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1. AN-NAHAR ARTICLE HAS BEEN GIVEN REPLAY ON LOCAL RADIO MORNING 9 MARCH AND AGAIN IN EVENING PAPER "OTTAWA JOURNAL" 9 MARCH COMPLETE WITH PICTURE OF PETROVSKIY TRYING TO AVOID PHOTOGRAPHER AS HE ENTERED SOV EMB MORNING 9 MARCH. AS ITEM BEING CARRIED BY CANADIAN PRESS (CP), EXPECT IT MAY BE REPLAYED OTHER MAJOR CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS AND WILL WATCH SEE IF IT GETS COVERAGE CBC TV NEWS TONIGHT.

2. STRICTLY FYI, IN CONVERSATION WITH COG, SMABOVE/11 SAID THEY HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR ARTICLE [REDACTED] WITH SMOTH. THEY HAD TEXT IN ADVANCE AND PLACED IT WITH THEIR CONTACT (IDEN A) FOR SURFACING 9 MARCH IN CP. HOWEVER, THERE HAD BEEN A FLAP WHICH WAS STILL ON GOING BECAUSE IDEN A'S SUPERIOR WANTED

CONFIRMATION THAT ARTICLE HAD APPEARED AND CP HAD BEEN

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UNABLE TO GIVE SUCH ASSURANCE. IDEN A APPEALED IN DESPERATION TO SMABOVE FOR CONFIRMATION, WHICH THEY UNABLE TO GIVE. ON BASIS REFS, COS WAS ABLE ASSURE SMABOVE/11 ARTICLE HAD APPEARED AND ALSO PICKED UP BY AFP THO NOT UPI SO FAR. GREATLY RELIEVED, SMABOVE/11 SAID HE WOULD CALL HIS CONTACT IMMEDIATELY AND ASSURE HIM EVERYTHING WAS BACK ON THE RAILS.

3. THIS LITTLE EXERCISE HAS PROVEN WHAT STATION ALWAYS SUSPECTED, THAT UNDER SMABLE/9 DIRECTION SMABOVE IS GETTING MORE ACTIVE IN ABOVE TYPE ACTIVITY AND HAS ABILITY TO SURFACE OR REPLAY ARTICLES FROM TIME TO TIME. IN ADDITION TO ALSO CONFIRMING THEIR MAN IN CP, SMABOVE/11 MENTIONED ANOTHER NAME OF PRESS CONTACT (IDEN B) THEY MAY USE TO GET AN ARTICLE DONE ON RIS TYPES IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

- 4. POUCHING CLIPS.
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