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SUBJECT - (M) VIGOR/ FORRES/ MR. LUIS KUTNER

1. ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT REGARD HIM HIGHLY, LNERGO HAS PASSED A LEAD ON MR. LUIS KUTNER, A CHICAGO ATTORNEY AND FOUNDER OF WORLD HABEAS CORPUS. IN ADDITION TO LNERGO, SUBJECT HAS PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED WODISH CHICAGO, WHICH WAS TOLD BY ITS HQS NOT TO CONTINUE THE RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, IN THE OFF CHANCE THAT THERE MAY BE SOME INTEREST, THE FOLLOWING IS FORWARDED.

A. MR. KUTNER ALLEGES A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRINCE NORDOM SITHANOUK AND CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO MEET THE PRINCE DURING A FORTHCOMING TOUR OUT OF CHINA. HE HAS SUBMITTED A NUMBER OF MINEOGRAPHED NEWSLETTERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE WHICH INDICATE THAT HE IS AT LEAST ON THEIR MAILING LIST.

B. MR. KUTNER ALSO ALLEGES THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPEN A WORLD HABEAS CORPUS OFFICE IN PEKING, ALTHOUGH THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TENETS OF THAT MOVEMENT AND THOSE OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT ARE NOT CLEAR. IN ANY EVENT HE ESTIMATES THE OFFICE COULD BE SET UP FOR \$250,000. IF WE WISH TO FURNISH THAT SUM, HE WOULD OPEN THE OFFICE FOR US AND ALLOW US TO STAFF IT COMPLETELY WITH OUR OWN PEOPLE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING EITHER OF THESE CLAIMS. IF THERE IS, A [redacted] OFFICER IN ALIAS

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WILL CONTACT MR. KUTNER AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY HIS ALLEGATION
AND DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY POTENTIAL EXISTS. F2 IMPDET

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