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Penetration of HEGROPING Security Formations

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ACTION REQUIRED: For your information and consideration in formulating your reply to Reference.

1. We agree generally with the philosophy expressed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Reference. In view of the cooperation and friendly attitude shown to us by the HEGROPING authorities, it will be a rare case indeed where a proposed penetration is likely to bring us material of such value as to warrant the possible sacrifice of the existing and anticipated liaison relationships.

2. In applying the above principle, we must of course give attention to the purpose underlying the contact with a given individual in the HEGROPING services. Just as the recruitment of a student does not necessarily signify our intention to penetrate the university, it may be conceivable to have contact with a civil servant for purposes other than to penetrate the office which he happens to be associated with temporarily. We may be interested in the individual's political career, we may have a realistic expectation that he will rise from a local level to an echelon with supervisory and/or centralized jurisdiction, or we may be interested in utilizing the individual's impeccable indigenous cover to bring us closer to our priority targets.

3. Our interest in CAHELM was sparked by the belief that he is a clandestine representative of CAVATA. We took advantage of the unique connection between him and [redacted] in approaching him. It turned out that CAHELM was not with CAVATA but with the local counterpart. It also developed that CAHELM's activities in the LCHARVEST field on behalf of his parent organization were such as to warrant further development and cultivation. The interest of CAHELM's parent organization in the LCHARVEST field is a very limited one and strictly speaking there is no logical local customer for the kind of information which CAHELM is able to develop on the LCHARVEST target, with the exception of our office.

4. The contact with CAHELM is being developed in such a way as to avoid the possibility of hurting the feelings of his parent organization and the position of the case officer. The cover for the contact is social; the paraphernalia of clandestinity are conscientiously

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avoided; the danger of compromise is minimal. CAHELM has never told us, in so many words, who or what his parent organization is. His parent organization has not identified CAHELM to us, whereas they have so identified a number of their staff employees. Therefore, if the worst came upon us, I would be able to plead innocence, but I doubt that my local colleague would be very anxious to press the issue.

5. In conclusion, CAHELM is of interest to us because of his access to local LUNARVEST matters. His clandestine association with the local authorities has been noted with interest and will influence our handling of him; it is not, however, the reason for continuing relationship although it was the reason for the initial approach. We do not regard the CAHELM operation as an activity directed against the HBCROPING security formations.

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