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GRCROOND

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1. Because we believe that adoption of the cryptonym system proposed in the reference for activities and agents under GRCROOND would lead to confusion and an unnecessary burden on cable communications, we should like to request that you reconsider putting it into effect. It does not appear any Headquarters element should withhold authorized support for a project approved by the PRC because established cryptonyms continue to be used. There is ample justification for their continued use both in terms of the historical development of the operations and agents with which they are connected, and the confusion which a shift would now cause. It appears to us that the new system would be unusually susceptible to typographical errors, involving waste of time and correspondence, and would needlessly complicate internal filing and historical continuity (ORLAUNCH 1, for example, has already built up an impressive backlog of correspondence as Grommet 5, and we would now have to begin again with him as GRCROOND/L 1.

2. We should like to suggest instead the following system:

a. Continued use of all existing agent cryptonyms; new agents would be assigned cryptonyms under GRCROOND precisely as they are under other projects, i.e., new cryptonyms for independently-recruited agents, further numbers in an existing series for sub-agents recruited under going operations.

b. GRCROOND for use as a category slug on all correspondence dealing with activities funded under this project, similar to the use of REDSOX or HIWAY.

c. Present project cryptonyms, except for GRDAGGER in its PY aspects, would be used only in historical reference.

d. Operational reporting (contact and progress reports) would be based on the appropriate agent cryptonym, although carrying the general slug of GRCROOND.

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3. Pending receipt of your reactions to our counter-proposal, we shall continue to use the existing cryptonyms for PM operations.

4. In view of your comments in reference paragraph 3, the Mission Finance Officer has assumed that he is to continue reporting financial matters and assigning operational expenses as heretofore, to the separate PM projects. No change in this procedure will be made until we have been specifically advised to do so.

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