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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: CGEN (HAZNERS, VILIS)

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE, WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 234423 (B) EMBASSY 03808

1. FOR STOCKHOLM - AS STATED DEPARTMENT'S REFTEL, INS PURSUING DEPORTATION CASE AGAINST VILIS HAZNERS AND RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY, IVARS BERZINS, TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS OF WITNESSES AT EMBASSY.

2. INS STATES RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY DESIRES DEPOSE ADDITIONAL WITNESS, ALEKSANDRS PLENSNERS, JUNGFRUNS GATAN 415,13660 HANDEN, TELEPHONE: 08-777-835. PLEASE SUBMIT REQUEST FOR DEPOSITION OF THIS WITNESS TO MFA AND CONFIRM HIS AVAILABILITY ON OCTOBER 25.

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3. ATTORNEY BERZINS BELIEVES DEPOSITIONS 3 WITNESSES, 2 MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND PLENSNERS, WILL BE CONCLUDED IN 1 DAY. INS ATTORNEYS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ROOM AND TAPE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE 2 DAYS.

4. PLENSNERS REPORTEDLY CONFINED TO WHEELCHAIR.

5. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES WITNESS LOBE'S SWEDISH NOT ENOUGH TO TESTIFY 1-4 HOURS, REQUEST INTERPRETER, MENTIONED

EMBASSY REFTEL BE RETAINED FOR HALF DAY OCTOBER 25. IF NO SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IN HIRING SEPARATE INTERPRETER (SWEDISH/ENGLISH ONLY) FOR OTHER WITNESSES, INTERPRETER MENTIONED SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR FULL DAY WITH OPTION OF BEING AVAILABLE SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 26. IF DEPOSITION DOES NOT TAKE PLACE BY REASON SWEDEN'S FAILURE TO GRANT PERMISSION, GOVERNMENT WILL NOT EXPECT TO PAY ANY FEE TO INTERPRETER. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AT TIME OF DEPOSITION BY CHARGE AGAINST FUND CITATION PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED.

6. FOR MELBOURNE - RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY HAS ARRANGED FOR DEPOSITIONS NOVEMBER 1 RATHER THAN OCTOBER 31; ALSO, HE PLANS TO HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL WITNESSES SO DEPOSITIONS WILL TAKE TWO, POSSIBLY THREE DAYS, I.E., NOVEMBER 1-3. CAN CONSULATE GENERAL ACCOMMODATE CHANGES? IF SO PLEASE EXTEND BOYLAN HOTEL RESERVATION THROUGH NOVEMBER 3.

7. DEPOSITIONS FOR RESPONDENT TO BE CONDUCTED BY AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY VILIS EGLITE, 90 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE 3001. PLEASE CONFIRM THROUGH EGLITE WITNESSES AVAILABILITY ON DATES INDICATED AND INFORM DEPARTMENT.

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8. WITNESSES ARE: EMILS DELINS, BOX 23, P.O. KEW, VIC. 3101
VOLDEMARS MALINS, 1 SANDFORD STREET, KENSINGTON GDNS, S.A. 5086; J.M. MEIERS, 30 BLYTH STREET, PARKSIDE S.A. 5063;
VALENTINE SIRANTS, 27 SIMMONS STREET, BOX HILL NORTH, VIC. 3129; VERNERS VOITKUS, FLAT 17, 70 THE BOULEVARDE, STRATT-FIELD, N.S.W. 2135. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT WITNESSES DIRECTLY. CHRISTOPHER

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