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RYBAT CATUSK

1. BRIEFED AFTERNOON 20 JAN RE PLAN
 OF ALIAS ACKERMANN TO HAVE HEINZ FELFE ~~REVEALED~~ **DECLARE FOR** WEST
 WHILE IN PROCESS OF BEING EXCHANGED FOR EX-CATUSK AGENT
 PRISONERS AND THREE GERMAN STUDENTS BEING HELD BY ODR/SOVS.

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2. ON SATURDAY, 18 JAN, A COMPLETELY TRUSTED
 SCIENTIST/PSYCHIATRIST HELD FORTY-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH
 FELFE IN HIS CELL, HAVING PRESENTED HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE
 OF UNSPECIFIED PUBLISHING FIRM. MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL
 TO FELFE: WEST GERMANY WOULD AGREE TO LATEST EAST GERMAN
 PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE FELFE FOR SOME TWENTY IMPRISONED
 CATUSK AGENTS AND THEIR EAST GERMAN WIVES AND FAMILIES,
 PLUS THREE GERMAN STUDENTS IN CUSTODY OF SOVS. THE
 DRILL CALLS FOR ~~EXCHANGE OF THE EX-CATUSKERS~~ THE RELEASE
~~OF THE EX-CATUSKERS~~ OF THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR
 FAMILIES. TWO days later the students would BE RELEASED, AT
 WHICH POINT FELFE WOULD MAKE HIS DECLARATION TO REMAIN IN
 THE WEST.

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3. INDUCEMENTS FOR THIS ~~DEFER~~ DECLARATION BY FELFE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. REUNIFICATION WITH HIS WIFE (WHO ADMITTEDLY IS NOT SUFFICIENT ATTRACTION IN HERSELF TO CAUSE HIS DEFECTION) AND HIS DAUGHTER (WHO IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM AND AFFECTION BY FATHER).

B. GUARANTEE AGAINST RE-IMPRISONMENT.

C. ASSISTANCE IN CHANGING IDENTITY AND SAFEHAVEN IN ^{THE} ~~THE~~ WEST WITH COMPLETE PROTECTION AGAINST INTIMIDATION OR BODILY HARM FROM THE EAST.

D. COMPLETE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS TO ENABLE HIM TO WRITE MEMOIRES.

E. DM 500,000 BOOK GUARANTEE IN TRUST FUND IF DESIRED, OR FREE AND CLEAR.

LAST INDUCEMENT, ACCORDING TO CATUSK IS MOST APPEALING TO FELFE WHO, UNLIKE KIM PHILY, IS NOT IDEOLOGICAL COMMUNIST BUT RATHER AN AVARICIOUS INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM MONEY IS CHIEF MOTIVATION. STATES FELFE INDICATED TO HIS VISITOR THAT HE INTERESTED AND WILLING TO AGREE.

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THEIR INVOLVEMENT SO FAR. CUT-OUT WHO APPROACHED FELFE HAS HAD CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ACKERMANN FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS AND ENJOYS HIS COMPLETE TRUST. AS BONA FIDES, CUT-OUT TOLD FELFE LEGITIMACY OF PROPOSAL PROVED BY "FACT THAT I AM SPEAKING TO YOU NOW IN YOUR CELL." IN EVENT ~~THESE GOVERNMENTS~~ FELFE RENEGES AT EXCHANGE CEREMONY, THE WEST WILL STILL HAVE RECOVERED THE EX-CATUSKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE THREE STUDENTS AS WELL.

6. POINTED OUT TO THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL COULD POSSIBLY RUN INTO DELAYS DUE TO TIMING CO-INCIDENT WITH CURRENT CHANGE IN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

7. IF PLAN CONCURRED IN BY WOFIRM AND APPROVED BY CARSTENS, CATUSK BELIEVES IT CAN BE ACTIVATED BY END OF THIS WEEK OR, AT LATEST, END OF FOLLOWING WEEK.

8. ADVISED THAT IF BRIEFING OF OR OTHERS REQUESTED BY HQS, COULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY ACKERMANN, BUT THAT PERHAPS STATION OR HQS

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WOULD PREFER OFFICER FROM WHO MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS PRISONER EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

7. AND AKERMANN WILL BE IN BONN TUESDAY 21 JANUARY AND WILL CONTACT BETWEEN 1400 AND 1800 TO GIVE HIM FULL BRIEFING AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

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