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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 655, November 24, 7 p.m.

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SENT DEPT 655, RPTD INFO CAIRO 25.

Re EMBTEL 649, dtd Nov 24, 1952.

Remington Rand safe cabinet containing all USIS classified material above restricted recovered from street in front USIS by CG at approx noon today. Top drawer which contained bulk of classified material including true readings restricted and confidential tels had jammed and apparently had not (rpt not) been opened by rioters. Contents appeared intact.

Second drawer locked by combination dial had been forced open perhaps through hole ripped in side of cabinet thus permitting access to drawer. Third and fourth drawers appeared unopened and contents seemed intact.

Clerk responsible for safe states second drawer contained personal funds, passport of some USIS Amer personnel, in-box of acting PAO, perhaps including some classified papers, and folder being held for PAO Nehcom believed to contain very little official material. It appears as though some of papers were burned in the drawer itself.

Five passports from second drawer have been returned by army but money and other documents in second drawer missing.

In light foregoing it is possible that some true readings of tels have fallen into unauthorized hands. Dept Cryptographic Div may wish send instrs re possible compromise of codes.

Emb will inventory files and report losses msgs accurately as possible soonest.

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Note: NEA message center notified 11/24/3:50 p.m. EMB(CWQ)  
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