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(Originally written by LRH on 1 November 1972,
concerning a situation of conflicting data from Customs
and Finance officials regarding the status of the *Apollo* in a port.)

Attorneys usually act as judges.

In our case we do not want to assume we are under more actual restriction than we are.

It is vital before we can decide, that we find out really what is wanted by Customs and Finance. It is this we hired a lawyer for. The law itself will *not* tell you what Customs and Finance want from *us*.

We could buy a packet of unnecessary restrictions if we go by legal opinion from books.

We need to know *from Customs and Finance* people the status of *Apollo* and what *they* want us to do.

Like a PR lays an egg operating with no survey, so could we operating without data from the Customs and Finance *people*.

We are doing this program to have a lawyer find out from Customs and Finance what Customs and Finance want *us* to do. Not what is the law regulating it.

I would not have done the eval could I have actually found out what the Setubal Customs wanted. I could not. So, in view of all the outpoints, an attorney representing

us has to contact them. About *us*. Then I will know what to do. Just reading the law is an idle action in this case.

So what does this Customs man want?

YOU CANNOT ASSUME YOU KNOW UNTIL A LAWYER HAS TALKED TO THEM.

Until this is done, I know nothing except that

- (a) There are tons of laws and
- (b) That I don't know.

So this eval was done to find out FROM CUSTOMS FOR US.

(I have struggled all year because of inapplicable legal opinion instead of FACTS from the horse's mouth. SO DON'T CONTINUE TO HAVE LAWS LOOKED UP.)

One lawyer to Finance and Customs about *Apollo*. What Finance and Customs want. Then I can eval it and PLAN.

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