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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH IVAN IOSIPOVICH ((VYALYAS))

REF: [] 59846

1. REF IS GREAT NEWS. RELATIONS BETWEEN [] AND CHIEF, NVENGRAM HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING [] WITH INVITATIONS TO VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS, HE OBVIOUSLY HAS ENOUGH CONFIDENCE IN [] TO BEGIN ARRANGING INTRODUCTIONS TO POTENTIAL ACCESS AGENTS. THIS SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE FURTHER COOPERATION BY OTHER NVENGRAM PERSONNEL.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED VYALYAS' FILE AND AGREE WITH [] THAT WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE REPORT THAT VYALYAS MAY BE CONSIDERING DEFECTION. IN FACT, HIS FILE TENDS TO SUPPORT THE OPPOSITE. VYALYAS IS THE SON OF A POOR ESTONIAN FAMILY WHO WOULD SEEM TO OWE HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (HISTORY, BALTIC PREHISTORY, SCANDANAVIAN ARCHEOLOGY AND GERMAN) AND HIS CAREER TO THE SOVIET SYSTEM. BUT EVEN IF ON THE SURFACE HE IS NOT A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR RECRUITMENT OR A POTENTIAL DEFECTOR, THERE IS A GOOD DEAL TO BE SAID FOR GETTING AS CLOSE TO HIM AS POSSIBLE IN AN EFFORT TO SOFTEN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTACTS WITH WESTERN OFFICIALS.

3. WE ARE TAKING A GOOD LOOK AT VYALYAS' 201 TO SEE IF WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME USEFUL TALKING POINTS AND WILL ADVISE. THE USUAL "SHELF ITEM" TALKING POINTS DO NOT REALLY APPLY IN THIS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL RELATIONSHIP. AT THIS STAGE, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT MANNIL TO BRING UP POLITICAL MATTERS OR ANYTHING VYALYAS MAY CONSTRUE AS THREATENING OR OUT OF CHARACTER, AND PERHAPS CAUSE HIM TO ADOPT THE RETICENCE SHOWN TOWARD OTHER WESTERNERS. WE ALSO WISH TO AVOID PLACING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON MANNIL'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON ESTONIA AND THEIR MUTUAL ESTONIAN BACKGROUND. WE COULD NOT EXPECT AN OBJECTIVE OR ACCURATE READING ON THIS SUBJECT, SINCE THE RESPONSE WOULD BE COLORED BY THE RATHER PERSONAL PERCEPTIONS AND OPINIONS OF BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND MANNIL. IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE AT THIS POINT IF MANNIL COULD DELVE INTO

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VYALYAS' BACKGROUND, PARTY WORK AND ASSOCIATES, ON WHICH THERE IS SCANT INFO ON FILE, AND SHARE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESUMED INTEREST IN BALTIC HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY.

4. IN ADDITION TO MANNIL'S CONTACT WITH VYALYAS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE POTENTIAL FOR USE AS AN ACCESS AGENT TO OTHER SOVIETS. HIS PERCEPTIONS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN CARACAS AND ANY TIDBITS HE COULD PROVIDE ABOUT SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICERS WOULD CERTAINLY BE OF INTEREST.

5. PLEASE KEEP US ADVISED.

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