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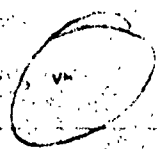
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1. ALTHOUGH LEONOV INTERESTING TARGET WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SUBJ OF REF THAT CONTACTS WITH THE SOVS EVEN IF UNDER OUR AUSPICES WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE HIS CHANCES TO OBTAIN SECURITY CLEARANCE NEEDED FOR GOVT POSITION. WE ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM ODENVY OF SOV CONTACTS WITH PREFERE CITIZENS WHEN THE CITIZEN RETURNS TO PEPRIE. IF QUESTIONED BY OTHER CONYORK AGENCIES RE SUBJ AS PART OF NORMAL SECURITY INVESTIGATION WE COULD RELATE FACT THAT SUBJ WAS MEETING SOVS AT OUR BEHALF AND GIVE THEM ESTIMATE OF SUBJ'S LOYALTY AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO US. WE COULD ALSO GIVE SAME TYPE DATA TO AGENCIES WITH WHICH SUBJ IS APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT AT OUR OWN INITITIVE. EVEN IF OUR ASSESSMENT WAS FAVORABLE WE CAN ONLY RECOMMEND AND CANNOT DICTATE PERSONNEL AND SECURITY POLICIES OF OTHER AGENCIES. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONVINCED OTHER AGENCIES THAT SUBJ IS NOT UNDER SOV CONTROL. THIS SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO SUBJ AND IF A GUARANTEE IS A CONDITION

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FOR HIS WORKING WITH US THIS ALONE WOULD PRECLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CP.

2. IN ADDITION WE WONDER IF CP USING SUBJ WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO KUBARK. POSSIBLE AND LOGICAL SOV TACTIC (ESPECIALLY IF THEY KNOW HE IS INTERESTED IN GOVT EMPLOYMENT) WOULD BE TO DEVELOP SLOWLY FOR OPS USE AT LATER DATE. THIS TYPE OP MAY DRAG ON FOR YEARS WITH NO BENEFIT TO KUBARK.

3. UPPER FEEL KEY THAT INITIAL CRESTONE ASSIGNMENT SUBJ NOT EXTREMELY FAVORABLE AND MUST CONSIDER LEONOV EXPERIENCED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WHO WOULD NO DOUBT MAINTAIN UPPER HAND IN RELATIONSHIP WITH 30 YEAR OLD STUDENT. ALSO EVEN IF SUBJ WOULD ACCEPT KUBARK ROLE KNOWING FUTURE RISKS HE MIGHT HAVE RESERVATIONS LATER AND BECOME HANDLING PROBLEM.

4. LEONOV APPEARS TO BE KGB SPECIALIST POLITICAL ACTION LATIN AMERICA. SENSITIVE ABSTORAGE REPORT IDENTIFIES HIM AS KGB. FEEL IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS HAVE A SOURCE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIM BUT IN VIEW SUBJ'S SITUATION FEEL HE SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO TAKE THE ASSIGNMENT. AS ALTERNATIVE, DOES ANYONE HAVE AVAILABLE A MORE MATURE INDIVIDUAL THAT SUBJ COULD

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SUGGEST TO LEONOV FOR LANGUAGE EXCHANGE WITH APOLOGIES THAT
 SUBJ SCHOOL COMMITMENTS DO NOT ALLOW SUCH EXTRA ACTIVITIES?
 RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTIES THIS TYPE APPROACH AND WOULD REQUIRE
 CARE. BELIEVE SUBJ SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT FOR HIS OWN GOOD
 HE BREAK OFF CONTACT WITH LEONOV BUT REPORT TO STATION ALL
 ATTEMPTS AT CONTACT BY LEONOV. ~~RE: [REDACTED]~~ BR

5. NO HDQS TRACES SUBJ, PARENTS, GRANDMOTHER. HEMA 13382
 AND HEM 6929 CONTAIN DEROG ON MANUEL GONZALEZ CASANOVA. ANY
 SIGNIFICANT RESULTS RECEIVED KUSODA TRACES WILL BE POUCHED.

6. THERE IS CONTINUING LCIMPROVE INTEREST IN FERRER.

END OF MESSAGE

WH CMT: *Req traces on Charles William JOHNSON Jr. who walked
 into protection office 14 Oct said in contact Dr. Olga
 P. FERRER. Sta see advantage poss develop subj access
 agent against LEONOV.

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