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CADORY ZIPPER TPEMBER

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DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 9828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2006

1. AGREE PRESENT COURSE YOUR ACTION REGARDING CALE? ESSENTIAL WE PROTECT HIM FROM POSSIBLE ABDUCTION AND THOROUGHLY DEBRIEF TO DISCOVER EXTENT INFO GIVEN HOEHRER.

2. CAREFUL PERUSAL REFS LEADS US BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE BASIC ASSUMPTION THAT HOEHRER WAS RUNNING KIRWES MAY BE WRONG. ASSUME YOU HAVE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING POSSIBILITY:

A. KIRWES ~~was~~ SSD CASE OFFICER RUNNING HOEHRER AND PROVIDING BUILD UP MATERIAL IN FORM EAST WEST TRADE DATA. HOEHRER USING ZIPPER COVER TO GET AT PRIMARY TARGET CALE. HOEHRER FEEDING ~~SSD~~ BUILDUP MATERIAL GIVEN HIM BY KIRWES PLUS PART OF TPEMBER MATERIAL GOTTEN FROM CALE ^{TO ZIPPER} HOWEVER PRIMARY TPEMBER MATERIAL GOING TO SSD VIA KIRWES.

B. KIRWES PULLED HOEHRER OUT FOR UNKNOWN REASON. REASON POSSIBLY THAT CALE ABOUT TO BECOME ZIPPERITE AND MIGHT UNCOVER FACT HOEHRER NOT PASSING ~~■~~ INFO CALE HAD GIVEN HIM. HOWEVER KIRWES DID NOT NEUTRALIZE HOEHRER FAMILY WHICH COMPLAINED TO POLICE AND TELEGRAF. THIS MISTAKE WITH RESULTING PUBLICITY HIS RELATION WITH HOEHRER FRIGHTENED KIRWES WHO TOLD HE THEN GOING TO KARLSHORST TO SQUARE HIMSELF. THIS SEEMS MAIN INCONSISTENCY TO US. IF BASIC ASSUMPTION THAT HOEHRER WAS RUNNING KIRWES IS CORRECT BELIEVE KIRWES WOULD HAVE FLED AS SOON AS TELEGRAF ARTICLE APPEARED. FACT THAT HE FELT THAT HE NOT IN DEEP ENOUGH TROUBLE TO FLEE PLUS

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FACT HOEHRER REPORTED TO HAVE VOLUNTARILY WALKED AWAY WITH KIRWES ON 13 FEB INDICATES POSSIBLE NO ABDUCTION.

C. ALTERNATE POSSIBILITY THAT KIRWES ENGINEERED HOEHRER ABDUCTION BY PERSUADING HIM GO EAST SECTOR MAY BE EQUALLY POSSIBLE BUT STILL DIFFICULT BELIEVE KIRWES WOULD CONSIDER HIS POSITION VIS*~~A~~-VIS SSD SECURE IF HE HAD BEEN PROVIDING HOEHRER WITH INFO. ASSUMPTION THAT KIRWES DOUBLED BY SSD AGAINST HOEHRER AND THEN ENGINEERED ABDUCTION ALSO POSSIBLE. ↗

↳ ZIPPER POSITION INDICATES THEY NOT SURE WHETHER HOEHRER ACTUALLY WAS THEIR MAN OR NOT.

3. OUR MAIN CONCERN AT PRESENT IS:

A. TO FIND LIMIT COMPROMISE TPEMBER BAUSED BY CALE HOEHRER RELATIONSHIP.

B. TO FIND LIMIT ZIPPER INTEREST IN AFFAIR AND EXTENT POSSIBLE ZIPPER COMPROMISE.

4. ADVISE YOUR OPINION PARA 2 ANALYSIS.

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