DISPATCH

TO
CHIEF OF BASE, BERLIN   XXX   NO INDEXING REQUIRED

INFO.
CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY   ONLY QUALIFIED DESK
CHIEF, EE   CAN JUDGE INDEXING

FROM
CHIEF, FRANKFURT OPERATIONS BASE   MICROFILM

SUBJECT CATARSI/CABATON/OPERATIONAL
TEST LETTERS FROM BOB TO FEDREP CABATONS

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

SEE BELOW

A. FROB 6169   *CABATON-87 file*
B. BRLN 4656

1.   THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY IN REF B. WE HAD ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS A BOB TEST LETTER, BUT WANTED TO VERIFY IT BEFORE DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM PRESENTED TO US IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

2.   AS YOU WERE AWARE, CABATON 87, THE RECIPIENT OF THIS TEST LETTER, HAD BEEN RECENTLY INVOLVED WITH THE GERMAN POLICE AND FROB WAS ENGAGED IN ASSESSING THE SERIOUSNESS AND EXTENT OF THE COMPROMISE OF OUR CABATON M.O. WHICH RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT. FROB 6061 REPORTING OUR EFFORTS WAS AVAILABLE TO BOB AT THE TIME TEST LETTER WAS SENT, BUT WE ASSUME THAT THE TESTING WAS DONE AS A ROUTINE MEASURE WITHOUT CHECKING THE CASE FILE. WHILE NO DAMAGE WAS DONE IN THIS CASE, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE TEST LETTERS ARE SENT TO AN AGENT WHO IS BLOWN TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

3.   WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE THAT A QUICK CHECK IS MADE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF ANY CABATON BEFORE A TEST LETTER IS SENT. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME A REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF FROB AND BOB IN TESTING AN ASSIGNED BUT OPERATIONALLY INACTIVE LLD AT SOME CONVENIENT TIME.

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