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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

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1. FHABOVE/36 ADVISED STATION 29 OCTOBER 75 THAT NSA DEFECTORS MARTIN AND MITCHELL HAVE APPROACHED CANADIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REGARDING ADMISSION TO CANADA AS LANDED EMIGRANTS. FHABOVE HAVE LEARNED VIA THEIR WASHINGTON REP. THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING U.S. CHARGES AGAINST EITHER MAN.

2. FHABOVE/36 REMARKED THAT WHILE POSSIBILITY THE APPLICATION OF THE TWO BEING APPROVED BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SOMEWHAT REMOTE, AS LONG AS GOC IN POSITION OF STRENGTH IT MIGHT BE WELL TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS WHICH COULD BE PUT TO THEM DURING VISA APPLICATION QUESTIONING. FHABOVE WOULD BE WILLING TO CRANK THESE INTO THEIR RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. FHABOVE/36 SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS WILLING RELEASE TWO AT THIS TIME WITH EYE TO PUBLICITY FOR 'REVELATIONS' OF USG WRONGDOING THE TWO WOULD MAKE ONCE THEY IN CANADA - ACCUSATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE LESS CREDIBLE IF MADE FROM

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4. STATION NOT PARTICULARLY SANGUINE OVER CHANCES OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPROVING MOSCOW INTERROGATION BUT SOLICIT ANY
REQUIREMENTS HEADQUARTERS MIGHT HAVE. ADVISE.

5. PLEASE INFORM DIVISION D.

6. FILE DEFER. E2 IMPDET.

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