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SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO THE BONN/
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WHEN WE HAVE COMPLETED THAT TASK, WE SHALL THEN CONSIDER
HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FOCUS OUR EXISTING ACCESS AGENTS
AGAINST THEM AND WHAT NEW ASSETS WE MIGHT NEED.

- 2. FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT REGARDING OUR CATOMIC ASSETS. FROM REF B AND RECENT HOS QUARTERLY EVALUATIONS, WE HAVE RECEIVED THE UNMISTAKABLE IMPRESSION HOS APPARENTLY BELIEVES WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF CATOMIC ASSETS ON THE ROLLS. ACTUALLY, ONLY 12 ASSETS ENCRYPTED UNDER THIS PROJECT ARE ACTIVE AND ONLY NINE OF THESE CAN BE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS. /CATOMIC/40 AND 41 WORK AS AN AGENT COUPLE, CATOMIC/72 AND 73 ARE OP KEEPERS./ OUR TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THESE 12 ASSETS, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN CLOSE REVIEW AFTER WE COMPLETE OUR TARGET ANALYSIS. ARE AS FOLLOWS,
- A. CATOMIC/6 WILL BE RETAINED. PRIMARILY BECAUSE

 SHE CAN HELP US SCREEN SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN MEDIA

 REPRESENTATIVES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE SHE HAS PROVEN ABILITY TO

 ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF TARGETS SELECTED FROM THIS GROUP.

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WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THIS GROUP IMPORTANT, BECAUSE MANY OF IT MEMBERS ARE APPARENTLY INTELLIGENCE-AFFILIATED, E.G., 8 OF 16 SOVIETS AND THE RECENT CZECH DEFECTOR SVETOZAR SIMKO, A CZECH MILITARY INTEL OFFICER. IN GENERAL, THIS GROUP ALSO HAPPENS TO BE MORE ACCESSIBLE, BECAUSE THEY GENERALLY LIVE OUTSIDE OFFICIAL COMPOUNDS.

- B. CATOMIC/33 MIGHT BE PUT IN ANOTHER PROGRAM.
- C. CATOMIC/40 AND 41 WILL BE THE FIRST ASSETS WE WILL TRY TO RETARGET.
- D. CATOMIC/47 WILL BE RETAINED BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO GIVE US ADVANCE NOTICE OF TARGET INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY.
- E. CATOMIC/72 AND 73. OP KEEPERS AT CAPAYOFF, WILL BE RETAINED.
- F, CATOMIC/74 WILL BE DROPPED WHEN HE DEPARTS PCS.
 PROBABLY THIS SUMMER.
- G. CATOMIC/79, OUR ONLY REPORTING SOURCE ON CAPAYOFF PERSONNEL, WILL BE RETAINED.
 - H. CATOMIC/85 WILL BE DROPPED.

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- I. CATOMIC/86 WILL BE DROPPED.
- J. CATOMIC/87 WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST NOVIKOV.
- 4. CATOMIC/23, CATOMIC/52. CATOMIC/59, CATOMIC/77 AND CATOMIC/80, ARE ALL INACTIVE ASSETS WHOM WE DO NOT INTEND TO RECONTACT FOR CATOMIC PURPOSES. SEPARATE DISPATCHES FOLLOW ON EACH CASE REQUESTING EITHER CANCELLATION OR AMENDMENT OF OPS APPROVALS.
- 5. CATOMIC/5, CATOMIC/8, CATOMIC/36, CATOMIC/81 AND CATOMIC/83 ARE ALSO ALL INACTIVE ASSETS, BUT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN LOOSE CONTACT WITH THEM. AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR TARGET ANALYSIS. WE ARE CONSIDERING CONTACTING CATOMIC/8, WHO WAS LAST MET IN JANUARY 1976, FOR A CURRENT READING ON HER ACCESS BEFORE DECIDING ON DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE, PLS SEE THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR REASONS FOR NOT DROPPING THE OTHER FOUR CASES YET. EGXA-5846 AND EGXA-5848 /C/5/, EGXA-5859