

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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1. HQS APPRECIATES THE TIMELY TRANSMISSION OF THE CATOPHAT PROJECT RENEWAL REQUEST FORWARDED IN REF A. HOWEVER, BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE VARIOUS HQS ELEMENTS FOR APPROVAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

2. WE AGREE WITH THE BASIC AIMS OF THE PROJECT AND FULLY ENDORSE [] INTENTION TO ACQUIRE AND TRAIN A STABLE OF ACCESS AGENTS WHO CAN BE DIRECTED AGAINST DESIGNATED SOVIET TARGETS. WE FEEL THAT ONLY THOSE ASSETS WHO ARE FULLY RECRUITED AND CONTROLLED AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO REPORT REGULARLY AND IN SOME DEPTH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT. IN VIEW OF THIS WE QUESTION THE PROPOSED INCLUSION IN THE PROJECT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS -

A. CATOPHAT 3 AND 4 - SUBJS HAVE LIMITED POTENTIAL ACCESS TO SOVIETS WHO LIVE IN THEIR APARTMENT BUILDING. THEIR MARGINAL PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, PARTICULARLY THEIR FAILURE TO ESTABLISH SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL CONTACT WITH ANY OF THEIR SOVIET NEIGHBORS RAISES DOUBTS RE THEIR VALUE TO THE PROJECT.

B. CATOPHAT 13 - SUBJ HAS BEEN ASSESSED [] AS NOT

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HAVING THE NECESSARY CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACCESS AGENT, AND PROBABLY SHOULD BE RETAINED ON AN INFORMANT BASIS ONLY.

C. CATOPHAT 19 - IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [] HAS BEEN IN OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH SUBJ FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEAR, WE FAIL COMPREHEND WHY IT SHOULD BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN BIO DATA BY ELICITATION. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOES HAVE SEVERAL CONTACTS OF INTEREST AND WILE WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL EVER BE BROUGHT INTO AGENT STATUS, CONTACT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED ON AN INFORMANT BASIS.

3. HQS AGREES THAT IDENTITY 2 OF REF A /CASCOFF/ MAY HAVE SOME POTENTIAL AS A SPOTTER, ASSESSOR AND DEVELOPER OF ACCESS AGENTS TO THE SOVIET TARGET, BUT THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A DETAILED OPERATINAL PLAN OUTLINING HIS PROPOSED USE. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW HE WILL EXPLAIN HIS SUDDEN ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN HIS CONTACTS IN THE AFFLUENT MANNER WHICH REF A IMPLIES.

4. CATOPHAT 20 AND 21 HAVE BEEN ENCRYPTED SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE PROJECT OUTLINE. IF [] FEELS THEY MERIT INCLUSION IN THE PROJECT RENEWAL REQUEST, PLS ADVISE HQS OF PROPOSED USE, SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

5. CONCUR IN HIDRONE'S INCLUSION IN THE PROJECT. HQS COMMENTS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIDRONE CASE ARE BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

6. SINCE SALARY, OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND BONUSES FOR EACH AGENT WERE PRESENTED AS A LUMP SUM WE ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A COGENT ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED PROJECT EXPENDITURES. PLS SUBMIT A PRECISE BREAKDOWN OF PROPOSED SALARIES, OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND BONUSES FOR EACH ASSET.

7. WHILE OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON SALARY LEVELS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE MORE DETAILED OUTLINE REQUESTED ABOVE, HQS FEELS THAT, IN GENERAL, INITIAL SALARY LEVELS SHOULD BE MODEST IN ORDER TO LEAVE GROWTH ROOM ON THE BASIS OF LATER PERFORMANCE AND MERIT.

8. FOREGOING COMMENTS ARE BASED ON A DESIRE TO TRIM THE PROJECT TO A HARD FUNCTIONAL NUCLEUS OF ASSETS WHO CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED

TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. ALL OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING POTENTIAL CATOPHAT ACCESS OR SUPPORT AGENTS SHOULD BE FUNDED OUT OF SB OOA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THEY MEET THE STRINGENT STANDARDS WHICH SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

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