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USDOC SOUTH FOR RADN KIDD
UJYS LIBERTY PRESS CONFERENCE

- A SECDEF CITE 9078 FROM ASD (PA) SGD GOULDING (282051Z JUN 67) (NOTAL)
- B CINCUSNAVEUR 221516Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)
- C COMSIXTHFLT 231125Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)

1. IN VIEW REF A, REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF APPARENT AUTHORIZATION FOR

PAGZ TWO RUOKC 8435 UNCLAS E F T O

COMMANDING OFFICER USS LIBERTY TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESS CONFERENCE INTERVIEW AT MALTA AT LEAST ONE DAY BUT NOT LATER THAN TWO DAYS AFTER NEWS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON ON LIBERTY COURT OF INQUIRY. PARA 4 REF B PERTAINS.

2. COMMANDING OFFICER PREFERENCES TO AVOID PRESS CONFERENCE IF POSSIBLE. AMBASSADORE FELLMAN HAS AGREED TO ATTEND AND PERMIT CONFERENCE IN AMEMB VALLETTA AND WILL ADVISE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES OF DATE AND TIME IF CONFERENCE TO BE CONDUCTED.

3. SECDEF RELEASE NOT CURRENTLY HELD BY USS LIBERTY OR AMEMB VALLETTA.

4. IN ANY EVENT PRESS CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE HELD PRIOR TO RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF SECDEF NEW RELEASE, NOR PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CDR COONEY FROM

COMSIXTHFLT STAFF, REF C PERTAINS.

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