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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : VIENNA

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VIEN 4544 (IN 13260) 1806Z 18 FEB 55 ROUTINE
 TO: (PRIORITY) SPULL INFO: SFRAN, DIR PRIORITY CITE: SVIEN
 KAPOK CART REDSOX ZIPPER
 RE: PULL 9887 (IN 11852) *Armed Klaus*

1. I BELIEVE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS MUST DETERMINE FUTURE HANDLING KLAUS CASE.

A. WHILE CIC WILLING PICK UP K MUST GET PRIOR GRUELER AUTHORITY. GRUELER MOST RELUCTANT AUTHORIZE ARREST AUSTRIANS UNLESS PROTECTION SECURITY FORCES LEAVES NO OTHER OUT. THIS DUE ALMOST INEVITABLE PUBLICITY AND POLITICAL UPROAR RESULTING FROM U.S. ARREST AUSTRIANS. UNLESS INCIDENT PARA 1 REF STRENGTHENS CASE, BELIEVE WE CANNOT NOW JUSTIFY ARREST WITH GRUELER.

B. BASIS EVIDENCE AGAINST K KNOWN TO US INTERROGATION IMPOSSIBLE. IF K DENIES ALLEGATIONS WE STUMPED SINCE WE CANNOT INTRODUCE CIC SURVEILLANCE.

C. NO CIC SIGHTING K SINCE SURVEILLANCE PER VIEN 4001 (IN 29627) IN SPITE SEVERAL STAKE-OUTS. CIC GAVE UP MID DECEMBER BUT WILLING TRY AGAIN. NEEDS DETAILS K'S MOVEMENTS, FUNCTIONS VIEN TO PINPOINT SURVEILLANCE. PHOTO K ALSO DESIRED.

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2. THEREFORE SUGGEST POB OBTAIN FULL DETAILS DEAD DROP INCIDENT, K'S ACTIVITIES AND PHOTO FROM ZIPPER. VOB AND CIC WILL TRY DEVELOP CASE UNTIL WE CAN JUSTIFY ARREST REQUEST AND HAVE FIRM BASIS INTERROGATION.

3. SUGGEST ZIPPER BE TOLD KUBARK DA INFO POINTS TO K AS RIB SUSPECT. DETAILS TO BE GIVEN WHEN SUSPICION RESOLVED. CIC SURVEILLANCE MUST NOT BE REVEALED TO ZIPPER.

4. NO TRACE PARA 3 REF.

5. REQUEST [] VISIT VIEN, BRING ITEMS PARA 2 ABOVE. SUGGEST [] ALSO BE PREPARED DISCUSS CONDUCT DA OPERA VIA K WITH AND WITHOUT ZIPPER PARTICIPATION.

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