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1. INTERVIEW WITH MANUELA REVEALS FOLLOWING:

A. TIKHONOV TELEPHONED REVEREND DANIEL PASCU WHO PASTOR ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH CLEVELAND ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. STATED PURPOSE CALL WAS TO FIND OUT IF POSSIBLE ADDRESS OF BARBU, WHOM TIKHONOV KNOWS AND WISHES TO CONTACT. TIKHONOV SPOKE FLUENT ROMANIAN, STATED BORN AND RAISED KALORASH NEAR KISHINEV. IS SOV CITIZEN BUT CONSIDERS SELF ROMANIAN. INVITED PASCU ATTEND PERFORMANCE AND ATTEMPT MEET HIM AFTERWARDS. WHEN PASCU URGED CAUTION TIKHONOV REPLIED THAT RUSSIAN DANCERS IN GROUP WERE KNOCKING BELVES OUT MEET RUSSIAN ENIGMAS, SO FELT HAD RIGHT TO MEET "HIS OWN PEOPLE." SAID HE THOUGHT COMPANY WAS STOPPING IN DENMARK ON RETURN TRIP TO MOSCOW, AND MIGHT HAVE OPPORTUNITY CONTACT BARBU WHILE THERE. PASCU KNEW NOTHING OF BARBU BUT PROMISED TRY FIND OUT.

B. CONVERSATION GAVE NO OVER INDICATION DISSATISFACTION OR DESIRE DEFECT.

C. PASCU ATTENDED PERFORMANCE BUT WAS COMPLETELY UNABLE

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CONTACT **TIKHONOV**. ENTIRE COMPANY WAS HERDED ~~ALONG~~ BUSSES RIGHT AFTER PERFORMANCE AND LEFT TOWN. PASCU THEN TELEPHONED **MANUILA** AND ASKED THAT HE ATTEMPT CONTACT **TIKHONOV** WHEN COMPANY REACHED NEW YORK. MANUILA SENT MIHON BUTARIU WHO ALSO ROMANIAN EMIGRE TO WENTCHESTER WHERE BALLETT WAS PERFORMING TO ATTEMPT CONTACT. BUTARIU EMIGRE AND CORRESPONDS WITH BARBU, AND TOOK LETTERS TO SEND **TIKHONOV**. HOWEVER, PUBLIC WAS NOT ALLOWED TO APPROACH DANCERS, AND CONTACT ATTEMPT FAILED.

1. THEREFORE, MANUILA NOTED HIS CLOSE FRIEND **POPOVICI** TO ATTEMPT CONTACT NEXT. PERHAPS EXAGGERATED LIKELIHOOD DEFECTION DUE TO "INTUITIVE FEELING" THIS WHAT **TIKHONOV** HAS IN MIND. EVERYTHING BASED **TIKHONOV** PHONE CALL TO PASCU WHICH ONLY CONTACT TO DATE.

2. ABOVE INDICATES PROSPECTS LESS THEN ORIGINALLY HOPED BUT HQS FEELS CONTACT ATTEMPT USING ROMANIAN EMIGRE WELL WORTH WHILE. POA APPLIED FOR TO USE **POPOVICI** THIS PURPOSE. CONSIDER BARR UNBUTTABLE FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT INTRO TO **POPOVICI**.

3. BUTARIU PROVIDED RECENT LETTER FROM BARBU IN ROMANIAN WHICH DISCUSSES HIS ARTISTIC ~~SUCCESS~~, HAPPINESS IN WEST, HOPE FOR A

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ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES TO DETERMINE THE SITUATION

7. IF POSSIBLE, OBTAINING OR OBTAINING COOPERATE FROM THE STATION

DO SO WITH MINIMAL RISK OF COMPROMISE OR MISADVENTURE.

ABOVE. ATTEMPT PLACE IN TIKHONOV'S HOTEL ROOM, IF POSSIBLE TO

IN ROMANIAN ENVELOPING HARD LETTERS AND EXPLAINING PER PARA 4

6. IF NO BETTER POSSIBLE SUGGEST POSSIBLE WRITE MORE TO TIKHONOV

THAT.

NEXT. CABLE HQDC FOR GUIDANCE ON RESERVATION AND FINANCIAL

5. IF SITUATION SEEMS FAVORABLE, SUGGEST AIR FOR DEFECTION IN

PERSONAL SITUATION AND ATTITUDES WOULD BE BETTER WITH COURSE.

THAT THERE IS POSSIBLE. INFO OBTAINED BY POSSIBLE ON TIKHONOV

REPORT POSSIBLE SHOW THAT TO TIKHONOV. REPORT REQUESTS RETURN

MEET HIM PERSONALLY. CAN SAY THAT HE FORWARDED LETTERS WITH

PROBE CALL TO BUCH AND FAILURE OF ATTEMPT IN BUCH AND BUKHARU

4. SUGGEST POSSIBLE ATTEMPT WITH TIKHONOV CITE LATTER'S

SEE LATER BELOW. HOME ADDRESS.

ONE THAT THERE IS APPROACH TO TIKHONOV. FROM THERE ATTEMPTED

ALSO GIVE POST CARD WITH PICTURE BIRTH OF MACE. COMMENTS OUR

SEE ROMANIA, ETC, AND HEADS LIKE A FOR THE DEFECTION PITCH.

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AS WE CURRENTLY KNOW IT JUSTIFIES APPROACH ONLY IN HUMANIAN  
EMIGRE CONTEXT FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSEMENT. DIRECT APPROACH  
BY KUBARKER OR OTHER NON-HUMANIAN ASSET NOT DESIRED.

8. PLS ATTEMPT DETERMINE IF COMPANY ACTUALLY STOPPING DENMARK  
OR OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY EN ROUTE MOSCOW. IF SO CAN FOLLOW  
UP THERE AND PERHAPS ARRANGE HANDBU MEET.

9. VIEW CIRCUMSTANCES FEEL HQS TRY C/O NOT NEEDED. HOWEVER,  
SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT HQS WILL PROVIDE ANY SUPPORT  
REQUIRED.

**END OF MESSAGE**

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