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1. RECENT TALKS WITH AMWHIP 1 IN NEW YORK RE TRAVEL PLANS INDICATE PLANS BUSINESS TRIPS EUROPE THREE FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY SPENDING CIRCA TWO WEEKS EACH TRIP IN ITALY. ROUTINE BUSINESS MATTERS CAN BE EXPECTED OCCUPY CONSIDERABLE PORTION HIS TIME IN ITALY. WHILE AMWHIP 1 CONSIDERED ASTUTE ASSET WITH GOOD POSSIBILITIES ACCESS PERUMEN TARGETS ITALY, HQS DOUBTFUL HE CAN MEET STA NEEDS FOR ASSET WHO IS READILY AVAILABLE FOLLOW UP LEADS, DEVELOP CLOSE RAPPORT TARGET PERSONALITIES IN RESIDENCE OR IN TRANSIT, MAKE PITCHES WHEN CHANCE ARISES. NECESSARILY LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN HIS STAYS ITALY WILL BREAK RHYTHM OF OP DEVELOPMENT AND MAKE HIM UNAVAILABLE TO ASSESS RECRUIT WHEN LEAD MATURES IN MATTER OF WEEKS.

2. ALSO SINCE HQS USES AMWHIP 1 OTHER AREA OPERATIONS, IT NECESSARY GUARD AGAINST CONTAMINATING HIS CLEAN REPUTATION WITH PERUMEN REGIME THROUGH COM-MENDABLE BUT OVERLY ZEALOUS EFFORTS HIS PART TO DO MOST FOR STA IN TIME AVAILABLE. FYI, WHILE CONSIDERED SHREWD SOPHISTICATED, HE HAS TOUCH OF COMMON PERUMEN WEAKNESS OF BELIEVING HAND WILL NEVER BE CAUGHT IN COCKIE JAR AND CAN ALWAYS EXTRICATE SELF WITH PLAUSIBLE DENIAL.

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3. CONCERN STA DECISION FIDELITY.

4. FROM FIDELITY DECISION BELL, WERE SUGGEST ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, I.E., RECRUITMENT IDEN C OF DIR 44488, 4 JUNE 63. IDEN C HAS POA, IS VOICED FOR BY AMHEIP 1, AND EXPECTS TRAVEL HOME AT LEAST ONE WEEK PER MONTH TO ATTEND TO AMHEIP STORE. NEGATIVE FACTORS ARE HE IS UNKNOWN QUANTITY TO KIBAK REGARDING OP POTENTIAL, SUITABILITY FOR AND INTEREST IN CLARDESTINE ACTIVITIES. ON POSITIVE SIDE, AMHEIP 1 SAYS HE MOTIVATED HELP ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITY, AND HE PROBABLY PERSONA GRATA PERMITS ON SAME BASIS AS AMHEIP SINCE, UNLIKE BELL, DID NOT OBJECT PUBLICALLY AND NOT BEEN OVERTLY ACTIVE ANTI-REGIME MOVEMENTS. FURTHER, HIS PROXIMITY HOME AND FREQUENT VISITS WOULD GIVE STA CEASCS TRY HIM OUT BEFORE COMMITMENTS AND, IF STA FINDS HAS APTITUDE AND IS WELCOMED PERMITS ITALY, HE WOULD BE CALLED DOWN ON SPUR OF MOMENT FOR SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN ADDITION TO REGULAR VISITS.

5. MAIN PROBLEMS WITH BELL APPEAR TO BE (A) LACK PROOF HIS ACCEPTABILITY TO PRINCIPLES (B) COVER TO BE USED HIS PERFORMANCE HOME. IDEN C BEING OFFER POTENTIAL MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN AMHEIP 1 AND BELL. COVER IS ALREADY ESTABLISHED PROXIMITY IN ADEQUATE FOR REGULAR DEVELOPMENT TARGETS. ACCEPTABILITY TO PRINCIPLES AND APTITUDE FOR WORK CAN BE TESTED WITHOUT MAKING DETAILED ANTI-REGIME AND COMMITMENTS, AS WOULD BE CASE WITH BELL.

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6. IF STA WISHES CHECK IDEN C OUT, RECOMMEND FOLLOW UP SOONEST SINCE MAY STILL WISH FALL BACK ON BELL. SUGGEST STA OFFICER SHOULD TRAVEL SWITZ VISIT IDEN C OUTLINE PROPOSALS. NOTE HOWEVER HQS DOES NOT WISH ANWHIP 1 NAME BE USED. REALIZE THIS MAKES APPROACH BIT MORE DIFFICULT BUT BELIEVE IDEN C WELL AWARE ODYOKE INTEREST OBTAIN HELP ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES PERHAPS OFS AND WILL ACCEPT STORY HIS NAME AROSE DURING CHECK BY ODYOKE OF PERHAPS EKILES RESIDENT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND VISITING ITALY PERIODICALLY. THOUGH KUBARK SWITZ HAS NO CONTACT IDEN C, PLS CABLE BERN GVA INFO DIR PLANNING IF STA DECIDES VISIT IDEN C AND COORDINATE ON ARRIVAL SINCE THEY MAY WISH USE LOCALLY IN ADDITION TO OR IN LIEU OF ITAL USE.

7. FYI: IF IDEN C UNSUITABLE AND WISH PROCEED WITH BELL, BELIEVE ESSENTIAL SEND HIM HOME TLY PRIOR FINAL COMMITMENT TO ASCERTAIN CAPABILITIES AND ACCEPTABILITY PERHAPS THERE. WHILE FINAL COVER FOR RESIDENCE WOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY STA AND [DEVIANT] WOULD ATTEMPT ARRANGE COVER FOR IDY THROUGH KUVEST. KUVEST INDICATES SUCH COVER POSSIBLE THOUGH HAVE NOT TALKED CONCRETE TERMS PENDING DECISION IDEN C AND DEFINITE NEED FOR BELL.

END OF MESSAGE

Some prefer defer decision on BELL to get better reading ANWHIP/1 possibilities

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