1(a)(ii)

FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME, s 47 F(1) HAS BEEN CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED WITH ONE 'SIR s 47 F(1) AKA
s 47 F(1) AN AUST
CRIMINAL. s 22 1(a)(ii)

BOTH CLAIMED

TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE 'HUT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY'
AND s 47 F(1) CLAIMED TO BE THE AMBASSADOR TO THE PHIL. AND
s 47 F(1) THE FIRST SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION).

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O.OT27777 1200 13.10.88 UNC

TO.
PP CANBERRA/2988

FM. OTTAWA / FA

U N C L A S S I F I E D

AOIS : REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR SOME INFORMATION ON
A SIR s 47 F(1) OF s 47 F(1) DARLINGTON, W.A.

THE CHIEF HERALD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN, AND FOR WHAT, SIR
s 47 F(1) RECEIVED HIS KNIGHTHOOD.

WE CAN FIND NO REFERENCE TO S 47 F(1) IN 'WHO'S WHO' IN
EITHER GENERAL ENTRIES OR IN THE KNIGHTAGE SECTION.

WE ASSUME THAT EITHER S 47 F(1) HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN MADE A
KNIGHT OR ELSE THE 'KNIGHTHOOD' IS A GIMMICK, AWARDED PERHAPS
BY THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE.

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO CHECK THE BONA FIDES OF THE
KNIGHTHOOD. GOVERNMENT HOUSE WOULD LIKE INFORMATION BY END OF
NEXT WEEK, BUT WILL WAIT IF THE TASK OF CONFIRMING DETAILS TAKES
LONGER.

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TO.
PP GENEVA/5062

FM. CANBERRA / W6 REF O.GE84161

U N C L A S S I F I E D

HUTT RIVER PASSPORTS

TO FILE 62/6 FROM FILE 1622/10/1

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE SELF STYLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE NOR THE DOCUMENTS IT PRODUCES. A GENUINE PASSPORT IS A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A SOVEREIGN STATE TO A PERSON WHO IS A SUBJECT OF THAT STATE.

2. DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS ADVISED IN THEIR POLICY CONTROL INSTRUCTION NO. PC 1272 OF 17 OCT 1985 THAT HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORTS ARE ALSO UNACCEPTABLE FOR ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA.

XC. O.CH486944
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RC s 22 1(a)(ii) PASSPORTS POLICY s 22 1(a)(ii)

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PP CANBERRA/5916

FM. GENEVA / REF M.GE15223

U N C L A S S I F I E D

CONSULAR: HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORT

FROM FILE 62/6

FURTHER TO OUR REFMEMO OF 10 MARCH 1988, WE RECEIVED A VISIT ON 3 MAY FROM GENEVA POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE JUDGE WHO IS PRESIDING OVER 47 F(1) CASE. THE POLICE SOUGHT OUR ADVICE ON THE LEGAL STANDING OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE WERE AWARE THAT HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORTS WERE IN EXISTENCE.

2. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED.

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TO.
PP CANBERRA/9974

FM. VANCOUVER /

U N C L A S S I F I E D

POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT USE OF AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS

FOR PASSPORTS POLICY FROM AUSTRALIA

s 22 1(a)(ii)

6. s 47 F(1) HAS NOW PRODUCED FULL DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF HIS
PP APPLICATION. s 22 1(a)(ii) WHILST
TRAVELLING B/N LOS ANGELES AND VCR ON 15 MARCH 88 AND ENTERED CANADA
ON HIS HUTT RIVER PROVINCE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. THAT DOCUMENT WITH
CANADIAN ENTRY STAMP HAS BEEN SIGHTED.

7. ON 16 MARCH WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM THE US CONSULATE
VANCOUVER ASKING THE STATUS OF A HRP PP. THEY ADVISED THAT
s 47 F(1) HAD PRESENTED THE HRP PP AND AUSTRALIAN PPS 22 1(a)(ii)
s 22 1(a)(ii) WHEN APPLYING FOR A US VISA. s 22 1(a)(ii)

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FM. MANILA / REF O.MN75836

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4. s 47 F(1) ASKED US TO INFORM THE AFP REP THAT HE WISHED TO SPEAK
TO HIM ABOUT INFORMATION HE HAD ON HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. WE RE-
LAYED THE REQUEST AND HE WAS VISITED ON 19 FEB 88.

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY

FROM FILE MN2-009/5

FM: AFP. LO MN
TO: COMMANDER, INTERNAT

ON 090288 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION
(CID) INTELLIGENCE DIVISION DETAINED THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN
NATIONALS:-

SIR s 47 F(1) (ALLEGED AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES) ALIAS
s 47 F(1) AND s 47 F(1)
(ALLEGED FIRST SECRETARY ADMIN). EXACT CHARGES ARE STILL
UNCLEAR BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RESIDENT IN THE
PHILIPPINES FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME AND THEY ARE NOT THE HOLDERS
OF PHILIPPINES VISA. THEIR AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS EXPIRED SOME TIME
AGO AND THEY HAVE BEEN USING 'HUT RIVER PASSPORTS' (DIPLOMATIC).

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TO.
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THE PHILIPPINES: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE

FROM FILE 226/2/8

START OF SUMMARY

s 22 1(a)(ii)

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s 22 1(a)(ii)

AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT FROM AUSTRALIA'S PERSPECTIVE IS
s 33 (a)(iii) STATED INTENTION TO DEPORT THE HUTT RIVER REPRESENTATIVE
SIR s 47 F(1) AND ' 'FIRST
SECRETARY ' ' s 47 F(1)

- THIS IS BEING DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY'S AFP ATTACHE.,

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2. EXACT CHARGES ARE STILL UNCLEAR. HOWEVER INFORMATION FROM CID
INDICATES THAT THEY WERE DETAINED AS A RESULT OF AN ENQUIRY MADE BY
THIS EMBASSY RE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORTS CARRIED BY THE TWO AND
s 47 F(1) CLAIM TO BE SIRs 47 F(1) FOREIGN MINISTER AND
AMBASSADOR OF THE PROVINCE.

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TO.
PP CANBERRA/7966

FM. WASHINGTON / REF O.CH444248

SEIZURE OF VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS : VESSEL 'ESPERANCE'

FROM FILE 87/0899

WE HAVE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THEIR REQUEST FOR A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY TO BE USED IN DEFENDING A DAMAGES CLAIM ARISING FROM THE SEIZURE OF THE ESPERANCE IN 1984.

2. WE HAVE NOW SEEN A COPY OF THE INITIATING COMPLAINT WHICH WAS ISSUED ON BEHALF OF 6 INDIVIDUALS, 4 OF WHOM ARE DESCRIBED AS CITIZENS OF THE 'REPUBLIC OF AUSTRALIA'. THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THAT AT THE RELEVANT TIME THE 'ESPERANCE', DESCRIBED AS A TRADITIONAL GAFF-RIGGED SAILING CLIPPER OF 100 FOOT LENGTH, WAS REGISTERED IN THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE 'WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'. THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IS STATED TO BE 'AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE WITHIN AUSTRALIA', WHICH 'HAS BEEN ACCORDED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION BY SEVERAL SOVEREIGN STATES AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS'.

3. THE CLAIM IS BASED IN PART ON ALLEGED MISCONDUCT CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO INFORM THE COAST GUARD AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT THE ESPERANCE WAS NOT STATELESS. s 33 (a)(iii)

4. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION IN EMBASSY FILES AND IN REFTEL IT IS CLEAR THAT, DESPITE ITS MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS AND ITS CLAIM OF BRISBANE AS ITS HOME PORT, THE VESSEL WAS NOT AT THE RELEVANT TIME ON THE AUSTRALIAN REGISTER AND WAS IN THE VIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES THEREFORE NOT ENTITLED TO CLAIM TO BE TREATED AS AN AUSTRALIAN VESSEL. s 33 (a)(iii)

5. WE ARE SENDING BY FAX A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND A DRAFT NOTE FOR YOUR CLEARANCE.

6. GRATEFUL ADVICE.

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TO.
RR CANBERRA/4249

FM. MANILA /

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE : s 47 F(1)

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT ON 7 AUGUST 1987, LOCAL POLICE RAIDED A RESIDENCE IN PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA, WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY 'SIR' s 47 F(1) THE SELF-STYLED AMBASSADOR OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE, AND s 47 F(1) WHO CALLS HIMSELF FIRST SECRETARY. THE RESIDENCE IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF HRP IN MANILA.

2. POLICE FOUND A LOCALLY MADE .38 SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER AND ARRESTED s 47 F(1) FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION. s 47 F(1) WAS LATER RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES BEING LAID.

3. DETAILS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO AFP BY THEIR LO.

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S1. CAAC FILE

S2. JABK FILE

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s 47 F(1)

FROM FILE MN2-009/6

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TO: OIC INTERNAT

ABOUT 1000 HRS ON 070887 A RESIDENCE AT 5888 S. DE GUZMAN ST., DON GALO, PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA (MM) WAS RAIDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINES CONSTABULARY/INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICE (PC/INP) SOUTHERN POLICE DISTRICT. THE RESIDENCE IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVENCE.

A SEARCH OF THE ROOM OCCUPIED BY s 47 F(1)

RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF ONE ONLY .38 CALIBRE SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER OF THE TYPE WHICH IS LOCALLY MANUFACTURED, PLUS FOUR ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

s 47 F(1) IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS THE 1ST SECRETARY ADMINISTRATION, HUTT PRINCIPALITY - (HUTT RIVER PROVENCE) AND HE OCCUPIED THE RESIDENCE WITH ANOTHER SELF PROCLAIMED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVENCE NAMELY SIR s 47 F(1) AN ALIAS FOR - s 47 F(1)

s 47 F(1) WAS ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION BUT HE HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED. IT IS UNKNOWN IF ANY FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM.

COPY OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF s 47 F(1) HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE POLICE.

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O.WH96330 3.8.87 1714 CLA

TO.
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SEIZURE OF VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS: PRIVATE KETCH 'ESPERANCE'
FROM IFLE 75/0631

WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT (OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS, LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE) WITH A REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY PROVIDE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONFIRMING THAT CERTAIN ADVICE WAS GIVEN ORALLY BY THE EMBASSY (COUNSELLOR (LEGAL)) TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE 1984 CONCERNING THE NON-REGISTRATION AS AN AUSTRALIAN VESSEL OF 'ESPERANCE', A 65 FOOT KETCH. THE NOTE IS SOUGHT FOR USE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN DEFENDING A CIVIL CLAIM BROUGHT BY THE OWNERS OF THE 'ESPERANCE' FOR ALLEGED UNLAWFUL SEIZURE, SEARCH AND DETENTION.

2. EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT QUESTION WAS RAISED WITH CANBERRA ON 18 JUNE 1984 WITH REPLY ON SAME DATE TO EFFECT THAT 'ESPERANCE' WAS NOT ON AUSTRALIAN REGISTER. (MESSAGES O.WH49023 AND O.CH203047.) THAT INFORMATION WAS APPARENTLY PASSED TO U.S. AUTHORITIES WHO PROCEEDED WITH ARREST ON THE HIGH SEAS, SEARCH AND DETENTION. SUBSEQUENT PAPERS ON FILE SUGGEST THAT 4 AUSTRALIANS WERE INVOLVED AND THAT VESSEL MIGHT INDEED HAVE BEEN AUSTRALIAN-OWNED, ALBEIT UNREGISTERED. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT ALTHOUGH FLYING THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG THE VESSEL CLAIMED 'HUTT RIVER' REGISTRATION, BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE 'HUTT RIVER' ANGLE WAS RAISED AT THE TIME OF THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES ON 4 JUNE 1984.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PAPERS FILED IN SUPPORT OF THE CLAIM (OF WHICH WE HAVE ASKED FOR A COPY) ASSERT THAT 'ESPERANCE' HAD AUSTRALIAN NATIONALITY AT THE RELEVANT TIME.

4. WE ARE INCLINED TO MEET THE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUEST AND FURNISH A NOTE CONFIRMING THAT THE AMERICANS WERE TOLD IN JUNE 1984 THAT THE VESSEL WAS NOT AUSTRALIAN-REGISTERED. HOWEVER, THE RECORD IS A LITTLE UNSATISFACTORY AS IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER WE MEANT TO CONVEY -

(A) THAT THE VESSEL'S CLAIM TO AUSTRALIAN NATIONALITY WAS UNFOUNDED BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF REGISTRATION, AND, SO FAR AS AUSTRALIA WAS CONCERNED, THE U.S. COULD TREAT IT AS STATELESS: OR

(B) THAT WHETHER OR NOT THE VESSEL VALIDLY CLAIMED AUSTRALIAN NATIONALITY (WHICH COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED IN ABSENCE OF REGISTRATION), AUSTRALIA, EVEN IF THE FLAG STATE, HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE SEARCH AND ARREST.

5. BEFORE REPLYING WE SHALL SEEK MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT THE CLAIMANTS NOW ASSERT AS TO THE STATUS OF THE VESSEL AT TIME OF SEIZURE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE WHETHER YOU SEE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR SENDING THE REQUESTED NOTE. ALSO, WHILE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN (A) AND (B) ABOVE MIGHT NOT BE IMPORTANT IN THE LITIGATION, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENT ON IT.

XC. O.WH96330
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TO.
PP CANBERRA/3877

FM. MANILA / REF O.CE384719

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THE PHILIPPINES : ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE''

TO FILE 1490/3/1656 FROM FILE 226/5/1

GIVEN THAT THE ENQUIRIES THAT WE ARE RECEIVING RELATE TO MISREPRESENTATION AND ALLEGED FRAUD BY CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'', WE FEEL THAT WE MAY NEED A SOMEWHAT SHARPER FORMULATION THAT THE DRAFT PARAGRAPHS CONTAINED IN YOUR REFTEL.

2. GRATEFUL YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ATTACHED DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT WHICH, SUBJECT TO YOUR AGREEMENT, WE PROPOSE TO RELEASE :

BEGINS...

''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY''

IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES, THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS FELT IT DESIRABLE TO CLARIFY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW WITH REGARD TO THE SO-CALLED ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY''. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ''PRINCIPALITY'' AND ITS PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES IN MANILA HAVE RECENTLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, WHICH HAS BEEN SETTLED FOR MANY YEARS, IS THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE''. ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE. THE ''PROVINCE'' IS MERELY A PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND.

THE SELF PROCLAIMED ''PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'' CONTINUES, HOWEVER, BY VARIOUS MEANS, TO SEEK RECOGNITION ABROAD FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF HIS ''PRINCIPALITY''. HIS LATEST UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS IN MANILA WHERE HIS ''FOREIGN MINISTER'' AND ''AMBASSADOR'' CALLED ON THE PHILIPPINES DFA IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE AN ''EMBASSY'' ACCREDITED IN THE PHILIPPINES.

PERSONS DEALING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'' SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT THOSE CONCERNED HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND, IN ITS VIEW, HAVE NO CLAIM TO DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS.

ENDS...

3. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED STATEMENT BEFORE RELEASE.

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TO.
PP MANILA/1169

FM. CANBERRA / REF O.MN72763

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THE PHILIPPINES: 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'

TO FILE 226/5/1 FROM FILE 1490/3/1656

WE AGREE

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PHILIPPINES : 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' - LETTER FROM s 47 F(1)

TO FILE 226/5/1 FROM FILE 1490/3/1656

WE AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT REPLY TO "SIR s 47 F(1) LETTER. IF HIS LETTER IS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, HE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS MR s 47 F(1)

2. WE FURTHER AGREE THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT REFUTING ANY CLAIMED STATUS FOR THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY" AND ITS PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES IN MANILA.

3. IN THE PRESS STATEMENT YOU MAY CARE TO DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH ARE ADDITIONAL TO CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 42/76.

4. THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" CONTINUES, BY VARIOUS MEANS, TO SEEK RECOGNITION ABROAD FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF HIS "PRINCIPALITY". AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE HE HAS MET WITH NO SUCCESS IN THIS. AS REPUTED IN O.MN71917 HIS LATEST UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS IN MANILA WHERE HIS "FOREIGN MINISTER" AND "AMBASSADOR" CALLED ON THE PHILIPPINES MFA IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE AN "EMBASSY" ACCREDITED IN THE PHILIPPINES.

5. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE MATTER HAS BEEN SETTLED FOR MANY YEARS. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" AND ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE. THIS "PROVINCE" IS MERELY A PRIVATE PROPERTY ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND AND HAS NO OTHER STANDING. THIS CONTINUES TO BE THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE MATTER, AND IT WILL TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THIS POSITION.

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TO.
PP CANBERRA/3709

FM. MANILA / REF O.MN72503

PHILIPPINES: 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' - 'SIR s 47 F(1)

FROM FILE 226/5/1

DURING A CALL ON s 33 (a)(iii) (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, DFA) ON 1 JULY, s 22 1(a)(ii) BRIEFED HIM CONCERNING COMPLAINTS THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE':

- A COPY OF THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE MINUTE CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF s 47 F(1) (ALIAS 'SIR s 47 F(1)') WAS PASSED OVER ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.,
- COPIES OF s 47 F(1) CRIMINAL RECORD ARE ALSO BEING PASSED OVER THE THE PHILIPPINES AUTHORITIES THROUGH POLICE CHANNELS.

2. s 33 (a)(iii) COMMENTED THAT, OF COURSE, THE REQUEST TO THE DFA SEEKING THE ACCREDIT ACTION OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' AS A FOREIGN MISSION WAS A NONSENSE AND THAT REQUEST 'WAS GOING NOWHERE'.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

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TO.
PP CANBERRA/3164

FM. MANILA / REF O.MN71917

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PHILIPPINES : ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY''

SINCE OUR REFTEL WAS DISPATCHED WE HAVE SIGHTED AN AUSTRALIAN
FEDERAL POLICE MINUTE NO. 24019 (87/7065) WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE
''AMBASSADOR'' OF THE ''HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY'', ''SIR
s 47 F(1) , ALIASS 47 F(1) MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH s 47 F(1)
WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD FOR
CONSPIRACY, OBTAINING CREDIT BY FRAUD, FALSE PRETENCES AND A RANGE OF
OTHER OFFENCES.

2. WE PROPOSE TO INFORM DFA OF THIS SUSPECTED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND,
PARTICULARLY AS THEY HAD EARLIER MADE ENQUIRIES ON THIS POINT.

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TO.
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THE PHILIPPINES : HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AN EMBASSY ACCREDITED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- THE 'FOREIGN MINISTER', s 47 F(1) IS CURRENTLY VISITING THE PHILIPPINES AND CALLED ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ESCORTED BY HIS 'AMBASSADOR', s 47 F(1) AN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMAN RESIDENT IN MANILA:

- HE SAW A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AMBASSADOR s 33 (a)(iii) ON 26 MAY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN A LITTLE PERPLEXED IN ITS RESPONSE TO s 47 F(1) AND HAS SOUGHT OUR ADVICE. WE RESPONDED ALONG THE LINES OF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 42/76.

3. WE HAVE ALSO SPOKEN WITH s 47 F(1) WHO SAID THAT HE IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL 'CITIZENS' WHO BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO INVEST IN THE PHILIPPINES:

- HE WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT THE PRINCIPALITY WOULD OBTAIN RECOGNITION, BUT WOULD BE CONTENT IF IT OBTAINED SOME SORT OF TRADE ENTITY:

- HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED AT THE NUMBER OF SENIOR DFA PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED HIS RECEPTION AND ADMIRING THE OFFICIAL UNIFORMS WHICH HE AND s 47 F(1) WORE, INCLUDING MEDALS WHICH THEY HAD AWARDED TO THEMSELVES.

COMMENT

4. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DFA TO ENSURE THAT THE MATTER DOES NOT GET OUT OF HAND BUT ESSENTIALLY BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ADOPT A LIGHT APPROACH:

- THE FILIPINOS HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR AND SEEM TO CONSIDER THE APPROACH ADOPTED BY s 47 F(1) AS AN EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING PLOY FOR WHAT THEY ACCEPT AS A GROUP WHICH MAY BE A POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

5. WE ARE FAXING SEPARATELY A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM s 47 F(1) TO DFA WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO US BY DFA.

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s 47 F(1)

AND s 22 1(a)(ii)

FROM FILE MN2-009/5

FM: AFP LO MN

TO: OIC INTERNAT

PLEASE ADVISE CRIMINAL HISTORY AND IF ANYTHING RECORDED INTEL II

s 47 F(1)

ALIAS

SIR s 47 F(1)

(HUTT RIVER PROVINCE) AND s 22 1(a)(ii)
BOTH PERSONS PRESENTLY IN THE

PHILIPPINES.

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TO.

PP LONDON/6490

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TO: FIRST SECRETARY, POLICE LIAISON (LONDON)
FM: OIC INTERNAT

SIR s 47 F(1)

BN 9.6.36

ANY REPLY PLEASE QUOTE LH/29/15

YOUR REF: 43/87 NSY AND CABLE LH5486 OF 13.3.87.

THE FOLLOWING IS IN REPLY TO THE ABOVE CABLE AND WAS RECEIVED
FROM NORTHERN REGION R.I.U. VIA THE VDU.

PRELIMINARY ENQUIRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING, THAT HE
HAS OBTAINED AN ILLEGAL PASSPORT NO. 2879/82 WHICH WAS ISSUED BY
'LEONARD' OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. HE USES THE TITLE OF 'SIR'
ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO SUCH TITLE. s 22 1(a)(ii)

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TO.
PP CANBERRA/3658

FM. MANILA /

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PHILIPPINES: 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' - LETTER FROM 'SIR s 47 F(1)

WE ARE FORWARDING BY FAX A LETTER AND ATTACHMENTS WHICH THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED FROM 'SIR s 47 F(1) ' WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS 'AMBASSADOR' AND 'TRADE COMMISSIONER' OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY'. ONE OF THE ATTACHMENTS IS A PHOTO-COPY OF AN ITEM WHICH APPEARED IN THE 'PHILIPPINE DAILY ENQUIRER' CONCERNING 'SIR s 47 F(1) ' DISPUTE WITH HIS LANDLORD.

2. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT PROPOSE TO REPLY TO THIS LETTER. TO DO SO MIGHT ONLY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE 'SIR s 47 F(1) ' IN THE FARCE IN WHICH HE IS ENGAGED AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO PURSUE A DIALOGUE WITH THE EMBASSY WHICH HE MIGHT AFTERWARDS TRY TO EXPLOIT FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES.

3. WE MIGHT ADD THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ENQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, A NUMBER OF WHOM CLAIM TO HAVE LENT 'SIR s 47 F(1) ' AND HIS ASSOCIATE, s 47 F(1) SIGNIFICANT SUMS OF MONEY.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT WE MAY SOON BE COMING TO THE POINT WHERE IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT REFUTING ANY CLAIMED STATUS FOR THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE PRINCIPALITY' AND ITS PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES IN MANILA.

- WE HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO TAKE THIS STEP SINCE IT MIGHT BE SEEN AS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE CONSCIOUSLY SEEKING PUBLICITY FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES.

- ON THE OTHER HAND, SURPRISING AS IT MAY SOUND, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO ATTACH CREDENCE TO THE CLAIMS OF 'SIR s 47 F(1) ', AND s 47 F(1) AND SOME OF THEM APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFERED FINANCIAL LOSS.

- IT IS PROBABLY NOW TIME FOR THE EMBASSY TO TAKE THE LEAD.

5. GRATEFUL ADVICE HOW YOU WOULD WISH US TO PROCEED.

- IN THE EVENT THAT YOU WOULD THINK IT ADVISABLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT, GRATEFUL ANY POINTS YOU WOULD WISH TO SEE INCLUDED IN SUCH A STATEMENT.

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'PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER' - COINAGE SALES

TO FILE 550/2/14 FROM FILE 1490/3/1656

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

"SUGGEST THAT YOU RESPOND IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

'UNDER AUSTRALIAN LAW, LEGAL TENDER CONSISTS ONLY OF NOTES ISSUED BY THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RESERVE BANK ACT 1959 AND COINS ISSUED BY THE TREASURER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CURRENCY ACT 1965.

THE SELF-STYLED 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' RUN BY A MR L G CASLEY, IS MERELY A PRIVATE PROPERTY ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND AND HAS NO OTHER STANDING.

ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE BY OR ON BEHALF OF MR CASLEY PURPORTING TO BE LEGAL TENDER HAVE NO SUCH STATUS.

WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION WHETHER THE SALE OF THESE 'COINS' IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD GIVE RISE TO ANY BREACH OF AUSTRALIAN LAW OR IS OTHERWISE OBJECTIONABLE, THE ENQUIRER SHOULD SEEK HIS OWN LEGAL ADVICE FROM A FIRM OF AUSTRALIAN LAWYERS WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRALIAN LAW., AND AS TO WHETHER THE SALE OF THESE 'COINS' IN THE UNITED STATES IS OBJECTIONABLE, FROM A FIRM OF UNITED STATES LAWYERS."

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'PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER' - COINAGE SALES

TO FILE 75/0631 FROM FILE 1490/3/1656

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

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'PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER': COINAGE SALES

FROM FILE 75/0631

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR RESPONSE TO REFTEL. WE ARE BEING
PRESSED BY LOCAL ATTORNEY OF BEHALF OF THE DEALER.

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'PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT RIVER': COINAGE SALES

IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO REVIVE A MARKET FOR 'HUTT RIVER' COINAGE SETS MADE BY THE FRANKLIN MINT, CONCESSIONS FOR THE SALE OF THESE SETS ARE BEING OFFERED TO DEALERS IN THIS COUNTRY. THE SETS ARE APPARENTLY THE UNSOLD STOCK OF A 'LIMITED EDITION' OF 40,000 SETS PRODUCED SOME YEARS AGO.

2. THE COINS PUOPRT TO BE 'PROVINCE OF HUTT RIVER' AND NOT AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY, BUT ARE CLAIMED TO HAVE PARITY WITH EQUIVALENT AUSTRALIAN DENOMINATIONS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY A FIRM OF LOCAL ATTORNEYS ACTING FOR A DEALER IN THIS COUNTRY WHETHER IN THE VIEW OF AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES THE SALE OF THESE COINS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD GIVE RISE TO ANY BREACH OF AUSTRALIAN LAW, OR IS OTHERWISE OBJECTIONABLE. GRATEFUL ADVICE.

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE: OVERSEAS TOUR BY s 47 F(1) AND WIFE

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COPY FOR CBA - ATTN: PROTOCOL BRANCH, PASSPORTS BRANCH, AMERICAS
BRANCH AND CSSA

WE HAD A CALL YESTERDAY FROMS 47 F(1) OF AVENUE PRINT,
COTTRILL STREET, MYAREE, PERTH TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
BY s 47 F(1) TO FIND OUT THE SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS
RELATING TO THE PRINTING OF 'DIPLOMATIC' STICKERS SO THAT HE COULD
PROCEED TO PRINT STICKERS FORS 47 F(1) WHO WOULD BE LEAVING FOR
OVERSEAS ON 3 AUGUST.

2. WE TOLDS 47 F(1) THAT WE KNEWS 47 F(1) AND THAT HE DESCRIBED
HIMSELF AS AN AMBASSADOR OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH HE HAD
THE SUPPORT OF LEONARD CASLEY IN THIS MATTER THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE
HAD NO STANDING INTERNATIONALLY NOR RECOGNITION FROM THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN AS A FARMING PROPERTY AND TOURIST VENUE.
HOWEVER, WE DID POINT OUT THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY NOTHING WE COULD
DO TO OR WOULD WISH TO DO TO STOP s 47 F(1) FROM USING 'DIPLOMATIC'
STICKERS ON HIS GOODS IF HE WISHED. THIS WAS CONFIRMED IN A
CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL CANBERRA.

3. s 47 F(1) SPOKE TO SFAR A MONTH OR SO AGO AND ASKED IF HE
COULD BE REFERRED TO IN HIS PASSPORT AS SIR s 47 F(1) IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS KNIGHTHOOD CONFERRED BY PRINCE LEONARD AND
IF HIS WIFE WHOM HE HAD RECENTLY MARRIED COULD BE REFERRED TO
AS LADY s 47 F(1)

4. SFAR MADE IT CLEAR THAT AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT
RECOGNISE THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE OR ACKNOWLEDGE PRINCE LEONARD
AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN MR LEONARD CASLEY, AN ORDINARY AUSTRALIAN
CITIZEN, IT COULD NOT GRANT HIM THE STYLE OF REFERENCES HE
REQUESTED. HE ACCEPTED THAT.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT s 47 F(1) AND HIS WIFE WILL BE LEAVING
PERTH ON 3 AUGUST TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA AND THEN WILL BE
TRAVELLING TO MEXICO CITY AND BRAZILIA ON BUSINESS.

6. PERSONAL PASSPORT DETAILS ON THE TWO ARE:

s 47 F(1).

s 47 F(1)

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CONSULAR - s 47 F(1) - CRIMINAL SUSPECT

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PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ARE ENQUIRING ABOUT A s 47 F(1) WHO
HAS BEEN LOCATED IN ALGARVE, CLAIMING TO BE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL.
WOLFGANG IS TRAVELLING ON PASSPORT ISSUED BY HUTT RIVER PROVINCE NO.
HR 0123. s 47 F(1)

2. THE NAME RINGS A BELL BUT AM UNABLE TO LOCATE OR RECALL REASON.
HE IS NOT ON P.C.F.

3. GRATEFUL FOR URGENT ADVICE BY RETURN THAT s 47 F(1) IS NOT WANTED
BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES AND THAT WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIM.

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MR LEONARD CASLEY AND THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'

35. WE HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN CANBERRA CONCERNING THE STATUS OF MR LEONARD CASLEY AND THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'.

36. MR CASLEY HAS MASQUERADED UNDER THE NAME 'PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT' FOR MANY YEARS NOW, AND HAS BUILT HIS WHEAT-GROWING PROPERTY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA INTO A THRIVING TOURIST ATTRACTION. SUCCESSIVE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ASCHEWED ACCORDING CASLEY ANY OF THE STATUS HE HAS SOUGHT. HE PAYS AUSTRALIAN TAXES AND HIS ACTIVITIES GENERALLY REMAIN WITHIN THE LIMITS PERMITTED BY AUSTRALIAN LAW.

37. MR CASLEY IS, HOWEVER, INCREASING HIS ACTIVITES OVERSEAS AND AMONG MISSIONS IN CANBERRA. IN HONG KONG HE HAS APPLIED FOR A TRADE MARK IN THE NAME OF 'THE EMBASSY OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE LIMITED'. IN CANBERRA HE RECENTLY SENT A NOTE TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY PROTESTING AT THE APPREHENSION IN THE UNITED STATES OF A SHIP PURPORTING TO HAVE BEEN REGISTERED IN THE 'PROVINCE'.

38. THE THEN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUMMARISED AUSTRALIAN POLICY ON THE ISSUE IN A STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON 27 MAY 1982 IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

'IN 1976, MY DEPARTMENT ADVISED ALL OVERSEAS POSTS THAT ANY INQUIRIES FROM GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF MR CASLEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITS INTERNATIONAL STATUS'.... (SENATE HANSARD, 27.5.82, P.2605).

39. THIS REMAINS THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES BE DISCOURAGED FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT LEAD MR CASLEY TO BELIEVE HIS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OR STATUS OR THAT OF HIS FARM ARE GATHERING MOMENTUM.

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PRINCIPALITY OF HUTT : MR LEONARD CASLEY

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TO FILE 1490/3/1656 FM FILE 36/4/27

THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES HAS FOUR REGISTRATIONS INVOLVING THE
USE OF THE WORDS HUTT RIVER. THEY ARE:

- HUTT RIVER AGENCIES (HRA)
- HUTT RIVER INVESTMENT FOUNDATION
- HUTT RIVER RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTERS
- HUTT RIVER SPECIAL REGISTER

2. OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES SAYS THEY HAVE NO
REGISTRATION INVOLVING THE TERMS HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND SAY THAT
THE WORD PROVINCE WOULD BE A BANNED WORD IN THAT CONTEXT FOR THE
SAME REASONS THAT QUOTE SHIRE, MUNICIPAL AND MUNICIPALITY UNQUOTE
ARE BANNED WORDS I.E. THEY CAN PURPORT TO BE SOMETHING THAT THEY
ARE NOT.

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