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REF: MEXICO 6555 (IN 40400)

1. ALTHOUGH LEONOV AN 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 OLENYO OF
SOV CONTACTS WITH PEOPLES CITIZENS WHEN THE CITIZEN RETURNS TO
PEOPLES. IF QUESTIONED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT 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 COMMITMENT 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.

3. IN ADDITION WE WONDER IF OP USED SUBJ WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO KURAKIN. POSSIBLE AND LOGICAL SOV TACTIC (ESPECIALLY IF THEY HEARD HE IS INVESTIGATED BY GOVT INVESTIGATOR) WOULD BE TO INVOLVE SLOWLY FOR ONE YEAR AT LATTER DATE. THIS TYPE OF MAY DRAG ON FOR YEARS WITH NO BENEFIT TO KURAKIN.

3. UNLESS OP IS KEPT THAT INITIAL CONVERSATION AS SUBJ NOT HIGHLY FAVORABLE AND MOST CONCERNED LEGALITY HAVING BEEN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WHO WOULD NO DOUBT MAINTAIN UPPER HAND IN RELATIONSHIP WITH 20 YEAR OLD STUDENT. ALSO EVEN IF SUBJ WOULD ACCEPT KURAKIN ROLE KNOWING FUTURE RISKS HE MIGHT HAVE RESERVATIONS LATER AND ENCOUNTER HANDLING PROBLEMS.

4. LEONOV APPEARS TO BE NOB SPECIALIST POLITICAL ACTION LATIN AMERICA. SENSITIVE ABSTURGE REPORT IDENTIFIES HIM AS NOB. FEEL IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS HAVE A SOURCE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HIM BUT IN VIEW SUBJ'S SITUATION FEEL HE SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO TAKE THE ASSIGNMENT. AS ALTERNATIVE, DOCS SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE A SOURCE PARTNER INDIVIDUAL THAT SUBJ 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. 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. ~~RECOMMENDATIONS~~. BR

5. NO HQDS TRACES SUBJ, PARENTS, GRANDMOTHER. HEMA 3382 AND HEM 6929 CONTAIN DEROG ON MANUEL GONZALEZ CASANOVA. ANY SIGNIFICANT RESULTS RECEIVED KUSODA TRACKS WILL BE POUCHED.

6. THERE IS CONTINUING LC IMPROVE 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. Orga P. FERRER. Sta see advantage poss develop subj accems agent against LEONOV

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