DURING CONSULAR VISIT TO PRAGUE ON 15-16 AUGUST, §33 (a)(iii)
AUSTRALIAN DESK OFFICER, CZECH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THANKED
US FOR INFORMATION WE PROVIDED ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S
POSITION ON THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' (PARA 5 OF REFTEL REFER).

2. §33 (a)(iii) CONFIRMED THAT THE CZECH NATIONAL, §47 F(1) WHO HAD
SOLVED ACCREDITATION AS A SO-CALLED AMBASSADOR OF THE 'HUTT RIVER
PROVINCE', HAD BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED BY THE CZECH MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT, GIVEN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION,
THEY WOULD NOT RECOGNISE THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE NOR HIS STATUS AS
SO-CALLED AMBASSADOR. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT CHARGES'
AGAINST §47 F(1) HAVE NOW BEEN DROPPED.

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START OF SUMMARY

WE HAVE PROVIDED THE CZECH FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH FORMAL ADVICE OF AUSTRALIA'S POSITION ON THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE', FOLLOWING MEDIA ATTENTION BY A CZECH NATIONAL WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE AMBASSADOR OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'.

END OF SUMMARY

DURING A CONSULAR VISIT TO PRAGUE BY WARSAW CONSULAR TEAM FROM 22-23 MAY, $33 (a)(ii) AUSTRALIAN DESK OFFICER, CZECH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ASKED US ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'.

2. HE PASSED US A COPY OF A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE CZECH PUBLICATION, PRAVO, REGARDING THE SO-CALLED 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' AMBASSADOR, §47 F(1) (A CZECH NATIONAL). ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, SUCHY OBTAINED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PRINCIPALITY' IN 1996, TOGETHER WITH LETTERS OF CREDENTIAL APPOINTING HIM TO REPRESENT "THE SOVEREIGN, PRINCE LEONARD", IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT §47 F(1) SENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE CZECH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUT HAS TO DATE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

3. THE ARTICLE OUTLINES HOW §47 F(1) RAN INTO TROUBLE WITH CZECH AUTHORITIES WHEN HE DECIDED TO USE THE 'HUTT RIVER' PASSPORT AFTER THE CZECH PARLIAMENT PASSED A LAW ALLOWING FOR CZECH CITIZENS TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE CITIZENSHIP. ON HIS RETURN TO PRAGUE FROM KENYA IN 1999, §47 F(1) WAS ARRESTED BY THE CZECH POLICE AT RUZYNĚ AIRPORT. HE WAS LATER CHARGED WITH THE ALLEGED FORGERY OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, IS STILL POTENTIALLY FACING A SENTENCE OF TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT. AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, §47 F(1) CLAIMS TO HAVE MET WITH PRINCE LEONARD WHO HAD PROMISED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS CASE.

4. WE HAVE FAXED SEPARATELY THE PRÁVO ARTICLE AND TRANSLATION TO CONSULAR POLICY.

5. ON RETURN FROM PRAGUE WE ARRANGED FOR OUR HONORARY CONSUL, PRAGUE TO PROVIDE §33 (a)(iii) CZECH MFA WITH INFORMAL ADVICE ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' (DRAWING ON ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR No. 0034 of 20 FEBRUARY 1997). WE HAVE NOW ALSO SENT FORMAL ADVICE THROUGH A THIRD-PERSON NOTE, DATED 25 MAY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVISE.
POLICE LIAISON

TO FILE LO/96/104/4     FM.FILE LO/47/7

FOR APP
FM: s 22 1(a)(ii)

A) SUBJECT:
REQUEST FOR ENQUIRES- FBI LAS VEGAS

B) PERSONS:
s 47 F(1)

C) INFORMATION:
INDICES AVAILABLE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

HUPT RIVER PROVINCE IS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. THE PROVINCE IS NOT RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE THE PERSON s 47 F(1) IS NOT ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR STATUS.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS A NUMBER OF ADVERTISEMENTS HAVE APPEARED IN OVERSEAS NEWSPAPERS ADVERTISING THE SALE OF TITLE ETC AND A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE PURCHASED THE TITLES NOT REALISING THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR STATUS.

D) COMMENT:
NIL.

E) TASK:
FOR INFORMATION.

F) PRIORITY:
MEDIUM

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TO:
RR: CANBERRA, FOREIGN/
FM: PERTH / PF /

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE
FROM FILE 36/4/27

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE WERE PHONED TODAY BY THE HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL FOR SAN MERINO, §33 (a)(iii) CONCERNING APPROACHES WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO HER TO HAVE THE SAN MERINO GOVERNMENT ACCORD RECOGNITION TO THE SO CALLED "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE".

2. §33 (a)(iii) INDICATED SHE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CANBERRA AND WAS AWARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S NON-RECOGNITION OF THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE". SHE WAS, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT BEMUSED AT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE "PROVINCE" AND SOUGHT ADVICE AS TO WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING AGAINST IT.

3. WE PROVIDED §33(a)(iii) WITH THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT IN THE MINISTRY OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET.

XC. O.CE726171 1739 26.06.97

CM. §22 1(a)(ii)

RC. §22 1(a)(ii)

S1. JASA FILE
S2. CBBB FILE
DA. CFAP
AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE (HRP) HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, SEEKING TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PROVINCE. WHILST ORIGINALLY IT SEEMED THAT THE FOCUS WAS ON THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, WE HAVE HEARD FROM AMBASSADORS FROM LATIN AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF SIMILAR DOCUMENTATION BEING RECEIVED BY THEM FROM THE HRP REPRESENTATIVE.

2. DRAWING ON THE CONTENTS OF THE STANDARD TEXT TO BE USED WHEN REFERRING TO THE HRP AND OTHER SELF-STYLED PROVINCES (CONTAINED IN O.CE693585), WE ADVISED THE MFA AND ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS REPRESENTED IN BUDAPEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION CONCERNING THE HRP. WE HAVE RECEIVED APPRECIATION OF THANKS FROM MANY EMBASSIES FOR THIS INFORMATION.

3. IN ADDITION, THE HRP ISSUE HAS PROMPTED THE HUNGARIAN MFA TO ISSUE ITS OWN NOTE VERBALE STATEING ITS POSITION IN RELATION TO THE HRP. THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES THE TEXT OF THE NOTE RECEIVED FROM LOCAL MFA ON THE ISSUE:

TEXT BEGINS

P/9-3/97

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN BUDAPEST AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THEM ON THE POSITION OF THE MINISTRY IN RELATION TO THE SO CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T RECOGNISE ANY COUNTRY OR INDEPENDENT TERRITORY UNDER THE NAME OF "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE".

THE SO-CALLED GENERAL CONSULATE OF THE SELF-STYLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE DOESN'T HAVE THE PERMISSION TO USE NEITHER THIS NAME, NEITHER THIS STAMPS IN HUNGARY AND HAS NO PERMISSION FROM THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ANY CONSULAR ACTIVITY.

STANDARD FINAL PARAGRAPH

BUDAPEST 28 FEBRUARY 1997

TEXT ENDS

4. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NOTE FROM THE MFA TOGETHER WITH OUR OWN TPNS WILL CLARIFY THE (NON-EXISTENT) STATUS OF THE HRP WITHIN THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WILL PUT AND END TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HRP REPRESENTATIVE IN BUDAPEST.

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"HUPT RIVER PROVINCE" AND OTHER PURPORTED "SECESSIONIST PRINCIPALITIES"

ADMIN CIRCULAR P0044 OF 20 FEBRUARY 1997 REGARDING "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE" AND OTHER PURPORTED "SECESSIONIST PRINCIPALITIES" IS NOW ON INFORM AND PRINTED COPIES SHOULD ARRIVE AT POSTS NEXT WEEK. A COPY FOLLOWS.

BEGINS

POSTS AND STATE OFFICES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME RECEIVE ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE STATUS OF PURPORTED SECESSIONIST PRINCIPALITIES. THE BEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THESE IS THE SO-CALLED "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE", BUT WE HAVE COME ACROSS SEVERAL OTHERS INCLUDING "PONDEROSA" AND "SOLARIA". NONE OF THESE PURPORTED PRINCIPALITIES ARE RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, BY ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, BUT OCCASIONALLY "REPRESENTATIVES" OF THESE "PRINCIPALITIES" HAVE CONTACTED OTHER GOVERNMENTS SEEKING RECOGNITION, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF DOCUMENTS WHICH PURPORT TO BE PASSPORTS.

2. SOME OF THESE "PRINCIPALITIES", NOTABLY THE "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE" HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH SCHEMES OFFERING "ROYAL TITLES", "DIPLOMATIC" OR "CONSULAR" APPOINTMENTS, "PASSPORTS" OR "LEGAL TENDER COINS". THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IS THAT NONE OF THESE "TITLES", "APPOINTMENTS", "PASSPORTS" OR "CURRENCY" ARE RECOGNISED AS VALID.

3. IN CASES WHERE POSTS BECOME AWARE THAT INDIVIDUALS PURPORTING TO BE "REPRESENTATIVES" OF THESE ENTITIES ARE SEEKING TO GAIN RECOGNITION, STATUS OR PRIVILEGES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES THEY SHOULD DRAW THE POSITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THOSE AUTHORITIES.

4. BELOW IS A FORM OF TEXT WHICH POSTS AND STATE OFFICES MAY DRAW UPON IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE". THIS TEXT COULD BE MODIFIED TO DEAL WITH OTHER PURPORTED "SECESSIONIST PRINCIPALITIES". POSTS AND STATE OFFICES MAY DIRECT THEIR FURTHER ENQUIRIES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND DOMESTIC LAW GROUP (ADL, BIGRAM A7), IN THE LEGAL OFFICE.

SUGGESTED TEXT BEGINS:

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE", LEGALLY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY.

THE AREA OF LAND WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE" IS A PRIVATELY-OWNED WHEAT-GROWING PROPERT ON THE HUPT RIVER, NORTH OF GERALDTON IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. IT HAS NO SPECIAL STATUS. IT HAS NO SEPARATE SOVEREIGNTY AND REMAINS SUBJECT TO THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF AUSTRALIA.

FOLLOWING FROM ITS POLICY OF NOT RECOGNISING THE "HUPT RIVER PROVINCE", THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE "ROYAL
TITLES" NOR "TITLES OF OFFICE, SUCH AS "HEAD OF STATE", "STATEMINISTER" AND "MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS" ASSUMED BY THE FAMILY OWNING THE PROPERTY NOR THE USE OF TERMS SUCH AS "CONSULATES" AND "PRINCIPALITY" IN RELATION TO THE "HUUT RIVER PROVINCE". DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO BE "PASSPORTS" ISSUED BY THE "HUUT RIVER PROVINCE" ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

SUGGESTED TEXT ENDS

LESLIE ROWE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

ENDS

XC. O.CE693585 1024 21.02.97
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CH. § 22 l(a)(ii) EXECUTIVE LIAISON SECTION / EXB, § 22 l(a)(ii)

RC. § 22 l(a)(ii) EXECUTIVE LIAISON SECTION / EXB, § 22 l(a)(ii)

SL. LBG FILE
DA. CFAF
THE AMBASSADOR OF MOLDOVA CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR TODAY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND TO SEEK ADVICE ON THE OFFICIAL STATUS OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE IN BUDAPEST HAS BEEN FLOODING EMBASSIES WITH REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PROVINCE. WE ADVISED HIM THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE PROVINCE AND THAT HE COULD SAFELY IGNORE THE CORRESPONDENCE AS ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THE PROVINCE'S CLAIMS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THIS IS WHAT HE HAD DONE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE STATUS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCE, MAINLY FROM AMBASSADORS OF EASTERN EUROPE. THE EMBASSY OF UKRAINE HAS SENT US A COPY OF THE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED AND THIS HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ADL FOR INFORMATION. (AF BAG OF 21/2/97). THE AMBASSADOR OF MOLDOVA HAS RECEIVED THE SAME PACKAGE.

3. AMONG THE MATERIAL IS A COPY OF WHAT PURPORTS TO BE A BRIEFING NOTE FROM THE FORMER DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES TO THE THEN MINISTER STATING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE PRINCIPALITY IS A LEGAL ENTITY; THAT PRINCE LEONARD IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX; THAT THE PROVINCE'S PASSPORTS ARE VALID; AND THAT NOTHING IN ANY LEGISLATION WOULD PRECLUDE RECOGNITION. RATHER DISTURBINGLY, THE NOTE IS STAMPED 'AUSTEIO SECRET' WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS THE AMBASSADOR OF MOLDOVA WAS ANXIOUS TO DRAW IT TO OUR ATTENTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION ON THE AUTHENTICITY AND CONTENTS OF THE BRIEFING NOTE.

XC. O.BT1608 1242 20.02.97

CMS 22 1(a)(ii)

RC's 22 1(a)(ii)

S1. CBG FILE
DA. CPAF
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed letter to §47F(1) as set out in RepTel. We have recently had occasion to make some minor revisions to our standard points for responding to queries regarding the "Hutt River Province". These have been cleared with the Attorney-General's department.

2. Bearing these revisions in mind, we have some amendments to suggest to your draft, which follow:

(Replace second paragraph with): The "Hutt River Province" has no special status. It has no separate sovereignty and remains subject to the Australian Constitution and the laws of Australia.

(Replace third paragraph with): The Australian Government does not recognise the "Hutt River Province", legally or in any other way. To our knowledge, no other country has recognised it as a sovereign state.

(Replace fourth paragraph with): Documents purporting to be passports issued by the "Hutt River Province" are not recognised as valid travel documents by the Australian Government or, to our knowledge, any other government. (Delete second sentence.)

(Delete fifth paragraph - it is not, in our view, appropriate for the Australian Government to make this statement.)

(Replace sixth paragraph with): We are unaware of any person purporting to be a diplomatic or consular representative of the "Hutt River Province" having been accredited with such status by authorities in Germany. Apart from this, we would not have any further comment to make in relation to claims by Mr Steyer, or anyone else, to the effect that they have such status.

(Replace seventh paragraph with): The embassy did not recommend Mr §47F(1) arrest by local police in Bavaria. (i.e., delete rest of paragraph.)

3. You will note that we think it advisable to keep responses to §47F(1) on this matter short and factual (and hence the need to slightly qualify our comments about other states' recognition etc).

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

FROM FILE: PA12/97

UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, A CONSULAR OFFICER WILL REPLY TO THE LETTER FROM $47F(1) AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINS

DEAR HERR $47F(1)

THE FEDERAL GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE LONGSTANDING POSITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES IN RELATION TO THE SO-CALLED QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE, INCLUDING THAT

- THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE HAS NO SPECIAL STATUS AND IS PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATION. THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF AUSTRALIA APPLY THERE AS THEY DO EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY.

- THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE IN ANY WAY. ANY CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE. NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS RECOGNISED THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE.

- ALLEGED QUOTE PASSPORTS UNQUOTE OF THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE ARE NOT RECOGNISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE NOT VALID FOR ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA.

- IT IS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE HAVE NO RIGHT TO DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR OR OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS OR TO ANY IMMUNITIES OR PRIVILEGES LINKED TO SUCH STATUS.

PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE QUOTE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ACCREDITATION IN GERMANY. IT IS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING THAT PERSONS CLAIMING SUCH A STATUS CAN FACE DIFFICULTY WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

THE EMBASSY DID NOT RECOMMEND $47F(1) ARREST BY LOCAL POLICE IN BAVARIA. IT SIMPLY INFORMED THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE AUSTRALIAN POSITION WHEN THEY HAD DOUBT ABOUT THE DOCUMENT HE PRODUCED.

ENDS

2. FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF $47F(1) LETTERS TO THE AMBASSADOR:

1) LETTER OF 14 DECEMBER 1996
DEAR AMBASSADOR, YOUR EXCELLENCY,

AS YOU WILL CERTAINLY KNOW FROM THE PAST, I REPRESENT HRH PRINCE LEONARD OF THE HUXT RIVER PRINCIPALITY IN GERMANY AND EUROPE.

ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THERE HAVE BEEN INQUIRIES PUT TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN BONN ON THE HUXT RIVER PROVINCE WHICH HAVE BEEN RESPONDED TO BY YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION IN AN INSULTING WAY (SEE YOUR NOTE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT A QUERY FROM THE CITY OF PFOREHOLD).

CONCERNING THIS NOTE, WE HAVE LODGED AN OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR OF AUSTRALIA. WE ASSUME THAT HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II, WILL HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY HIM. IF NOT, I WILL PERSONALLY SEE TO IT. THE CONTENTS OF OUR NOTE SHOULD BE KNOWN TO YOU. THE AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAS ASSURED PRINCE LEONARD THAT THE ASSERTIONS WILL BE LOOKED AT.


TODAY, 14 DECEMBER 1996, OUR CONSULATE-GENERAL IN FRANCE (THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS ALWAYS REFERS INQUIRIES ABOUT HUXT RIVER TO THAT CONSULATE) HAS INFORMED ME THAT A $47 F(1) RESIDENT OF FRANCE AND FRENCH CITIZEN AS WELL AS SPECIAL EMBASSADOR FOR THE HUXT RIVER PROVINCE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN OLCHING NEAR MUNICH. THE POLICE HAD MISTAKENLY CALLED UP THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN BONN. YOUR OFFICE HAD THEN SAID $47 F(1) DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WAS FALSE AND THE HUXT RIVER PROVINCE DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO ISSUE SUCH DOCUMENTS.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THATS $47 F(1) BE ARRESTED AS AN ALLEGED DEFRAUDER.

$47 F(1) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO THE STADELHEIM PRISON WHERE HE IS STILL HELD.

PRINCE LEONARD AND OUR CONSULATE-GENERAL IN FRANCE HAVE ASKED ME TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

WOULD YOU PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO $47 F(1) TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST YOU INCLUDING A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE ILLEGAL ARREST INSTIGATED BY YOU.

THE PRINCIPALITY WILL APPROACH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE UNFRIENDLY ACTION OF THE EMBASSY AND ASK THEM TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.

BY GIVING THAT ADVICE, YOU NOT ONLY ACTED AGAINST COMMONWEALTH, AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT YOU ASSISTED IN HAVING AN INNOCENT AND DECENT MAN PUT IN PRISON. THIS IS QUITE CRIMINAL AS THE EXISTENCE OF HUXT RIVER WAS DENIED AGAINST BETTER KNOWLEDGE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HUXT RIVER PRINCIPALITY EXISTS LEGALLY AND THAT I WILL HENCEFORTH REACT WITH ALL REQUIRED FIRMNESS IF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF YOUR EMBASSY CONTINUES TO GIVE SUCH INSULTING AND INCORRECT ADVICE.

WE WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU ACCEPTED OUR EXTENDED HAND AND CORRESPONDED WITH US IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP. YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE
FACT ANYMORE THAT OUR SMALL STATE EXISTS AND THAT RECOGNITIONS WILL SHORTLY BE SIGNED. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SEeks TO HAVE REALISED THIS LONG AGO.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TELL YOUR STAFF THAT ANY FUTURE INQUIRIES ABOUT US (THE HUTT RIVER PRINCIPALITY) BE DIRECTED TO ME.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AND APOLOGY. IF I DO NOT RECEIVE SUCH A RESPONSE I WILL APPROACH OUR FRIENDS IN THE MEDIA AND PUBLICISE THE INCIDENT IN ALL DETAIL.

YOURS, $47 F(1) CONSUL-GENERAL

ENDS

2) LETTER OF 15 DECEMBER 1996

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON TO YOU A LETTER WHICH I RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM HUTT RIVER.

AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, WE ARE NOT WILLING TO TACITLY ACCEPT EVERYTHING. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE FRENCH MISSION.

PLEASE GIVE US THE NAME OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THE ADVICE TO THE POLICE. WE PLAN TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION.

I WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOUR EXCELLENCY COULD SHOW A WAY HOW THIS MATTER COULD BE SETTLED AMICABLY.

SINCERELY, $47 F(1) HUTT RIVER PRINCIPALITY

ENDS.

4. A LETTER FROM QUOTE PRINCE LEONARD UNQUOTE TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, WHICH $47 F(1) ATTACHED TO HIS LETTER OF 15 DECEMBER, FOLLOWS BY FAX TO EUB.

5. GRATEFUL ADVICE.

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CM. $22 1(a)(ii)

RC $22 1(a)(ii)

S1. CBCB FILE

S2. CABB FILE

DA. CFAF
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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A NOTE FROM THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IN BUDAPEST, § 47 F(1) TO A GROUP OF 18-20 EMBASSIES REQUESTING A MEETING OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE MINISTER OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, § 33 (a)(iii) WHO WILL BE VISITING HUNGARY ON 20.1.97.

2. THE ENQUIRIES PROMPTED US TO ADVISE THE HUNGARIAN MFA AND ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS REPRESENTED IN HUNGARY THAT AUSTRALIA DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE NOR PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE.

3. GRATEFUL ADVICE WHETHER ANY FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED BY US.

4. COPY OF LETTER FROM § 47 F(1) TO MOLDAVIAN EMBASSY (ONE OF THE EMBASSIES WHICH RANG) WILL BE FAXED TO PROTOCOL AND CNW.

5. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, WE WERE CONTACTED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO ALSO ENQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR EXPLANATION, HE ADVISED THAT THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO PROSECUTE THE PERSON CALLING HIMSELF CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

IN REFERENCE TO PARA 6 OF REFTEL, THIS EMBASSY DOES NOT/NOT REFER ENQUIRERS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THE HUTT RIVER TO THE QUOTE CONSULATE GENERAL UNQUOTE AS ALLEGED BY § 47 F(1)

2. WE HAVE BOTH A STANDARD LETTER AND SET OF TALKING POINTS WHICH ARE USED TO RESPOND TO ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE HUTT RIVER WHICH ADVISE THAT THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE HAS NO LEGAL VALIDITY UNDER AUSTRALIAN OR INTERNATIONAL LAW. NO ADVICE IS GIVEN AS TO WHERE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE HUTT RIVER MAY BE OBTAINED.

3. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF THE ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS OF A HUTT RIVER QUOTE CONSULATE GENERAL UNQUOTE IN FRANCE ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE THAT A RECENT TELEVISION PROGRAM SHOWN HERE DID REFER TO SUCH AN OFFICE BEING IN THE LYON AREA.

XC. O.PA1964 1055 20.12.96
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S1. CABB FILE
S2. CBG FILE
S3. CBCB FILE
DA. CFAF
THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF AN ALLEGED DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT ISSUED BY THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE.

2. ON FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER, FIRST A REAL ESTATE AGENT FROM BAVARIA ASKED THE EMBASSY ABOUT THEVALIDITY OF SUCH A DOCUMENT, PRESENTED BY A $47 F(1) IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF SOME REAL ESTATE.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE POLICE OFFICE IN OLCING, BAVARIA, PHONED THE EMBASSY QUERYING THE VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENT. THE POLICE FELT $47 F(1) WAS A FRENCH RESIDENT AND APPARENTLY A FRENCH CITIZEN AS WELL. THEY ADVISED $47 F(1) HAD PRESENTED THE DOCUMENT TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF FOLLOWING A CHARGE RAISED BY A LOCAL HOTEL WHERE HE WAS STAYING THAT HE HAD NOT PAID HIS BILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

4. WE ADVISED IN BOTH INSTANCES THAT THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE WAS A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND THAT ANY PASSPORT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THEM DID NOT HAVE ANY LEGAL VALIDITY UNDER AUSTRALIAN OR INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. TODAY WE RECEIVED TWO FAXMILE MESSAGES, ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR, BY A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HUTT RIVER PRINCIPALITY, A MR $47 F(1) FIRSTLY ASSERTED THAT THE PRINCIPALITY WAS A SOVEREIGN ENTITY, AND THAT HE EXPECTED THREE COUNTRIES TO SIGN DOCUMENTS OF RECOGNITION OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. HE THEN WROTE THAT THEIR QUOTE AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE, MR $47 F(1) HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THE POLICE IN OLCING, ALLEGEDLY ACTING ON THE ADVICE GIVEN BY THE EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING TAKING LEGAL ACTION, INCLUDING SEEKING DAMAGES, AGAINST THE EMBASSY OR THE OFFICER WHO QUOTE INSTIGATED THE ILLEGAL ARREST UNQUOTE.

6. $47 F(1) WROTE HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'S QUOTE CONSULATI-GENERAL UNQUOTE IN FRANCE ABOUT THE ARREST. HE CLAIMED ANY QUERIES ADDRESSED TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS ABOUT THE PROVINCE WERE ALWAYS REFERRED TO THAT CONSULATE, AND ASKED THE EMBASSY TO LIKewise REFER ANY SUCH QUERIES IN GERMANY TO HIS OFFICE.

7. $47 HAD ATTACHED TO HIS FAX A LETTER WRITTEN BY LEONARD CASLEY (I.E. STIGNED HRH PRINCE LEONARD) TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL I.A. ABOUT THE ARREST OF $47 F(1) IN WHICH CASLEY ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE EMBASSY ADVISED THE GERMAN POLICE QUOTE PEOPLE WITH HUTT RIVER DOCUMENTS ARE ILLEGAL AND SHOULD BE ARRESTED UNQUOTE.

8. WE CONSIDER THAT WE NEED TO WRITE TO $47 F(1) IN TERMS OF THE NOTE
VERBALE WE RECENTLY SENT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF HUJT RIVER PROVINCE, ADVISING HIM THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO ANSWER INQUIRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE HUJT RIVER PROVINCE. UNLESS WE TAKE THAT ACTION, IT IS LIKELY THAT THESE PEOPLE WILL USE THE EMBASSY'S SILENCE ON THE MATTER TO IMPLY A PERMISSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THEIR ACTIVITIES.

9. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED?

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CM.S 22 1(a)(ii)

RC. S 22 1(a)(ii)

S1. CABE FILE

S2. CBG FILE

S3. CBCB FILE

DA. CFAF
HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

WE ARE AWARE THAT IN RECENT MONTHS "OFFICIALS" FROM THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES, NOTABLY FIJI AND SOLOMON ISLANDS. IN CASE APPROACHES ARE MADE IN OTHER PICS THE FOLLOWING REPTEL PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" AND A FORM OF TEXT, APPROVED BY THE LEGAL OFFICE, WHICH IS TO BE DRAWN ON IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRIES.

TEXT BEGINS...

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TO.
PP -SUVA/1536
FM. CANBERRA/ G2 REF O.SU1967

FIJI: HUTT RIVER PROVINCE
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FROM FILE: 91/482

THANK YOU FOR REPTEL.

2. AS YOU WOULD BE AWARE, WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AS TO THE STATUS OF THE PURPORTED "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE". FOLLOWING BELOW IS A FORM OF TEXT, APPROVED BY THE LEGAL OFFICE, WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN RESPONSE TO SUCH ENQUIRIES.

3. SINCE, AS YOU HAVE REPORTED, THE FIJI MFA DOES NOT INTEND TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE CORRESPONDENCE, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER, HOW AND IN WHAT FORM YOU PASS THE TEXT OVER.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" IS THE PROBABLY OLDEST, AND CERTAINLY THE BEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF SEVERAL PURPORTED "SECESSIONIST" PROPERTIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INITIALLY AT LEAST, THE CLAIM OF SECESSION BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE SELF-STYLED PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT, WAS CONNECTED WITH A CLAIM AGAINST LIABILITY FOR INCOME TAX. MORE RECENTLY, THE PROPERTY HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A "TOURIST ATTRACTION", THE "PRINCIPALITY" HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN OR CONNECTED WITH SOME QUESTIONABLE BUSINESS SCHEMES, SUCH AS THE MARKETING OF COMMEMORATIVE COINS (CLAIMED AS "LEGAL TENDER" IN THE "PRINCIPALITY") AND "ROYAL TITLES" OR "CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS" BESTOWED BY "PRINCES" KEVIN AND WAYNE RESPECTIVELY. THE "PRINCIPALITY" HAS MADE A NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS TO HAVE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS GRANT RECOGNITION TO IT AND ITS "PASSPORTS". TYPICALLY,
THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN THOSE OF SMALL, AND OFTEN DISTANT, COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES OR ANDORRA. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY GOVERNMENT GRANTING SUCH RECOGNITION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ASSUMPTION OF "CONSULAR" STATUS BY SUCH PERSONS AS "SIR" § 47 F(1) OR HIS EQUIVALENT IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, § 47 F(1).

HOWEVER, AS WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY ACTUAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE "PRINCIPALITY" OR ITS ASSUMED TITLES OR OFFICES, WE HAVE LIMITED OUR RESPONSES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE TEXT BELOW. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE PURPORTED "DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES MINUTE" BEFORE. THE CLUMSY LANGUAGE, INCLUDING A MALAPROPISM OF "A NUTS POINT", GIVES IT AWAY FOR WHAT IT IS: A POORLY ATTEMPTED FORGERY. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOT SEEN FIT TO COMMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

SUGGESTED TEXT BEGINS:

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE", LEGALLY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY. NOR HAS ANY OTHER COUNTRY RECOGNISED IT AS A SOVEREIGN STATE.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AREA OF LAND WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" IS A PRIVATELY-OWNED WHEAT-GROWING PROPERTY ON THE HUTT RIVER, NORTH OF GERALDTON IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. IT HAS NO SPECIAL STATUS. IT IS PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATION AND THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF AUSTRALIA APPLY THERE, JUST AS THEY APPLY IN OTHER PARTS OF AUSTRALIA.

THE "ROYAL TITLES" ASSUMED BY THE FAMILY OWNING THE PROPERTY ARE AFFORDED NO RECOGNITION WITHIN AUSTRALIA AND HAVE NO STATUS WHATSOEVER IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. TITLES OF OFFICE, SUCH AS "HEAD OF STATE", "STATEMINISTER" AND "MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS" CLAIMED, WE UNDERSTAND, BY MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY AND OTHERS ARE SIMILARLY NOT RECOGNISED. NEITHER, WE UNDERSTAND, ARE THE "CONSULATES" OF THE "PRINCIPALITY" GIVEN ANY FORMAL RECOGNITION. DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO "PASSPORTS" ISSUED BY THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT.

TEXT ENDS...

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RC. s 22 l(a)(ii)

S1. CBG FILE
DA. CFAF
SECRET

FIJI: HU TT RIVER PROVINCE

FROM FILE 95

START OF SUMMARY

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ALERTED US TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE FIJI MISSION IN BRUSSELS FROM THE HU TT RIVER PROVINCE'S "CONSULATE" IN BELGIUM. THE CORRESPONDENCE CONTAINS WHAT IS PURPORTED TO BE A COPY OF A "DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES" CLASSIFIED INTERNAL MEMO WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE PRINCIPALITY IS A LEGAL ENTITY.

END OF SUMMARY

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS ALERTED US TO CORRESPONDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FIJI MISSION TO THE EC IN BRUSSELS FROM THE PRINCIPALITY OF HU TT RIVER PROVINCE'S "CONSULATE" IN BELGIUM WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAINS WHAT IS PURPORTED TO BE A COPY OF AN UNDATED "DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES" INTERNAL MEMO TO THE MINISTER. THE MEMO IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET". THE TEXT OF THE MEMO FOLLOWS.

TEXT BEGINS

MINISTER,

AS REQUESTED, WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE TAXATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS THEIR CONSIDERED OPINION THAT THE FACTS AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTIES WOULD SUGGEST THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY ONE MR LEONARD JAMES CASLEY KNOWN AS H.R.H. PRINCE LEONARD OF HU TT IS CORRECT.


IT IS THEREFORE OUR CONSIDERED OPINION, THAT SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES WE HAVE HAD TO ADOPT, THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE IN FACT THE SITUATION CURRENTLY.

1. / THE PRINCIPALITY IS A LEGAL ENTITY.

2. / PRINCE LEONARD OF HU TT IS A PERSON EXEMPT IN AUSTRALIAN LAW FROM TAXATION UNDER THE CURRENT GUIDELINES.

3. / THE PASSPORT AS USED BY THE PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE PRINCIPALITY CITIZENS ARE VALID, HOWEVER, THE ACT CAN BE USED TO ISOLATE THEM BY THE REQUIREMENT OF VISA'S.
4. / NOTHING IN ANY LEGISLATION CURRENTLY WOULD PRECLUDE RECOGNITION
IF THESE FACTS EVER SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY.

IT IS THEREFORE OUR SUGGESTION THAT YOU AT ALL COSTS CONTAIN THIS
SITUATION. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD AT YOUR REQUEST THEREFORE INSTITUTE
THE REQUIRED ACTION.

B.M.W.

TEXT ENDS

2. THE COVERING LETTER TO THE CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO
"HEAD OF STATE, FIJI ISLANDS", IS DATED "2TH SEPT, 1996" AND HAS BEEN
SIGNED BY s 47 F(1) CHARGE D'AFFAIRS (SIC), PRINCIPALITY'S
CONSULATE IN BELGIUM. IT INTRODUCES THE HEAD OF STATE TO "THE
PRINCIPALITY OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA" AND STATES
THAT THE PRINCIPALITY "IS BASED ON THE ACT OF FREE
SELFDETERMINATION, BASED ON THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF 1789,
THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF 1948 AND ON
THE DECLARATION OF REAL HUMAN RIGHTS" AND THAT "IT IS AN AUTONOMOUS
REPUBLIC WITH DEMOCRATIC AND PARLIAMENTARY FOUNDATIONS."

3. THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRINCIPALITY IS CLAIMED TO
COMPRISE: PRINCE LEONARD - HEAD OF STATE - SOVEREIGN; PRINCE IAN-
STATEMINISTER; PRINCE WAYNE - MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; H.J.
SCHMIDT DR. H.C. - MINISTER FOR FINANCE & ECONOMICS; AND G.D.
WIELONSKI PROF. DR. N.D. - CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. THE LETTER NOTES THAT
THE MONARCHY "ENDEAVOURS TO MAINTAIN TIGHT DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES" AND THAT "IT WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING MUTUAL NOTIFICATIONS OF RECOGNITION". THE LETTER THEN
REFERS TO THE "SECRET DOCUMENT" ISSUED BY THE "DEPARTMENT OF
TERRITORIES" WHICH RECOGNISES THE LEGALITY OF THE PRINCIPALITY AND OF
ITS PASSPORTS.

4. THE LETTER NOTES THAT THE PRINCIPALITY "SECEDED FROM AUSTRALIA IN
1970, IS EXTREMELY WELL KNOWN AND HAS ENJOYED FOR OVER 26 YEARS A
RELATIVE HARMONIOUS EXISTENCE AMONGST THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD". IT
REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI "TO RESPECT NORMAL INTERNATIONAL
PROTOCOL OF RELATIONS AND FULL OBSERVATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS". IT INCLUDES PHOTOCOPIES OF MAPS OF THE
BATAVIA COAST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND OF THE GERALDTON REGION, ISSUED BY THE ROYAL
AUTOMOBILE CLUB. THE LETTER STATES THAT THEREFORE "YOUR DEPARTMENTS
shall RESPECT SUCH OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN DOCUMENTS".

5. FINALLY, THE LETTER STATES THAT "INVESTORS AND SPONSORS ARE
WELCOME TO SUPPORT THE COUNTRY'S ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT" AND
THAT AMONG THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE PRINCIPALITY
ARE: A CIVIL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; DRINKING WATER AND SEWAGE
CANA LISATION; AN ATOMIC POWER PLANT; A SHOPPING MALL; FIRST CLASS
HOTELS; HOUSING; BANKS; INSURANCE BUSINESS; AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
TRADE. A PHOTOCOPY OF s 47 F(1) HUTT RIVER PROVINCE "DIPLOMATIC"
PASSPORT IS INCLUDED.

6. A COPY OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL OF
THE COVERING LETTER, WILL BE DESPATCHED NEXT BAG TO PTS, DFAT.

COMMENT (UNDERLINE)

7. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY MORE THAN JUST A TOUCH OF THE "CRACKPOTS"
SURROUNDING THIS CORRESPONDENCE. BUT THE FACT THAT THE
PRINCIPALITY'S CONSULATE IN BELGIUM HAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIJI
MISSION THERE (AND PRESUMABLY TO OTHER MISSIONS) WHAT IT CLAIMS TO BE
A SECRET AND ALMOST CERTAINLY FRAUDULENT DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES
MEMO IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPALITY AND SEEK MUTUAL RECOGNITION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS MAY BE OF SOME CONCERN.

8. THE MFA HAS TOLD US THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE CORRESPONDENCE, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT INTEND BRINGING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT Ratu MARA.

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CM. s 22 1(a)(ii)

RC. s 22 1(a)(ii)

DIST: PLEASE INCLUDE THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, SPORT AND TERRITORIES IN DISTRIBUTION.

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FROM APP LOS ANGELES

TO FILE - NIL PRIOR FROM FILE LO/96/104/4

(A)  HU TT RIVER PROVINCE - ENQUIRIES TO BE CONDUCTED

(B)  PRINCIPALITY OF HU TT RIVER PROVINCE
    PO BOX 6643,
    GOVERNMENT POST OFFICE, GCHQ
    QUEENSLAND, 4217, AUSTRALIA

(C)  THE CARSON CITY (NEVADA) SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED
    A COMPLAINT THAT THE A/N IS ADVERTISING THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE
    NOBILITY TITLES AND STATUS. A POTENTIAL VICTIM IN THE USA IS AN
    ELDERLY PERSON WHO WAS PREPARING TO SEND USD300,000 TO THE HU TT RIVER
    PROVINCE, (AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS).

    NEVADA AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THEM
    WITH INFORMATION IN RELATION TO A/N.

(D)  I HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HU TT RIVER PROVINCE. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD LIKE SOME MORE INFORMATION IN
    RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF TITLES ETC. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
    KNOW IF ANY FRAUD CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST A/N IN RELATION
    TO THIS OR SIMILAR SCHEMES IN THE PAST.

(E)  TASK: PROVIDE A BACKGROUND INCLUDING CURRENT STATUS OF
    THE HU TT RIVER PROVINCE.

(F)  HIGH

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CM. $22 1(a)(ii)
RC. $22 1(a)(ii).
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SL. LCA FILE
DA. YINT
REQUEST FOR MISSION ASSISTANCE - §47 F(1)

FOR FEDERAL POLICE, QUEENSLAND POLICE AND AUSTRALIA

§47 F(1) RANG THIS MORNING FROM PORT VILA REQUESTING AN
APPOINTMENT NEXT WEEK WITH THE HIGH COMMISSION. §47 F(1) CALL
FOLLOWED: ADVISE WE HAD PASSED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO A COLLEAGUE OF HIS,
§47 F(1) THAT THIS OFFICE WOULD NOT BE PROCEEDING
FURTHER ON THE MATTER OF A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO SIG FROM THE
HIGH COMMISSION FOR §47 F(1) (E-MAILS 22 L(a)(ii)
OF 13 AUGUST
REFERS).

2. WE TOLD §47 F(1) AS WE DID §47 F(1) IT HAD COME TO OUR ATTENTION
THAT §47 F(1) HAD REPRESENTED HIMSELF IN SOLOMON ISLANDS AS AN ADMIRAL
AND AMBASSADOR OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. IN VIEW OF THIS
MISREPRESENTATION, IT WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT AT ANY TIME FOR §47 F(1)
to call on the high commission to discuss the possibility of our
endorsing him to sig. we also told §47 F(1) THAT HAD WE BEEN IN
RECEIPT LAST WEEK OF INFORMATION EVIDENCING HIS USE IN SOLOMON
ISLANDS OF HUTT RIVER PROVINCE CREDENTIALS, WE WOULD NOT HAVE
RECEIVED HIM AT THE MISSION AT THAT TIME.

3. §47 F(1) PROCEEDED TO ARGUE HIS CASE, IN THE PROCESS DEPICTING THE
HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AS A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION COMPARABLE WITH
Rotary. we made no comment other than to say that we had made our
decision and that the matter would not be reconsidered. we confirmed
to §47 F(1) THAT THIS WAS A DECISION WE HAD TAKEN LOCALLY AND NOT AT
THE DIRECTION OF 'THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'. §47 F(1) SAID HE WOULD
BE TAKING THE MATTER UP IN AUSTRALIA.

4. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT §33(a)(iii) TO ADVISE HIM
(VERBALLY) THAT WE WILL NOT BE PROVIDING A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FOR
§47 F(1) (REFTEL, NOT TO VILA, REFERS). (WE ALSO NOTE ADVISE RECEIVED
SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL THAT AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS ABROAD DO NOT, AS A
RULE, ISSUE LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION - E-MAILS 22 L(a)(ii)
OF 12
AUGUST REFERS.) PARLIAMENT IS LIKELY TO RISE TODAY, AND IF NOT THIS
AFTERNOON, WE HOPE TO INFORM §33(a)(iii) OF OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER ON
MONDAY.

XC. O.HO2721 1107 16.08.96
CM. §22 L(a)(ii)

RC. §22 L(a)(ii)

SL. EAH FILE
DA. CPAF 1KATC 1CAF
IRELAND: MEDIA INTEREST IN HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

THANKS REFTEL. YOU HAVE BEEN CORRECT IN ADVISING ENQUIRERS THAT "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" DOCUMENTS HAVE NO OFFICIAL STATUS. THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO DRAW ON IN RESPONDING TO FURTHER INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC OR MEDIA:

. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NOT RECOGNISE THE SO-CALLED "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" LEGALLY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY. ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE.
. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AREA OF LAND WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" IS A PRIVATELY OWNED WHEAT GROWING PROPERTY ON THE HUTT RIVER, NORTH OF THE TOWN OF GERALDTON IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
. THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" HAS NO NO SPECIAL STATUS AND IS PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATION. THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF AUSTRALIA APPLY THERE, JUST AS THEY APPLY TO OTHER PARTS OF AUSTRALIA.
. NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS RECOGNISED THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" AS A SOVEREIGN STATE.
. THE ROYAL TITLES ASSUMED BY THE FAMILY OWNING THE PROPERTY ARE AFFORDED NO RECOGNITION IN AUSTRALIA AND HAVE NO STATUS WHATSOEVER IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
. DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO BE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS VALID DOCUMENTS BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT. NO PERSON WOULD BE ENTITLED TO ENTER AUSTRALIA RELYING ON SUCH A DOCUMENT.
. PERSONS DEALING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND, IN THE VIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, HAVE NO CLAIM TO DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS.
TO:
PP CANBERRA/

FM. DUBLIN / FA

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HUPT RIVER PROVINCE

A NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE ENQUIRED WITH US INDICATING THEY HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS (A COPY IS HELD BY US) FROM THE QUOTE HUPT RIVER PROVINCE UNQUOTE IN AUSTRALIA SEEKING PAYMENT OF IRP 10 IN EXCHANGE FOR A QUOTE ROYAL AWARD CERTIFICATE UNQUOTE. ENQUIRERS HAVE BEEN TOLD THE SELF STYLED PROVINCE, ITS AWARDS, DOCUMENTATION, ETC., HAVE NO OFFICIAL STATUS.

THERE IS NOW MEDIA INTEREST IN THIS. GRATEFUL GUIDANCE PLEASE ON HOW YOU WISH US TO HANDLE SUCH ENQUIRIES AND ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THE HUPT RIVER PROVINCE.

XC. O.DU717 1724 29.05.96

CM. s 22 l(a)(ii)

RC. s 22 l(a)(ii)

SL. JALN FILE
DA. CFAF
DI. 22PMC 22TDE 22FAF 2CDEF 2C PMC 2CONA 1CDIO
AMERICAN ABC TELEVISION WILL BE VISITING AUSTRALIA IN APRIL TO PRODUCE MAGAZINE REPORTS ON HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND FOR ITS CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM PRIMETIME.

AN ABC TELEVISION CREW, INCLUDING THREE JOURNALISTS, WILL BE VISITING AUSTRALIA FROM APRIL 9 TO 29 TO PREPARE TWO MAGAZINE REPORTS FOR ITS POPULAR CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM PRIMETIME.

2. ABC'S FIRST REPORT WILL BE ON THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE US. THIS OFFICE HAS ENDEavored TO ENCOURAGE THE ABC TO ALSO COVER THE PROVINCE'S DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN, WHICH OFFERS ROYAL AWARDS AND PASSPORTS FOR A FEE TO US CITIZENS.

WE HAVE PROVIDED ABC TELEVISION WITH CONTACT DETAILS FOR RELEVANT FEDERAL AND STATE BODIES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CENTRE. WE ALSO HAVE OFFERED BRIEFING MATERIALS IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO ENSURE ITS REPORTING IS BALANCED, BUT THE ABC HAS REMAINED STRONGLY INDEPENDENT AND LARGELY DISINTERESTED IN OUR SUGGESTIONS.
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INFORMATION: CORRESPONDENCE s 22 1(a)(ii)
ARE BEGINNING TO SURFACE AGAIN IN LONDON,
ALONG WITH A QUANTITIES OF HUPT RIVER PROVINCE s 22 1(a)(ii)
DOCUMENTATION.

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PRIORITY: HIGH

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CM. s 22 1(a)(ii)

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S1. LCA FILE
DA. YINT
UNCLASSIFIED

GERMANY - HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

THANKS REPTEL. THE LINE YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING WITH THE MEDIA ON THIS ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. IN BRIEFING THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT/NOT RECOGNISE THE SO-CALLED "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" LEGALLY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY. ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AREA OF LAND WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" IS A PRIVATELY OWNED WHEAT GROWING PROPERTY ON THE HUTT RIVER, NORTH OF THE TOWN OF GERALDTON IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

3. THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" HAS NO/SPECIAL STATUS AND IS PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATION. THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF AUSTRALIA APPLY THERE, JUST AS THEY APPLY TO OTHER PARTS OF AUSTRALIA.

4. NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS RECOGNISED THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" AS A SOVEREIGN STATE.

5. THE ROYAL TITLES ASSUMED BY THE FAMILY OWNING THE PROPERTY ARE AFFORDED NO RECOGNITION IN AUSTRALIA AND HAVE NO STATUS WHATSOEVER IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO BE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS VALID DOCUMENTS BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT. NO PERSON WOULD BE ENTITLED TO ENTER AUSTRALIA RELYING ON SUCH A DOCUMENT.

7. PERSONS DEALING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "HUTT RIVER PROVINCE" SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND, IN THE VIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, HAVE NO CLAIM TO DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE WILL INFORM AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES THAT MR CASLEY HAS AGAIN BEEN USING THE PURPORTED AUSTEO DOCUMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION. HE HAS USED THE DOCUMENT IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN THE PAST AND EVEN SENT A COPY OF IT TO SENATOR EVANS IN 1993.

3. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPORTING ON THIS ISSUE IN DUE COURSE.

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TO:
PP CANBERRA/

FM: S0NN / FA

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GERMANY: 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'

FAXs 22 l(a)(ii) OF 14 DECEMBER PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'. UNDER COVER OF THAT FAX, WE SENT YOU A 'SECRET AUSTEO' DOCUMENT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM A WORRIED NEWSPAPER EDITOR, WHICH PURPORTED TO EMANATE FROM THE FORMER AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES AND TO SUPPORT THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'S CLAIM TO BE A SOVEREIGN STATE. OUR O.B07589 PROVIDED DETAILS OF MISLEADING LOTTERY PROMOTIONS IN GERMANY - PROMOTIONS WITH WHICH THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE SEEMS TO BE CONNECTED.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER, WE RECEIVED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE A NOTE VERBALE WHICH ASKED THE EMBASSY TO BRIEF IT ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. UNDER COVER OF THE NOTE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE forwarded:

A LETTER IT HAD RECEIVED FROM A SELF-STYLED 'CONSUL' OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE, WHO CLAIMED THAT POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING HIM FOR 'SEEKING SPECIAL RIGHTS AND MISUSING TITLES'. THE CONSUL CLAIMED HE HAD DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

A SUPPORTING LETTER FROM 'PRINCE LEONARD' TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH CONTAINED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FOLLOWING INSIGHT:

'THERE IS NOT NOW A STATE OF WAR BETWEEN THIS PRINCIPALITY AND AUSTRALIA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT DEFEATED DURING THAT STATE OF WAR, AND THE LAWS OF WAR ARE CERTAINLY APPLICABLE, ALONG WITH UN RIGHTS, AND BRITISH PRINCIPLES OF APPLICATION TO THE LOCALITY (SIC) ETC OF THE PRINCIPALITY.'

THE LETTER FORESHADOWS A VISIT BY PRINCE LEONARD TO GERMANY IN APRIL 1996. A COPY OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS BY FAX TO WEB.

THE AFOREMENTIONED 'SECRET AUSTEO' DOCUMENT.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE SAYS THAT ALL THE SELF-STYLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHICH IT HAS HAD CONTACT ARE GERMAN CITIZENS. IT HAS HAD CONTACT ON THREE OCCASIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

3. IN ORDER TO HELP US BRIEF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY BACKGROUND YOU CAN PROVIDE ABOUT THE 'PROVINCE' AND ITS CURRENT ACTIVITIES. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE OF ANY STANDARD TERMS THE GOVERNMENT USES TO DENY THE PROVINCE'S CLAIMS TO BE A SOVEREIGN STATE.

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By far the most written complaints that we have received at this post have involved lottery and principality of Hutt River mailouts from Australia. These have totalled 12 in number. However, we have had countless phone calls regarding this. We bring this to your attention because many people who have contacted us to complain believe that the Australian government in general and our office in particular are responsible for putting these persons' names on a mailing list. They are completely fed up with what they perceive as junk mail and demand that our office do something to stop the mailouts.

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Sl. CAAI FILE
Da. CFAP
HUTT RIVER PROVINCE - PASSPORTS
AN ALL POSTS MEMO WAS ISSUED ON THIS SUBJECT DATED 24 AUGUST. THE POLICY ON HUTT RIVER IS THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE SELF-STYLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE NOR THE DOCUMENTS IT PRODUCES. A GENUINE PASSPORT IS A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A SOVEREIGN STATE TO A PERSON WHO IS A SUBJECT OF THAT STATE.
TO:
RR CANBERRA/

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HUPT RIVER PROVINCE
FROM FILE 95/0265

THE HUPT RIVER PROVINCE IS FLOGGING AROUND AT POUND STIRLING 10 A GO A ROYAL PROCLAMATION AND OATH OF CONFIRMATION WHICH THEY SEND TO PEOPLE SAYING THAT THEY HAVE ROYAL ANCESTRY. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CALLS TO US AND TO THE AGENTS-GENERAL AND WE WILL SEND YOU BY FAX A COPY OF WHAT HAS GONE OUT RECENTLY.

2. WE HAVE TAKEN THE APPROACH IN RESPONSE THAT THE HUPT RIVER PROVINCE IS AN AREA OF AUSTRALIA WITH NO SPECIAL OR SEPARATE STATUS AND IF THEY WISH TO PART WITH THEIR MONEY THAT IS UP TO THEM.

3. I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD TAKE THE VIEW THAT A FOOL AND HIS MONEY ARE SOON PARTED AND WHY SHOULD WE STEP IN BETWEEN THEM. IT DOES, HOWEVER, FROM TIME TO TIME, CAUSE US SOME EMBARRASSMENT AND WORK AND I WONDER WHETHER WE SHOULD NOT PUT ON TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK PROGRAM FOR WHEN WE NEXT Amend THE ACT WHICH IMPLEMENTS THE VIENNA CONVENTION AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO PROSECUTE ANYONE LIKE THE HUPT RIVER PROVINCE FOR FALSE PRETENCES BY CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY SEPARATE STATUS. IF INTRODUCED AND FOLLOW UP I BELIEVE IT WOULD SAVE POSTS SOME PROBLEMS.

4. IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO ACT IT MAY GIVE RETIRING OFFICERS IDEAS OF A USEFUL RETIREMENT ACTIVITY FROM THEIR VARIOUS RURAL ESTATES (EXCLAMATION MARK).

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TO.
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POLICE LIAISON

TO: INTERNAT
FROM: LCO LONDON

INTERNAT REF: LH/90/21-1

SUBJECT: HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

INFORMATION: MANY THANKS FOR RESPONSE OF 9 DECEMBER 1994. HAVE HAD RECENT ENQUIRY FROM A BRANCH OF THE HIGH COMMISSION THAT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE BBC IN THIS REGARD. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROGRAMME 'WATCHDOG' TO BROADCAST AN ITEM RELATING TO THE OFFER OF ROYAL AWARDS CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED IN THE UK AND THEY HAVE ASKED WHETHER AN OFFENCE IS ACTUALLY BEING COMMITTED IN THE SENDING OF THESE OFFERS, OR WHETHER AN OFFENCE IS ONLY COMMITTED WHEN THE MONEY IS SENT AND THE AWARD IS RECEIVED AND FOUND NOT TO BE 'OF INTRINSIC AND MONETARY VALUE'.

TASK: GRATEFUL FOR A RESPONSE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHY THE 'OFFERS' ARE BEING POSTED FROM QUEENSLAND. HAVE HAZARDED A GUESS THAT CASLEY HAS MANAGED TO DO A DEAL WITH AUSTRALIA POST THAT MAKES POSTING CHEAPER FROM QUEENSLAND BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE. ALSO, HAS CASLEY OR*47F(i) BEEN SPOKEN TO IN THIS REGARD.

PRIORITY: HIGH

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT: AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 30

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THE POST WAS DELUGED WITH INQUIRIES FROM CANADIANS APPROACHED IN THE NAME OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE WITH THE OFFER OF A 'ROYAL TITLE' FOR A NOMINAL SUM. COUNSELLOR (PUBLIC AFFAIRS) FIELDED INQUIRIES FROM MEDIA IN ONTARIO, NEWFOUNDLAND, ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA; GIVING A POTTED HISTORY OF THE 'PROVINCE' AND SUGGESTING THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THIS HISTORY RECIPIENTS SHOULD MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER THE OFFER WAS WORTH THE QUOTED DLRS CDN 10. THE HUTT RIVER APPROACHED ADDED TO THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE CONTINUING MAIL SOLICITATIONS OF S 22 1(a)(ii)

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PONDEROSA PRINCIPALITY, SHEPPARTON

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PROTOCOL OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY
OF THE SICILIAN REGION, ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE "PONDEROSA
PRINCIPALITY" NEAR SHEPPARTON.

s 22 1(a)(ii)

5. WE ASSUME THIS IS ANOTHER HUPT RIVER PROVINCE, BUT WOULD BE
GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE AND ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD CARE TO HAVE US
PASS ON TO THE SICILIAN PRESIDENCY.

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S2. CBG FILE
DA. CPAP
IN CONFIDENCE

WAIVER OF IMMUNITY - HUTT RIVER TRIAL

FROM FILE 92/014228

WE ADVISE THAT SENATOR EVANS HAS AGREED TO WAIVE THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF S 22 (1)(a)(ii) COUNSELLOR (LEGAL), TO ENABLE HIM TO GIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL EVIDENCE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AT THE REQUEST OF THE US POSTAL SERVICE AND FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION IN A COURT HEARING, COMMENCING ON 31 AUGUST 1993, AGAINST US COMPANIES ALLEGED TO BE SELLING COINS FROM THE BOGUS HUTT RIVER PROVINCE OF AUSTRALIA.

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DA. CFAF
WAIVER OF IMMUNITY : EVIDENCE IN US TRIAL

START OF SUMMARY

THE US AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED THAT AN OFFICIAL FROM THE EMBASSY TESTIFY AS TO THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN US COMPANIES.

END OF SUMMARY

THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE US POSTAL SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE US AGAINST CERTAIN US COMPANIES. THESE COMPANIES ARE ALLEGED TO BE SELLING COINS FROM THE BOGUS HUTT RIVER PROVINCE OF AUSTRALIA WHICH ARE REPRESENTED AS BEING LEGAL TENDER.

2. THE US AUTHORITIES ARE REQUESTING THAT SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY TESTIFY AS TO THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE SO-CALLED HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IN AUSTRALIA, AND ON THE CHARACTER OF THE 'COINS', I.E. WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE LEGAL TENDER IN AUSTRALIA. THE TYPE OF EVIDENCE REQUESTED WILL INVOLVE BOTH AFFIDAVITS AND ORAL EVIDENCE AT TRIAL.

3. IT IS BOTH THE VIEW OF THE MINISTER (ECONOMIC) AND THE COUNSELLOR (LEGAL) THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD DO WHATEVER IS WITHIN REASON TO ASSIST THE US AUTHORITIES IN THIS CASE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NO LESS THAN WHAT WOULD BE EXPECTED OF THE UNITED STATES IF THE ROLES WERE REVERSED. THERE IS ALSO A CLEAR INTEREST FOR AUSTRALIA IN SEEKING TO PREVENT THESE COIN SALES IN THE US AS THEIR BOGUS NATURE AND ASSOCIATION WITH AUSTRALIA (VIA THE 'HUTT RIVER' CONNECTION) REFLECTS BADLY ON US. INDEED, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT US AUTHORITIES BECAME INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER WAS THROUGH ADVICE FROM THIS EMBASSY ON THE BOGUS NATURE OF THE COINS. THE LEGAL MATTERS TO WHICH WE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY ARE ALSO FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL.

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TO: AFP LCO LONDON
FM: OIC, INTERNAT (PJS)

YOUR REF: LH158132
OUR REF: ML/13/20
SID REF: 89/7175

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WESTERN REGION ADVISE THAT THERE ARE NO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN
THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE. THE PROPERTY IS RUN DOWN AND THE OWNER WAS
FORCED TO SHEAR THE SHEEP BY HIMSELF RECENTLY. IF ANY SHORT TERM
EMPLOYMENT WAS AVAILABLE IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP BY LOCALS. TOUR
OPERATORS RARELY ATTEND THE PROVINCE THESE DAYS THUS FURTHER
HINDERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

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DA. YINT
TO FILE 800/3 FROM FILE 92/013961

THANKS REFTEL. YOU SHOULD REPLY TO JORDANIAN MFA ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE SELF-STYLED "HUJT RIVER PROVINCE" OR "HUJT RIVER PRINCIPALITY". ANY ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE FALSE.

- THE SO-CALLED "HUJT RIVER PROVINCE" OR "PRINCIPALITY" IS MERELY A PRIVATELY OWNED FARM ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND, WHICH HAS NO/SPECIAL STATUS, AND IS SUBJECT TO AUSTRALIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND THUS TO AUSTRALIAN LAW.

- A GENUINE PASSPORT IS AN OFFICIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENT CERTIFYING IDENTITY, WHICH CONSTITUTES PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF NATIONALITY, AND WHICH IS ISSUED BY A SOVEREIGN STATE TO A PERSON WHO IS A NATIONAL OF, OR OTHERWISE CONNECTED WITH A STATE. AS THE SO-CALLED "HUJT RIVER PROVINCE" OR "PRINCIPALITY" IS NOT A STATE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE "PASSPORTS" IT PURPORTS TO ISSUE DO NOT MEET THESE CRITERIA, ARE NOT RECOGNISED BY AUSTRALIA, AND NO PERSON WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AUSTRALIA RELYING ON SUCH A DOCUMENT.

- (FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS COULD PURPORT TO USE SUCH DOCUMENTS TO ENTER AUSTRALIA. HOWEVER, THEIR ENTRY WOULD BE ALLOWED NOT BECAUSE THE "HUJT RIVER PASSPORT" WAS RECOGNISED, BUT BECAUSE IF IDENTITY IS NOT IN DOUBT, AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED TO ENTER AUSTRALIA WITHOUT A PASSPORT. FOR EXAMPLE, MICHAEL MANSELL WAS GRANTED ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN HE PURPORTED TO TRAVEL ON AN "ABORIGINAL PASSPORT". ENTRY WAS GRANTED NOT BECAUSE THE PASSPORT WAS RECOGNISED, BUT BECAUSE HIS IDENTITY AND CITIZENSHIP WERE NOT IN DOUBT, AND HE WAS THUS ENTITLED TO ENTER).

- PERSONS DEALING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "HUJT RIVER PROVINCE" OR "HUJT RIVER PRINCIPALITY" SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND IN THE VIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE NO CLAIM TO DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR OR OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS.
TO:
PP CANBERRA/1582

FROM:
AMMAN / PA

JORDAN: HUFT RIVER PROVINCE 'AMBASSADOR' AND PASSPORTS

THE JORDANIAN MFA HAS SENT US A NOTE SEEKING INFORMATION ON THE 'HUFT RIVER PRINCIPALITY' IN THE LIGHT OF A CLAIM BY A JORDANIAN CITIZEN, § 47 F(1) TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE 'HONORARY ROVING AMBASSADOR/PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE' OF THE HUFT RIVER PROVINCE.

2. THE MFA IS SEEKING A COMMENT FROM US ON THE 'AUTHORISATION INVOLVED' IN § 47 F(1) AND ANY OTHER DETAILS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE ABOUT HUFT RIVER PROVINCE.

3. IN ADVERTISEMENT WHICH HAS APPEARED IN THE LOCAL ARABIC PRESS INVITED JORDANIANS TO PURCHASE HUFT RIVER PROVINCE PASSPORTS (AT A CONSIDERABLE PRICE) AS A MEANS TO ENTER AUSTRALIA AND OBTAIN AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP. THE CONTACT POINT IS APPARENTLY A RELATIVE OF § 47 F(1)

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MFA MAY WISH TO INFORM THE JORDANIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES OF THE STATUS OF THE HUFT RIVER PROVINCE, ITS AMBASSADORS AND ITS PASSPORTS.

5. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY ADVICE ON AN APPROPRIATELY WORDED RESPONSE DEALING WITH THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE HUFT RIVER PROVINCE AND DOCUMENTS WHICH CLAIM AUTHORITY FROM THE PROVINCE.

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FROM FILE HL/13/20

TO: AFP LO WASHINGTON
RP: AFP SLO LOS ANGELES (INFO)
FM: OIC, INTERNAT (BW)

REF O.WH143609

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE $5 COIN.

REFERENCE YOUR REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING CABLE (CE143341) IS RELAYED TO YOUR POST AND WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION FULLY. AS CAN BE SEEN BY THIS CABLE, LO HONOLULU EARLIER RAISED SAME QUESTION. IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TALKING DIRECT TO HONOLULU POST. IF NEEDED, OTHER HONOLULU POST DOCUMENTS CAN BE FAXED.
BEGINS....

O.CE143341 0955 01.04.92 CLA POLSEC

TO.
PP HONOLULU/5698

FM. CANBERRA / IN

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POLICE LIAISON

TO FILE HNL 4/042/2

FROM FILE HL/13/20

TO: AFP LO HONOLULU
FM: OIC, INTERNAT (RVH)

DESSERT STORM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ISSUE

REF YOUR FAX DATED 17MAR92

SID HQ ADVISE THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ACTING CONTROLLER OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT S 22 I(a)(ii)

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MARCH 1992 LETTER, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

THE LEGAL POSITION OF "COINS" MANUFACTURED BY THE NEW QUEENSLAND MINT FOR THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION; THE MAJORITY OF THESE REQUESTS HAVE COME FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AND PUBLISHERS OF NUMISMATIC
JOURNALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISCONCEPTIONS AS TO THE PRECISE STATUS OF THESE "COINS" WE ADVISE THAT UNDER AUSTRALIAN LAW, LEGAL TENDER COINS CONSIST ONLY OF COINS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE TREASURER UNDER THE CURRENCY ACT OF 1965. THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IS AN AUSTRALIAN FARMING PROPERTY WHICH IS OWNED BY MR L G CASEY AND IT HAS NO OTHER STANDING. MR CASEY REFERS TO HIMSELF AS "PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT". ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE BY OR ON BEHALF OF MR CASEY HAVE NO LEGAL TENDER STATUS IN AUSTRALIA AND THEIR WORTH IS DETERMINED BY THE METAL CONTENT OF THE ARTICLES AND PERHAPS THEIR APPEAL AS A COLLECTOR ITEM.

IN NOVEMBER 1991, THE MINT (THROUGH TREASURY) RECEIVED ADVICE FROM THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE THAT SINCE THE "COINS" ARE NOT LEGAL TENDER IN AUSTRALIA, THEY WOULD BE DUTIABLE UPON ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE ALSO NOTED IT WAS TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE MATTER WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ITS INSPECTORS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE COINAGE WAS NOT LEGAL TENDER AND SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS MERCHANDISE, THEREBY ATTRACTING A HIGHER RATE OF DUTY THAN LEGAL TENDER COINS. AT THAT TIME, TREASURY'S MINISTER ECONOMIC AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ADVISED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY REACTION IT HAD RECEIVED FROM US REGULATORY AUTHORITIES ON THIS SUBJECT.

ENDS.

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RC. ABOVE CABLE AUTHORISED BY S 22 l(a)(ii) 5.5.92

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DA. YINT
TO: OIC INTERNAT
FM: LO WASHINGTON

HUTT RIVER PROVINCE $5 COIN

AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE WASHINGTON POST PARADE MAGAZINE OF SUNDAY 030592 CARRIES AN ADVERT FOR A "DESERT STORM $5 COIN".

IN THE DESCRIPTION THE ADVERT INTER-ALIA STATES "... IT'S THE WORLD'S FIRST LEGAL TENDER COIN STRUCK TO HONOR THE SOLDIERS WHO GUIDED THE AMERICAN AND COALITION FORCES TO VICTORY. THIS LEGAL TENDER COIN IS OFFICIALLY ISSUED BY THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE, A PRINCIPALITY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA..."

THE COIN IS DESCRIBED AS BEING "LARGER THAN A US SILVER DOLLAR" AT "A FULL 39MM" BUT NOWHERE DOES THE ADVERT STATE IN WHAT METAL THE COIN HAS BEEN MINTED.

IT IS PROMOTED BY DESERT STORM, OLD LOS ANGELES FEDERAL RESERVE BUILDING, 409 WEST OLYMPIC BLVD, DEPT 248, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015 (TEL 1 800 933-9488, EXT 248) AND COSTS US $5.00 PLUS $1.00 POSTAGE AND HANDLING.


REQUEST ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS COIN HAS BEEN PROMOTED/MINTED IN AUSTRALIA AND WHETHER YOU HAVE HAD ANY SIMILAR REPORTS AND QUESTIONS AS TO AUTHENTICITY AND VALUE.

COPY OF ADVERT WILL BE FAXED.

XC. O.WH143609

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TO PP HONOLULU/5698

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TO FILE HNL 4/042/2 FROM FILE HNL/13/20

TO: AFP LO HONOLULU
FM: OIC, INTERNAT (RVH)

DESSERT STORM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ISSUE

REF YOUR FAX DATED 17MAR92

SID HQ ADVISE THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ACTING CONTROLLER OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT'S 221 (a)(ii)

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MARCH 1992 LETTER, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.


TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISCONCEPTIONS AS TO THE PRECISE STATUS OF THESE "COINS" WE ADVISE THAT UNDER AUSTRALIAN LAW, LEGAL TENDER COINS CONSIST ONLY OF COINS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE TREASURER UNDER THE CURRENCY ACT OF 1965. THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IS AN AUSTRALIAN FARMING PROPERTY WHICH IS OWNED BY MR L G CASLEY AND IT HAS NO OTHER STANDING. MR CASLEY REFERS TO HIMSELF AS "PRINCE LEONARD OF HUTT". ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE BY OR ON BEHALF OF MR CASLEY HAVE NO LEGAL TENDER STATUS IN AUSTRALIA AND THEIR WORTH IS DETERMINED BY THE METAL CONTENT OF THE ARTICLES AND PERHAPS THEIR APPEAL AS A COLLECTOR ITEM.

IN NOVEMBER 1991, THE MINT (THROUGH TREASURY) RECEIVED ADVICE FROM THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE THAT SINCE THE "COINS" ARE NOT LEGAL TENDER IN AUSTRALIA, THEY WOULD BE DUTYABLE UPON ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE ALSO NOTED IT WAS TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE MATTER WAS Brought TO THE ATTENTION OF ITS INSPECTORS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE COINAGE WAS NOT LEGAL TENDER AND SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS MERCHANDISE, THEREBY ATTRACTING A HIGHER RATE OF DUTY THAN LEGAL TENDER COINS. AT THAT TIME, TREASURY'S MINISTER ECONOMIC AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ADVISED THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY REACTION IT HAD RECEIVED FROM US REGULATORY AUTHORITIES ON THIS SUBJECT.

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PHILIPPINES: ENTRY REFUSAL OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

START OF SUMMARY

THERE MAY BE PRESS INTEREST IN AUSTRALIA IN PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DECISION EARLIER THIS WEEK TO DENY ENTRY TO §47 F(1) ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE, WHO WAS CONVICTED LAST YEAR IN QUEENSLAND ON FORGERY CHARGES.

END OF SUMMARY

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2. AFP HAVE FULL DETAILS OF THE CASE BUT YOU MAY RECALL THAT §47 F(1) WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUTT RIVER AFFAIR.

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WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR CABLEGRAM OF 7 JUNE 1991 ADVISING THAT A CURRENCY DEALER AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS ADVERTISING HUTT RIVER PROVINCE 'DESERT STORM' MEMORIAL COINS AS LEGAL TENDER AS YOU RECOGNISE, THESE 'COINS' DO NOT ENJOY SUCH STATUS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD INFORM THE DEALER ACCORDINGLY. IN DOING SO, YOU MIGHT WISH TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR ADVICE.

"THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SOME MISCONCEPTION AS TO THE PRECISE STATUS OF THE HUTT RIVER PROVINCE 'COINS' YOU HAVE ON OFFER FOR SALE. UNDER AUSTRALIAN LAW LEGAL TENDER COINS CONSIST ONLY OF COINS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO THE CURRENCY ACT 1965. THE SO CALLED 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' IS MERELY A PRIVATE FARMING PROPERTY ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND RUN BY A MR L.G.CASLEY AND IT HAS NO OTHER STANDING. ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE BY OR ON BEHALF OF MR CASLEY, THEREFORE, HAVE NO LEGAL TENDER STATUS IN AUSTRALIA, THEIR WORTH BEING SOLELY DETERMINED BY THEIR METAL CONTENT AND POSSIBLY THEIR APPEAL AS COLLECTOR ITEMS."
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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A CURRENCY DEALER AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS SELLING HUTT RIVER PROVINCE 'DESERT STORM' MEMORIAL COINS. THE COINS ARE BEING ADVERTISED AS LEGAL TENDER VALUED AT USD FIVE.

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HUTT RIVER PROVINCE: NEW 'CONSULATE' IN THE NETHERLANDS

FROM FILE 811/10

START OF SUMMARY

A SECOND 'CONSULATE/BUSINESS OFFICE' FOR HUTT RIVER PROVINCE IS TO OPEN THIS WEEK IN HULST IN THE SOUTH OF THE NETHERLANDS. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE IT DOES NOT PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS BUT OTHERWISE IT MAY CONTINUE AS AN ORDINARY BUSINESS.

END OF SUMMARY

INVITATIONS ARE CIRCULATING FOR THE OPENING OF A NEW BUSINESS, TOURIST AND CONSULAR OFFICE FOR HUTT RIVER PROVINCE (HRP) IN HULST (SITUATED IN THE SOUTH OF THE NETHERLANDS NEAR THE BELGIUM BORDER). THE INVITATIONS RATHER MISLEADINGLY GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR.

2. WE FIRST BECAME AWARE OF THIS WHEN CONTACTED BY AN EX-POlice OFFICER WHO HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION AND RECOGNISED THE NAME OF 'AMBASSADOR $47F(1)' ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT GIVE DETAILS, THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THIS PERSON MAY BE KNOWN TO THE POLICE.

3. WE MADE ENQUIRIES WITH THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WHO CONFIRMED THAT $47F(1) WAS ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS/TOURIST/CONSULAR OFFICE BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED PLANNING PERMISSION TO OPEN SUCH AN OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE IS APPARENTLY DRIVING AROUND IN A LARGE AMERICAN CAR WITH 'CD' STICKERS ON IT, FLYING AUSTRALIAN FLAGS.

4. WE MADE FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN MISSIONS SECTION OF MFA WHO UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE MUNICIPALITY AND ENSURE THAT $47F(1) DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SET UP A 'CONSULATE' OR ISSUE VISAS OR PASSPORTS. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NOTHING STOPPING HIM OPENING A BUSINESS/TOURIST OFFICE.

5. SOME HOURS LATER WE WERE CONTACTED BY $47F(1) AND HAD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN WHICH WE EMPHASISED HE COULD NOT PERFORM CONSULAR FUNCTIONS NOR MISLEAD PEOPLE THAT HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMBASSY. $47F(1) CLAIMEED HE HAD JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HUTT RIVER PROVINCE AND SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED WHEN WE TOLD HIM THAT HRP PASSPORTS AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WERE NOT VALID. APPARENTLY 'PRINCE LEONARD' HAD TOLD HIM TO CONTACT US ABOUT VISA MATTERS. $47F(1) WAS ALSO SURPRISED WHEN WE TOLD HIM ABOUT $47F(1) (WHO HAS AN OFFICE FOR HRP IN THE HAGUE) AND THOUGHT HE WAS THE SOLE HRP REPRESENTATIVE. WE ADVISED $47F(1) TO CONTACT THE FOREIGN MISSIONS SECTION OF MFA TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY WHAT CAN DO UNDER DUTCH LAW.

6. HULST IS FAR FROM ANY MAIN CENTRES IN THE NETHERLANDS OR BELGIUM AND IS A STRANGE PLACE TO SET UP A BUSINESS/CONSULATE FOR HRP. THE
WHOLE AFFAIR SEEMS TO HAVE BEMUSED THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND INHABITANTS (ESPECIALLY THE CAR) AND AT THIS STAGE WE DO NOT INTEND TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION. GIVEN $47 F(1) RECENT RETURN FROM HRP, HIS TITLE OF 'AMBASSADOR SIR' AND HIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER HRP 'REPRESENTATIVES' IN THE NETHERLANDS ONE CAN ONLY SPECULATE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE RELATION BETWEEN $47 F(1) AND 'PRINCE LEONARD'.
GOVERNMENT'S POSITION REMAINS THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE'. THE 'PROVINCE' IS MERELY A PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE AUSTRALIAN MAINLAND WHICH HAS NO/SPECIAL STATUS AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL RELEVANT AUSTRALIAN LAWS.

2. PERSONS DEALING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 'HUTT RIVER PROVINCE' SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT THOSE CONCERNED HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN ITS VIEW HAVE NO CLAIM TO DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL STATUS.

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