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1. HQS FULLY APPRECIATES PROBLEMS OF WOFIRM/LNERGO COVERAGE OF MHCHAOS MATTERS WITH LIAISON SERVICES. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS TRAFFIC, HQS HAS BEEN WORKING WITH LNERGO LIAISON OFFICER FOR MONTHS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PERMIT MOST EFFECTIVE AND SECURE HANDLING IN THE FIELD WHILE AT SAME TIME ENSURE THAT WOFIRM'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COVERAGE OF THIS TARGET ABROAD ARE FULLY PROTECTED.

2. WITH REGARD TO LATTER POINT, WOFIRM IS HELD RESPONSIBLE BY WHITE HOUSE FOR ALL FOREIGN COVERAGE OF MHCHAOS MATTERS AND MUST THEREFORE RETAIN COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACTION TO COLLECT FROM FOREIGN LIAISON SERVICES AND TO

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DISSEMINATE ANY INFORMATION SO ACQUIRED AT WOFIRM'S

DISCRETION. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS MEANS THAT WE

CANNOT ABDICATE TO LNERGO REPS ABROAD BY GIVING THEM

EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING MHCHAOS REQUIREMENTS

WITH LIAISON, EITHER IN CRASH SITUATIONS OR ON "ROUTINE TRACES!"

3. LAST AUGUST INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH LNERGO BROKE
DOWN ON THE POINT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTION FROM
LIAISON IN CITIES WHERE AN LNERGO REPRESENTATIVE IS STATIONED.

AT THAT TIME FORMULATED THE WOFIRM POSITION SET
FORTH IN A PREVIOUS CABLE WHICH STATED:

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- A. WOFIRM MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH FOREIGN
SERVICES ON ALL MHCHAOS MATTERS. THIS POSITION
HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO LNERGO HQS.

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B. YOU MAY INFORM LNERGO REP THAT:

- 1) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR HQS YOU ARE PROCEEDING TO DISCUSS REF MATTERS WITH FOREIGN SERVICES.
FOREIGN SERVICES
- 2) YOU WILL ASK / TO PROVIDE WOFIRM INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE MATTERS.
- 3) WOFIRM HQS WILL PASS TO LNERGO HQS ANY PERTINENT INFO RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN SERVICES.

4. THE ABOVE POLICY STILL STANDS AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH LNERGO HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO RESOLVE

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SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF A) COORDINATING ACTION WITH LIAISON WHERE THERE IS AN LNERGO REPRESENTATIVE, AND B) ELIMINATING INSECURE AND DUPLICATING LNERGO TRACES WITH LIAISON WHERE NO LNERGO REP IS STATIONED. (AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF LNERGO REPS CONTACTING LIAISON SERVICE OR CHIEFS OF STATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES BY PHONE.) THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO SITUATIONS WHERE A TARGET OF HIGH INTEREST TO LNERGO IS TRAVELLING ABROAD AND LNERGO HAS ASKED FOR WOFIRM ASSISTANCE IN COVERAGE.

5. AS A RESULT OF WOFIRM PRESSURE, LNERGO HQS HAS AGREED THAT IF TRAVELLER IS KNOWN OR BELIEVED TO BE TRAVELLING TO OR THROUGH ANY COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS NO LNERGO REPRESENTATIVE:

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A. WOFIRM WILL HANDLE COVERAGE WITH LIAISON IN ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THOSE IN WHICH A LNERGO REP IS STATIONED. LNERGO REP IN ANY SUCH COUNTRY(S) WILL BE INFORMED OF THESE CASES BUT TOLD TO TAKE NO ACTION.

IN ADDITION TO FORWARDING IT TO HQS,
B. / CCS MAY PASS INFO RECEIVED FROM LIAISON TO LNERGO REP WHO IS FREE TO FORWARD SUCH INFORMATION TO HIS HQS BUT WITH THE PROVISIO THAT IT IS NOT TO BE FURTHER DISSEMINATED BY LNERGO HQS.

6. PROBLEM OF A TRAVELLER KNOWN OR BELIEVED TO BE VISITING ONLY A COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS/ARE LNERGO REPS IS STILL NOT SETTLED. LNERGO DESIRES TO USE ITS REP TO DEAL WITH LIAISON ON SUCH CASES. FOR REASONS CITED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, WOFIRM CANNOT AND DOES NOT ACCEPT THIS. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, IT PROBABLY MEANS THAT

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FOR TIME BEING LNERGO NORMALLY WILL NOT INFORM US OF SUCH TRAVEL UNTIL AFTER IT HAS TAKEN ACTION. MEANWHILE PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT IN ANY SUCH CASES WHICH MAY ARISE WE WILL TAKE INTO FULL CONSIDERATION AND PROTECT THE OVERALL WOFIRM EQUITIES WITH FOREIGN LIAISON.

7. FYI: FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED AT HQS PRIOR INITIATING LIAISON TRACES ON PERSONS OF MHCHAOS INTEREST IDENTIFIED IN LNERGO REPORTING. HQS FIRST QUERIES LNERGO TO DETERMINE IF LNERGO REP ABROAD HAS ALREADY TRACED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN LIAISON. IF SO, HQS REQUESTS RESULTS FROM LNERGO HQS. WOFIRM FIELD STATION ACTION IS REQUESTED ONLY IN CASES IN WHICH LNERGO HQS HAS NO RECORD OF A CHECK WITH LIAISON AND IS AGREEABLE TO WOFIRM PASSING OF LNERGO INFO TO LIAISON FOR TRACES. THE STATION THEN IS STILL ASKED

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TO CHECK FIRST WITH THE LNERGO REP TO INSURE THAT HE HAS
NOT RUN THE TRACE LOCALLY.

END OF MESSAGE.

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