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1. RE FLAYDON GOODBOURNE 12:10 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HQS DESIRES EXCHANGE VIEWS RE LINE SHERWOOD WILL TAKE RE CURRENT ARMS SHIPMENT AND ON THE SABOTAGE THEREOF IF SUCCESSFUL.

2. HQS SUGGESTS SHERWOOD CANNOT LONG REMAIN SILENT ON NATURE OF SHIPMENT WHICH ^{MAJOR} ~~BE~~ NOW MUST BE ~~GENERAL~~ TOPIC AND OSTENSIBLE SHERWOOD BACKERS ^{PROBABLY} WILL HAVE TO AVOW OR DISCLAIM CONNECTION ANY WIDELY REPORTED SABOTAGE ATTEMPT AT VERY LEAST SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT SHIPMENT ITSELF.

3. WE DESIRE PREVENT TOO CLOSE CONVERGENCE ODYOKE LINE AND THAT OF SHERWOOD TO AVOID APPEARANCE ODYOKE BACKING. HENCE CAREFUL COORDINATION AND FORETHINKING REQUIRED.

4. IN VIEW 17 MAY ODACID ANNOUNCEMENT WE SUGGEST SHERWOOD CAN EXPLOIT ALFHEM ARMS SHIPMENT. SUGGEST FOLLOWING LINES ^{AS} SAFE:

A. GUATEMALAN ARMY PLEASURE AT PROSPECT RECEIVING ARMS TURNING TO SKEPTICISM BASED ON EVIDENCE IN HANDS SOME OFFICERS THAT CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF ARMS ~~BE~~ TO BE DELIVERED TO OTHERS THAN THEMSELVES AND THAT THIS MOVE IS STEP 2 OF PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN WITH SPECIAL ARMING OF CRUZWEHR POLICE. CZECHO LIGHT ARMS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO COMMIE LED POLICE ALREADY.

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B. CERTAIN ARMY LEADERS ARE FURTHER WORRIED HAVING LEARNED FROM A SOURCE CLOSE TO ARBENZ THAT PART OF ARMS WILL BE DIVERTED FROM ARMY FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN NEIGHBORING STATES.

C. ARMY LEADERS PLANNING QUERY ARBENZ ON STORY THEY HAVE RECEIVED THAT THEY WILL BE SENT TO FRONTIERS TO BACK UP SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS IN NEIGHBORING STATES: SOME ARMY PEOPLE SEE IN THIS A RUSE TO GET THEM FROM KEY AREAS SO THAT ARMED COMMUNIST GROUPS CAN SEIZE CONTROL OF STATE.

5. FOREGOING ARE SUGGESTIONS. IN CABLING YOUR VIEWS PLEASE CONSIDER EFFECTS OF PROPAGANDA IF ENTIRE ALPHEM SHIPMENT IS FOR ARMY. ALSO ADVISE YOUR THINKING RE SHERWOOD POSITION SABOTAGE.

6. ADVISE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME FROM COMMENCEMENT PREPARATION SCRIPT TO BROADCAST BY SHERWOOD.

7. FOR SUSTAINED KUGOWN ACTION INTELLIGENCE FROM CALLIGERIS AND SECANT RE CUPRENT ARMY ATTITUDE RE ARMS AND INTENDED END-USE IS MANDATORY. WE CON- GERNED LEST ARMY REACTION TO ARMS ARRIVAL MAY BE VERY FAVORABLE TO ARBENZ.

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