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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 PEPRIME CITIZENS WHEN THE CITIZEN RETURNS TO
 PEPRIME. IF QUESTIONED BY OTHER OUTSIDE 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 INITIATIVE. 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 CONVINCE
 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 OP.

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

3. INFER FROM REF THAT INITIAL COUNTERTHER ASSESSMENT SURJ NOT EXTREMELY FAVORABLE AND MUST CONSIDER LEONOV EXPERIENCED INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WHO WOULD NO DOUBT MAINTAIN UPPER HAND IN RELATIONSHIP WITH 20 YEAR OLD STUDENT. ALSO EVEN IF SURJ WOULD ACCEPT KURANK 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 ⁰² AESTORAGE REPORT IDENTIFIES HIM AS KGB. FEEL IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS HAVE A SOURCE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIM BUT IN VIEW SURJ'S SITUATION FEEL HE SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO TAKE THE ASSIGNMENT. AS ALTERNATIVE, DOES MIKI HAVE AVAILABLE A MORE NATURE INDIVIDUAL THAT SURJ 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. ⁷⁵ 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. ~~REQUIREMENTS COMMENTS.~~ BR

NO HDQS TRACES SUBJ, PARENTS, GRANDMOTHER. HMMA 13382
AND HMM 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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