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SUBJECT: SUPPLIER REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF FUEL ISSUED

TO U.S. NAVY SHIPS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 250 (NOTAL)

1. APRIL 17 CONGEN RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED

APRIL 8

FROM SONAREP SIGNED BY ITS CHIEF OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES,
STATING QUOTE (TRANSLATED FROM PORTUGUESE): AS YOU ALREADY
KNOW, WE AGREED TO SUPPLY USS PAUL/MULLINNIX WITH 370 M3
OF GASOIL. ALTHOUGH SUPPLIES OF THIS NATURE MAY ENDANGER
NORMAL FUEL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL MARKET, WE DID NOT WANT TO
STOP GIVING OUR BEST COOPERATION. WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE
GRATEFUL IF ON FUTURE SUPPLIES, YOU COULD OBTAIN A GUARANTEE
OF REPLACEMENT OF PRODUCT, WITHOUT WHICH IT MAY NOT BE POS-
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SIBLE FOR US TO SATISFY YOUR REQUESTS. FURTHER, I WOULD

ALSO APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING GASOIL ALREADY PROVIDED. UNQUOTE.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, SONAREP PROVIDED APPROX. ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND GALLONS GASOIL TO USS LOELSCH AND USS BRUMBY DURING PORT VISIT APRIL 13-15.

3. AS INDICATED REFTEL, AND AS CONFIRMED YESTERDAY BY SONAREP'S MANAGING DIRECTOR CARVALHO, THERE ARE NOW AMPLE SUPPLIES OF GASOIL IN MOZAMBIQUE. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PASS ON ALL REQUESTS FOR BUNKERING FUEL INCLUDING THOSE BY US NAVAL SHIPS. THIS COMMITTEE ASKED SONAREP TO TRY TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENT FROM US GOVT FOR FUEL SUPPLIED US NAVAL SHIPS, AS SAFEGUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF FUEL CRISIS, AND THIS PROMPTED ABOVE LETTER. HOWEVER, AFTER WE DISCUSSED LETTER WITH CARVALHO, HE TOLD US TO REGARD IT AS INFORMAL REQUEST ONLY FOR TIME BEING, AS HE WANTED TO EXPLORE MATTER FURTHER WITH SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO MAKE CERTAIN EVERY ONE IS AWARE OF ALL POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S AND US NAVY'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF BUNKERING FUEL, AND ANY COMPLICATIONS FORESEEN.
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