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1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AS REQUESTED REF:

A. IDEA TO HAVE FELFE VOLUNTARILY DECLARE TO REMAIN IN WEST EVOLVED IN MIND OF ALIAS ACKERMANN, WHO IS CREDITED BY CATUSK WITH CONCO⁶ING ENTIRE SCHEME. ACKERMANN HAD HUNCH THAT FELFE (ON BASIS INCENTIVES, PRINCIPALLY GREED FOR MONEY, DESCRIBED PARA 2 8990) WOULD BE RECEPTIVE.

B. ACKERMANN SUGGESTED SENDING PSYCHIATRIST TO TALK WITH FELFE. PSYCHIATRIST FOR 20 YEARS HAD BEEN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF ACKERMANN, WHO CALLED UPON HIM FOR ASSISTANCE ON AD HOC BASIS, USUALLY IN CONNECTION WITH PERSONS WORKING FOR ACKERMANN OR OTHER CATUSKERS.

C. PSYCHIATRIST TALKED WITH FELFE ON WEEK END OF 18/19 JAN. GAINED IMPRESSION PSYCHIATRIST MAY HAVE TALKED WITH FELFE PREVIOUSLY, NOT NECESSARILY ON SUBJECT PRISONER EXCHANGE SWITCH.

D. PRISON AUTHORITIES WERE NOT CONSULTED AS TO FELFE'S

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SUSCEPTIBILITY. PSYCHIATRIST APPROACH WAS DESCRIBED AS INDEPENDENT ^{AND} ~~BE~~ CLEAN WITH NO PRISON AUTHORITIES WITTING.

E. SINCE DISCUSSION IN CELL COUCHED IN TERMS OF PUBLISHING "THE FELFE STORY," THIS UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDED UNDERSTANDING THAT FELFE WOULD TALK OPENLY ABOUT HIS RIS ACTIVITIES.

F. FIRST DISCUSSED PLAN WITH AT 1530 HOURS 20 JAN. CABLE WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO

CHANNEL, WITH HIGHLIGHTS FOR COS AND REQUEST BY FOR MEET WITH IN AFTERNOON 21 JAN AT WHICH TIME WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AS DESIRED. AFTER MEET, SENT 8990 TO HQS WHICH INCORPORATED BELIEVE CATUSK HAD NOT FULLY FORMULATED PLAN PRIOR WEEK END 18/19 JAN, AND THAT BEFORE THAT TIME PLAN EXISTED ONLY IN ACKERMANN'S MIND. ACKERMANN KNOWN TO BE MAVERICK AT TIMES AND IT WOULD NOT SEEM INCONSISTENT FOR HIM TO WORK OUT SUCH A SCHEME FAIRLY INDEPENDENTLY AND SURFACE IT ONLY WHEN HE FELT HE HAD STRONGLY CONVINCING CASE TO PRESENT.

G. RECOGNIZE FELFE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT FOR SOME TIME AND A COMMON TOPIC BETWEEN OUR TWO SERVICES. NEVERTHELESS,

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NO PRIOR HINT OF ACKERMANN PLAN WAS DISCERNIBLE TO BASE PERSONNEL, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ACKERMANN'S PERSONAL MODUS OPERANDI MENTIONED ABOVE.

2. REGRET WE CANNOT BE MORE ENLIGHTENING AT THIS TIME. SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CATUSK SINCE WOFIRM STATEMENT OF POSITION PASSED TO THEM. AS WOFIRM REJECTED SCHEME SO QUICKLY AND TIME OF ESSENCE, WE WERE NATURALLY CUT OFF FROM FURTHER PROBING. PERHAPS PRESENTATION OF LETTER FROM TO REFERRED TO IN EGMW 16101 WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO REF QUESTIONS AND OTHERS. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, ON BASIS CATUSK CAVEAT (PARA 5 S166), WE HAVE NATURALLY REFRAINED FROM PURSUING CASE. IF LETTER DOES NOT LEAD TO OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE REF POINTS, MAY STILL BE ABLE ELICIT INFO IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ALIAS HARTWIG AFTER HE RECOVERS FROM FLU.

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