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FROM: Chief/FI

SUBJECT: Suggested KUFIRE Approach to []

[] should be briefed that SKIMMER has approached KUBARK for SKIMMER aid in the intelligence field. KUBARK feels that, since/has undertaken a job which cannot be undertaken by ODYOKE or KMFLUSH because of our non-intervention policy, the least the governments of both countries can do to combat Communism is to furnish SKIMMER and SYNCARP all available information both countries have in regard to WSBURNT. Since this is already being done to a certain degree between CALLIGERIS and the KMFLUSH Ambassador to WSHOOFS, it will serve to give [] assurance to continue and expand this aid; also, if MAGOFFIN can be inserted as the liaison officer, it will give KUBARK some check and control on the information already being passed to CALLIGERIS and that which will be passed in the future.

One thing which CALLIGERIS mentioned to ONTRICH and which is worthwhile considering at this time, since KUBARK is aware of the same fact, is that all of the countries that are lending aid to his undertaking have been willing to co-operate, but they always have one difficulty, and that is a shortage of funds for operational use. Since [] may bring up this question or, in fact, provided the atmosphere is right, we should make mention of it, we can again use SKIMMER as the cutout by mentioning that SKIMMER informed KUBARK that they could and would be willing to provide a certain amount of funds for good intelligence on WSBURNT provided they

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were certain of what they were getting and from whom.

By using SKIMMER as a cutout it will not necessitate KUBARK's committing a definite amount of funds to [] it will also give KUBARK more leeway in pushing [] for operational information in regard to his sources, which naturally [] will be hesitant to disclose. When the situation arises, KUBARK can tell [] that SKIMMER is demanding the operational information but that KUBARK realizes the same as [] the security problems involved, and that, if KUBARK and [] could get together on the operational information, it would be possible to assure and provide SKIMMER and SYNCARP the information they need and desire in sterile enough form to eliminate the security hazard.

By using this approach it will serve the following:

1. To insure [] KUBARK is security-minded, something of which he must have doubt since he saw the SEEKFORD papers. (This lack of security could be SKIMMER's fault, not KUBARK's.)
2. That KUBARK is very interested in playing ball closely with [] to give SKIMMER good professional help. That [] and KUBARK jointly are providing this aid. Inflate his ego.
3. If [] approves, this will provide KUBARK the operational information desired.
4. This will provide KUBARK an out in regard to funds, which usually becomes a bottomless pit in our liaison operations.
5. This approach should provide KUBARK with the intelligence

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[] will ever be willing to give and still keep
KUBARK away from deep commitments.

Naturally we want all information [] can produce on WSBURNT,
but still project-wise one of the most important things is for [] to
lend full support to the KUHOOK training effort, which without his full
support cannot survive.

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