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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1990 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF PANAMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Government of Panama wishes to document the facts of the Hermann incident.

The vessel concerned flies the Panamanian flag, and the Government of Panama gave express permission for United States authorities to board and inspect it. In such cases, considering that the country taking action does so for and on behalf of the sovereign country where the ship is registered, Panama accepts that all necessary measures may, even must, be taken including the use of force.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annex hereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) León ABADI
Ambassador, Alternate Representative
Chargé d'affaires

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ANNEX

Communication from the Consular and Shipping Department of the
Ministry of Finance and Budget of Panama

30-1-90

FAX

TO: EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN PANAMA

FROM: CONSULAR AND SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

Attention: DEA

We hereby authorize the Government of the United States, acting for and on behalf of Panama, to board and inspect the Panamanian registered ship Hermann in international waters in order to establish, after inspection, whether there are drugs or prohibited materials on board.

In the event that criminal possession or illegal transport of drugs or other items is established or presumed, the vessel, cargo and crew members must be handed over to the competent Panamanian penal authorities so that an investigation may take place in accordance with current legal procedure.

Vessel data:

Radio callsign: HO 2712

Gross tonnage: 1098.11

Net tonnage: 612.55

Registration number: 10458-84-B

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Guillermo MARQUEZ A.
Director

