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TO : (HELSINKI) and (STOCKHOLM)

FROM: DIRECTOR

CONF: SR7

INFO: WEG, CI, CI/ASO, CI/RA, VR

Request for info on length of time to obtain Soviet Tourist Visa

TO: (HELS, STOC)

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1. HCS WANTS TO KNOW MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED TO OBTAIN SOVIET TOURIST VISA. INFO AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES SOV AMBASSADORS AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISAS LOCALLY WITHOUT A WAITING MOSCOW CLEARANCE, IF APPLICANT APPLIES PERSONALLY AT CONSULATE (AS AGAINST OBTAINING THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY). REQUEST YOU HAVE STATION MEMBER OR CLEARED CONTACT, AMERICAN OR LOCAL, PHONE SOVEMB WITH STORY OF IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR VACATION IN AUSTRIA AND POINTS SOUTH, EXAMINING POSSIBILITY SPENDING FEW DAYS IN MOSCOW (ONLY) EN ROUTE, ^{ASKING} IF CAN GET VISA AND DEPART WITHIN TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE DAYS. ~~ADMIT POSSIBLE GET VISA IN THIS TIME.~~

2. ABOVE INFO NEEDED ASAP SO WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITE

ACTION. NO SENSITIVITY CONNECTED THIS REQUEST.

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