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E. [ ] 5009

1. ON 21 JANUARY 1968 AS PREARRANGED BY [ ] 5006  
AND REF E, LAMBIEN MANOGOFF AND MOWINSKY MET WITH [ ]  
[ ] AND [ ] FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE  
POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF IBEX PROGRAM TO ITALY AND OF PRE-  
SENTATION WHICH THREE VISITORS INTENDED MAKE TO RNINSTEAD  
ON 22 JANUARY.

2. THREE VISITORS WERE MOST APOLOGETIC ABOUT BRIEF  
NOTICE WHICH [ ] HAD RECEIVED PRIOR THEIR VISIT AND  
THEIR CALL ON RNINSTEAD, AND EXPLAINED THAT THEIR UNDER-  
STANDING WAS NEW PROPOSAL FOR IBEX RELOCATION TO ITALY  
KNOWN HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1968. ALSO APPOINTMENT  
WITH RNINSTEAD HAD BEEN SET BY MOWINSKY ABOUT TEN DAYS OR  
TQ WEEKS PREVIOUSLY. VISITORS THEN PROVIDED OUTLINE  
THEIR PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH RNINSTEAD. IT QUICKLY BECAME  
APPARENT THEY RECOGNIZED RNINSTEAD WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE  
WITTING LNHRP CONNECTION OF QKACTIVE AND THUS

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PRESENTATION TO HIM SHOULD INCLUDE MENTION THAT [ ]  
HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THEM PRIOR TO THEIR VISIT WITH  
RNINSTEAD HIMSELF. VISITORS OFFERED INCLUDE [ ] IN  
THEIR CALL ON RNINSTEAD, BUT THIS OFFER WAS DECLINED SINCE  
IT WOULD HAVE INEVITABLY CONNECTED VISITORS TO [ ]  
PERSONNEL IN EYES OF RNINSTEAD ASSISTANTS AND OTHER LNPURE  
PERSONNEL INCLUDING LOCALS WHO IN POSITION OBSERVE ENTRY  
AND EXITS FROM RNINSTEAD'S OFFICE. IT AGREED WITH VISITORS  
THERE WOULD BE BRIEF MEETING WITH [ ] OFFICER EVENING  
22 JANUARY AWAY FROM LNPURE. <sup>REPORT GIST OF THEIR TALK</sup>  
~~430945 & 8 5 91 5#384 5-JC~~  
~~WITH RNINSTEAD.~~  
~~285# 4, 8, 53-S.~~

3. VISITORS MENTIONED IBEX PROGRAM HAD IN PAST BEEN  
DISCUSSED WITH LNGOLD PERSONNEL, THOUGH [ ] NOT AWARE  
DATE SUCH DISCUSSIONS. REASONS FOR NEED TO MOVE OFFICE  
AWAY FROM GERMANY WERE DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS PROPOSAL TO  
ESTABLISH OFFICE IN ITALY IN FORM OF ITALIAN REGISTERED OR  
INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION. VISITORS ASKED [ ] VIEWS ON  
DESIRABILITY ITALIAN AS AGAINST AMERICAN ORGANIZATION,  
POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM IF LOCATED IN ITALY ON PART  
OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND  
ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. [ ] OFFICERS OFFERED  
THEM FOLLOWING VIEWS ON PERTINENT POINTS-

A. CHANCES FOR CONTAMINATION, COMPROMISE OR  
UNDUE INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITY, IF RELOCATED TO ITALY,  
WOULD BE LESS IF ORGANIZATION SETS ITSELF UP AS  
ITALIAN GROUP, WITH SUITABLE NUMBER OF ITALIANS ON  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

B. LOCATION IN ROME WOULD PROBABLY SERVE ATTRACT  
MORE ATTENTION TO ACTIVITY ON PART OF LOCAL AND  
HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, OR COMMUNIST PARTY,  
THAN IF GROUP IS TO LOCATE IN FLORENCE WHERE IT

WOULD BLEND IN WITH CULTURAL AURA OF SCENE.

C. IF GROUP TO BE ITALIAN REGISTERED OR INCORPORATED IT NOT LIKELY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD HAVE TO GIVE OPINION OR BECOME INVOLVED IN APPROVALS. THIS DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF UNPREDICTABLE REACTION MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM IN ITALY.

D. IT ONLY MATTER OF TIME BEFORE DEPATRON BECOMES AWARE OF IBEX. IF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT APPARENT, AS PROBABLY WILL BE, DEPATRON WILL PROBABLY ASK [ ] IF ACTIVITY IS WOFIRM BACKED AND IF IT BONA FIDE. [ ] CAN DENY WOFIRM CONNECTION, BUT MUST BE SURE SUCH CONNECTION THEN IS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY OTHERS.

E. HIGH DEGREE OF PRESS INTEREST IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, BOTH ITALIAN AND FOREIGN, AS WELL AS COMMUNIST EXPLOITATION AND INTEREST IN THIS FIELD WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE THREE VISITORS. ALSO PRESENT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITY ABOUT ITS OWN AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE OR INTELLIGENCE CONNECTED ACTIVITIES WERE MENTIONED.

F. IF IBEX IS TO RELOCATE TO ITALY, VISITORS WERE ADVISED BEST TIME WOULD BE AFTER SPRING ELECTIONS, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN MAY.

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF IBEX, VISITORS STATED THERE WAS A SECOND PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF MAILING TAPES OF ANTI-COMMUNIST RADIO BROADCASTS AND REPRINTS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER ARTICLES TO LATIN AMERICA. SINCE THIS SECOND PROGRAM WAS ORGANICALLY PART OF SAME OFFICE WHICH COVERS IBEX ACTIVITIES IN MUNICH, ITS RELOCATION TO ITALY

ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION. [ ] NOTED THAT PAST  
CORRESPONDENCE RE IBEX RELOCATION HAD NEVER MENTIONED  
THIS SECOND PROGRAM. VISITORS BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THIS  
PROGRAM. [ ] OFFERED FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION ON THIS  
SECOND ACTIVITY-

IT APT DRAW GREATER ATTENTION THAN IBEX SINCE /A/ IT  
OPENLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, /B/ IT OPERATES IN AREA IN  
WHICH ITALIANS THEMSELVES HAVE INCREASING CULTURAL  
AND OTHER INTERESTS, /C/ IT COULD BE EASILY TRACED  
BACK TO ITS ITALIAN ADDRESS BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS IN  
LATIN AMERICA, AND /D/ WOULD BE LOCATED IN COUNTRY  
WHERE LATIN-AMERICAN SUBVERSION EITHER TRANSITS OR  
ORIGINATES VIA PCI. IN ADDITION IT POINTED OUT TO  
VISITORS THAT IBEX OPERATIONAL SECURITY WOULD PROBABLY  
BE AFFECTED BY SECURITY OR VULNERABILITY OF LATIN  
AMERICAN PROGRAM, AND THUS IT WOULD APPEAR PRUDENT  
EXAMINE VERY CAREFULLY ANY RELOCATION OF LATTER  
PROGRAM IN ITALY.

5. AS SCHEDULED THREE VISITORS PAID CALL ON RNINSTEAD  
1730 ON 22 JANUARY. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH [ ]  
OFFICER VISITORS SUMMED UP DISCUSSION WITH RNINSTEAD IN  
FOLLOWING POINTS-

- A. RNINSTEAD WITTING OF QKACTIVE-WOFIRM CONNECTION,  
ANF HAD PARTICIPATED IN ORIGINAL CLEARANCES WITH  
LNGOLD,
- B. NO MENTION MADE DURING DISCUSSION OF FACT  
RNINSTEAD LAME DUCK, ND IT NOT REQUESTED HE  
INTERCEDE WITH SUCCESSOR ON THIS PROGRAM,
- C. RNINSTEAD LISTENED WITH INTEREST AND APPEARED  
BE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM,

D. RNINSTEAD CAUTIONED VISITORS THAT IN CASE OF COMPROMISE IN ITALY THEY WOULD FIND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SPINELESS AND WOULD BE PRETTY MUCH ON THEIR OWN, RECOMMENDED PROGRAM NOT BE LOCATED ITALY UNTIL AFTER SPRING ELECTIONS,

E. RNINSTEAD CAUTIONED VISITORS MOVE WITH GREAT CARE AND START OFF WITH RELOCATION IBEX BEFORE MOVING LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM,

F. RNINSTEAD VOICED SOME CONCERN ABOUT EFFICIENCY ITALIAN POSTAL SYSTEM IF IBEX IS TO DO LARGE VOLUME MAILING FROM ITALY, POINTED TO LOSSES AND DELAYS EXPERIENCED IN POSTAL SYSTEM.

6. ALTHOUGH [ ] LACKS MANY PERTINENT FACTS COMMENT IN DEPTH AT THIS POINT, WE PROCEED FROM BASIC ASSUMPTIONS THAT ACTIVITY REPRESENTED BY THESE TWO PROGRAMS HAS APPROPRIATE LNHARP APPROVALS, AND THAT CONTINUED WOFIRM FUNDING HAS BEEN DECIDED. IF FIRM PROPOSAL FOR MOVE THESE ACTIVITIES TO ITALY IS DRAWN UP, [ ] WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED HEADQUARTERS CI/CE REVIEW TO INSURE THAT THERE ARE NO INHERENT SECURITY HAZARDS IN TERMS OF PAST ACTIVITIES, PERSONNEL, ETC. WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE SECURE ESTABLISHMENT HERE. [ ] WOULD, ON BASIS CAREFUL PRIOR EXAMINATION BY HEADQUARTERS OF ALL ASPECTS THIS PROPOSAL, THEN BE IN POSITION COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY.

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