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1. TODAY 21 JANUARY [] OUTLINED TO [] PLAN PREVIOUSLY SURFACED TO [] UNDER WHICH FRG WOULD OFFER TO EXCHANGE HEINZ FELFE FOR SOME TWENTY IMPRISONED CATUSK AGENTS, THEIR EAST GERMAN WIVES AND FAMILIES, AND THREE GERMAN STUDENTS IN CUSTODY OF SOVIETS (LATTER INCLUDE OUR AGENTS SONNTAG AND NAEUMANN). UNEXPECTED TWIST IN THIS PLAN IS THAT CATUSK BELIEVES TRUSTED INTERMEDIARY (NOT KNOWN TO FELFE AS CATUSK) HAS OBTAINED FELFE AGREEMENT PULL LAST MINUTE SWITCH AND REFUSE GO EAST AFTER AT LEAST MOST OF ABOVE PRISONERS SAFELY IN FRG HANDS. EAST GERMANS HAVE ALREADY AGREED RELEASE THEIR PRISONERS TWO DAYS BEFORE FELFE RELEASE, LEAVING THREE STUDENTS TO BE EXCHANGED ON LAST DAY AT BORDER.

2. [] STATES WILLINGNESS FELFE PLAY ABOVE ROLE WAS ESTABLISHED ON 18 JANUARY THROUGH A PSYCHIATRIST WHO HELD FORTY MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH HIM IN HIS CELL, USING COVER AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PUBLISHING FIRM. INTERMEDIARY OFFERED FOLLOWING INDUCEMENTS TO FELFE IN RETURN FOR PLAYING ABOVE ROLE:

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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 HIM);

B. GUARANTEE AGAINST RE-IMPRISONMENT;

C. ASSISTANCE IN CHANGING IDENTITY, AND SAFE HAVEN IN WEST WITH COMPLETE PROTECTION AGAINST INTIMIDATION OR BODILY HARM FROM THE EAST;

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

E. DM FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND BOOK GUARANTEE, IN TRUST FUND IF DESIRED OR FREE AND CLEAR.

LAST INDUCEMENT ACCORDING TO CATUSK WOULD BE THE MOST APPEALING TO FELFE WHO UNLIKE PHILBY IS NOT IDEOLOGICAL COMMUNIST BUT RATHER GREEDY INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM MONEY IS CHIEF MOTIVATION. FELFE CATEGORICALLY ASSERTED TO INTERMEDIARY HE INTERESTED AND WILLING. SAID HE HAD ONLY ONE OR TWO YEARS OF USEFUL PROFESSIONAL LIFE ONCE HE WAS BACK IN USSR AND WOULD PREFER WEST.

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3. KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLAN NOW LIMITED TO STATE SECRETARY CARSTENS IN FRG CHANCELLERY, [] ALIAS ACKERMANN, ALIAS CASTROP, AND ALIAS HARTWIG. INTERMEDIARY NOTED ABOVE HAS HAD CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP ACKERMANN FOR GOOD MANY YEARS AND ENJOYS HIS COMPLETE TRUST. ONLY OTHERS WHO WOULD BE INFORMED WOULD BE KEY CABINET OFFICERS WHO WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE, I.E. KIESINGER, BENDA, HEINEMAN, WEHNER, AND POSSIBLY BRANDT.

4. RE TIMING, [] SAID OPERATION COULD BE MOUNTED THIS COMING WEEKEND OR AT LATEST FOLLOWING WEEKEND. OBVIOUSLY SECRECY OF CATUSK ROLE AND CONSULTATION WITH WOFIRM IS VITAL. PUBLIC POSTURE WOULD BE MAINTAINED TO EFFECT FELFE HAD DECIDED AT MOMENT OF RETURN AFTER SEVEN YEARS THINKING IT OVER THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO GO BACK TO USSR. MHBRUSH WOULD SAY THEY HAD RELEASED FELFE AS ACT OF LENIENCY BUT COULD NOT FORCE HIM TO RETURN TO USSR AGAINST HIS WILL. [] HOPES THAT IN CONFUSION AT BORDER THREE STUDENT PRISONERS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO WEST BUT RECOGNIZES THIS MAY FALL THROUGH ONCE FELFE DECLARES HIMSELF.

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5. WHAT [] WANTS FROM WOFIRM IS MERELY STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION IF MHBRUSH DECIDES TO TRY THIS PLAN. IN VIEW OF LNHARP INTEREST IN FELFE AND IN SONNTAG AND NAUMANN [] FEELS HE MUST ASSURE KIESINGER AND WEHNER THAT LNHARP HAS BEEN INFORMED AND DOES NOT OBJECT.

6. IN ADDITION [] WOULD LIKE TO SAY WOFIRM WILL GIVE "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE" IN GETTING FELFE SAFEHAVEN FOR INCOGNITO LIFE AND HELPING HIM GET BOOK PUBLISHED ON HIS CAREER AND CHANGE OF HEART. TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION WOULD REMAIN WITH CATUSK BUT

[] WANTS:

A. WOFIRM TO ARRANGE BOOK CONTRACT WITH DISCREET AND RELIABLE PUBLISHER WITH WHOM CATUSK COULD DEAL, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH WOFIRM AND

B. TEMPORARY (NOT REPEAT NOT IMMIGRANT STATUS) SAFEHAVEN IN WOLADY (UP TO ONE YEAR) FOR SECURITY OF FELFE AND FOR SECRET ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLISHER.

7. CATUSK WOULD LIKE TO BRING FELFE TO FRANKFURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER BID FOR FREEDOM AND FLY HIM DIRECT TO WOLADY INCOGNITO. THEY WOULD PROVIDE ESCORT ON TRIP,

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IN WOLADY MERELY WANT SUPPORT FOR TEMPORARY ENTRANCE.
CATUSK ALSO WILL PROVIDE MONEY FOR FELFE AND MERELY WANT
WOFIRM GO-BETWEEN TO PUBLISHER.

8. IF HQS WISHES MORE DETAIL ALIAS ACKERMANN WILLING
COME WASHINGTON TO GIVE.

9. COMMENT: PLAN CALLS FOR DOUBLE CROSS OF SOVIET
AND EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS, AND RAISES OBVIOUS QUESTION
AS TO WHAT ITS EFFECT WOULD BE ON RELEASE OF SUBSEQUENT
PRISONERS, AS WELL AS ON WEST GERMAN RELATIONS WITH USSR
AND EAST GERMANY. ON BALANCE I BELIEVE WE CAN LEAVE
DECISION ON POLITICAL WISDOM IN THIS CASE ENTIRELY UP TO
[] AND HIS SUPERIORS. (PERSONALLY I DOUBT MHBRUSH
WILL APPROVE.) RECOMMEND WE SAY

A. LNHARP IS "NEUTRAL" ON PLAN, NOT FOR AND
NOT AGAINST, I.E. "NO OBJECTION";

B. IF OPERATION IS APPROVED BY MHBRUSH, WOFIRM
WILL ASSIST IN GETTING SECRET DEAL WITH PUBLISHER AND WILL
ASSIST TEMPORARY (NOT REPEAT NOT PERMANENT) ENTRY TO WOLADY.
OPS DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY STATION IF HQS APPROVES.
PLEASE ADVISE BY COB 23 JANUARY WHETHER WE CAN TAKE THIS
POSITION WITH CATUSK.

[] S/C NOTE: [] ADDED PER COS REQUEST

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