

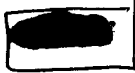
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TO: FBIS.



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SUBJECT: A MODEST PROPOSAL



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1. WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT EDITORIAL STRENGTH AND LACK OF SPACE IN LONDON BUREAU AT A TIME OF RESOURCE SCARCITY. THE BEST SOLUTION THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH IS THAT WE ONCE AGAIN TAKE A LOOK AT THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE MWR BEING PRODUCED IN LONDON.

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE MWR HAS DEVOTED READERS AND SERVES A REAL REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, IT ABSORBS THE EFFORTS OF TWO EDITORS, WHO COULD OTHERWISE BE USED TO DO SOVIET REGIONALS OR HELP WITH THE OVERLOAD AT THE EDITORIAL DESK, BOTH MORE ESSENTIAL TO THE FBIS MISSION THAN USING SCARCE FIELD RESOURCES FOR A NON-COLLECTION TASK.

3. CEASING BUREAU PRODUCTION OF THE MWR WOULD ALSO FREE SOME MUCH-NEEDED SPACE AND EVEN MORE NEEDED PORTS ON THE WANG SYSTEM, WHICH COULD THEN BE USED BY A REGIONAL SPECIALIST OR ANOTHER RUSSIAN MONITOR AS WELL AS PARTTIME FOR TV MONITORING, WHICH IS NOW BEING DONE IN THE CHIEF EDITOR'S OFFICE AT THE COST OF CONSIDERABLE DISRUPTION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TESTING THE WATERS ON WHETHER THE MWR CAN BE ELIMINATED OR SHIFTED TO WASHINGTON (OR EVEN ANOTHER BUREAU SUCH AS NICOSIA) THIS MOVE IS THE EASIEST AND CHEAPEST METHOD OF GIVING LONDON BUREAU SOME BADLY NEEDED EDITORIAL RELIEF. WE WOULD OFFER [REDACTED] A JOB AS AN EDITOR OR AS RUSSIAN REGIONALS SPECIALIST, THOUGH I IMAGINE HE MIGHT CHOOSE TO LEAVE US AT SOME POINT. PLEASE CONSIDER, SOUND OUT AND ADVISE.

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5. FILE: NONE. DECL OADR DRV COV 1-82.

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