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IMMEDIATE WAVE INFO PRIORITY DIR SITEX MEXI 7359

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SITEX VASLOUGH

1. VASLOUGH 2 CALLED STATION 11 DEC 1738. IN ABSENCE BARKER AND
CHOADEN AND BECAUSE SHE INDICATED URGENCY EASBY MET. AT MEETING
RECOUNTED DIFFICULTY WITH BAGGAGE AT MEXICAN CUSTOMS. APPARES OF
SIX BAGS SHIPPED UNACCOMPANIED ONLY TWO ARRIVED, ONE BEING DOCTORS
CASE. SHE GOT HANDS ON IT AND DISCOVERED THREE OF FOUR SCREWS
HOLDING BOTTOM STUDS MISSING. BECAUSE UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE ON
WAYBILL AND ENTIRE SHIPMENT NOT THERE, CUSTOMS WOULD NOT RELEASE
ANY BUT ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE TO HER. EVEN WITH HELP OF GUEST COULD
NOT GET RELEASED SINCE WAS TOLD CUSTOMS FOR CARGO SHIPMENTS CLOSES
1400. AT MOMENT STATION UNABLE CONFIRM THIS.

2. SHE WISHED "PAUL" AND "NIKE" INFORMED AS FEARS WITH THREE
SCREWS OUT COMPARTMENT COULD OPEN WITH ANY KIND ROUGH HANDLING.
BELIEVE SUCCEEDED IN CALMING HER AND PROMISED HER STATION OFFICER
WOULD ACCOMPANY TO AIRPORT IN MORNING TO RETRIEVE LUGGAGE AND TRY
REPAIR BAG. SHE UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS BUT HOPE CAN CONVINCE HER
MISSING SCREWS UNHAPPY ACCIDENT AND NOT WORK OF PBURMEN IS.

3. REQUEST WAVE COMMENTS AND ADVISE IN EVENT SHE BALKS AT TAKING
BAG THIS TRIP. REPLY PRIORITY NO NIGHT ACTION.

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