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Secretary of State,

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2460, April 20, 1 p.m. (SECTION ONE)

In compliance with instructions contained in your 377, April 10, I am transmitting in my 2461, April 20, text of communication from R on the subject indicated for communication to your correspondent in your discretion.

While I have not transmitted R's messages as such in compliance with the terms of your 354, February 10, I have at the same time felt that information which he is able to furnish and which appears to be reasonably authentic should be in your hands. In consequence my telegram No. 1597, March 10, contained in substance information which R requested me to transmit on behalf of himself to his New York correspondent previously named.

R. has, however, requested me to transmit for him routine messages which I felt could be conveyed through regular channels and I so advised him. Most of the information contained in R's current message has not previously been brought to my attention by R and while I have already reported similarly in part to the Department from other sources I nevertheless transmit R's message in full. May I suggest that messages of this character should not (repeat not) be subjected to the restriction imposed by your 354, February 10, and that I be permitted to transmit messages from R more particularly in view of the helpful information which they may frequently contain?

SECTION TWO

In that event I would request R. carefully to differentiate between fact and unverified rumor and clearly to indicate his opinions regarding credibility of information (?) which he provides. It is obvious that facilities are lacking to enable a satisfactory check on any of the statements made.

For my guidance in further dealing with association I would appreciate your instructions as to the propriety of transmitting