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TOLD CONFIDENTIALLY REASON FOR EMBASSY CLAMP-DOWN ON PASSPORT
CONFIRMATION-DENIAL IS THAT HANDLING OF THIS CASE MAY SET PRECEDENT
FOR HANDLING OF SIMILAR CASES IN FUTURE. CAN'T PIN DOWN HERE BUT
APPARENTLY IT INVOLVES A THIRD COUNTRY STOP-OVER (IN THIS CASE WEST
GERMANY) AND PERHAPS SOME KIND OF A U.S. PASSPORT
GUARANTEE THAT U.S. WILL TAKE OFF THIRD COUNTRY'S HANDS AT LATER DATE.
SUGGEST TRY STATE DEPARTMENT.

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