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TO DIRECTOR
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THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR., SM-C.

REMYLET FEBRUARY 27 LAST.

RALPH SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USIS, AMERICAN EMBASSY, REFERRING TO SERIES OF ARTICLES BY SUBJECT APPEARING IN L'EXPRESS, TODAY STATED HE HAD BEEN UNOFFICIALLY ADVISED BY [redacted] THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN KNOWN COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER IN U.S. WE ADVISED SMITH BUCHANAN HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF SECURITY-TYPE INQUIRY BY BUREAU AND REFERRED HIM TO BUREAU FOR FURTHER INFO.

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SMITH IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTING TO DISCREDIT SUBJECT IN SOME WAY IN ORDER TO WEAKEN LOCAL EFFECT HIS ARTICLES.

SMITH IS REQUESTING HIS HEADQUARTERS CONTACT BUREAU FOR ANY INFO WHICH CAN BE RELEASED. IS RECOMMENDING THAT IF ANY INFO IS RELEASED, IT BE DONE THROUGH "REPUTABLE, NON - OFFICIAL MEDIUM" TO AVOID POSSIBLE CRITICISM THAT ANY U.S. AGENCY ATTEMPTING SMEAR BUCHANAN. SMITH ALSO ASKING TO BE CONSULTED PRIOR TO RELEASE ANY INFO IN ORDER TO EVALUATE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OR HARM RESULTING THEREFROM.

FOREGOING TO ALERT BUREAU TO FORTHCOMING INQUIRY. WILL FOLLOW WITH SMITH AND ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

[redacted] NORMAN W. PHILCOX

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