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1. [] MET MORNING 11 AUGUST AND ADVISED TWO OF THREE SUCCESSFUL INTERROGATIONS REPRODUCED AND TRANSMITTED STATION CONTAINING BOTH KGB LEGENDS AND FULL CONFESSIONS. THIRD CASE FILE YET TO BE FOUND (SMOTH OFFICER [] CONTACTED INDEPENDENTLY AND CONFESSED THIRD FILE HAD BEEN BURNED IN FILE PURGE SEVERAL YEARS AGO THUS IRRETRIEVABLE).

2. RE INTERVIEWING RABANE [] STRESSED HE SPOKE VERY POOR ENGLISH, EXCELLENT GERMAN AND RUSSIAN DURING EARLY 50'S PROBABLY HAS RETAINED LITTLE IF ANY ENGLISH.

3. RE CHECK WITH ESTONIAN LEGATION STATION ADVISES AGAINST ANY INVOLVEMENT LNPURE. [] CONCURS AND SUGGESTS ONE OR TWO APPROACHES: EITHER RABANE COULD PERFORM CHECK AFTER ARRIVAL IN LONDON AS HE RETAINS STRONG POLITICAL AFFILIATION AUGUST TORMA WHO WAS FIGUREHEAD FOR ESTONIAN RESISTANCE OPS RUN BY SMOTH. [] STATED TORMA ABSOLUTELY CLEAN AND THAT

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RABANE COULD HANDLE LEGATION CHECK WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. 1400H '66
CHECK REQUIRED BEFORE RABANE INTERVIEW

[] OFFICE COULD CONTACT TORMA PERSONALLY AND ADVISE THAT AMERICAN FRIEND COMING AROUND. [] WOULD THEN MAKE APPROACH AFTER NORMAL LEGATION HOURS AND PERSONALLY DISCUSS WITH TORMA MOST PROBABLY USING OPERATIONAL ALIAS. [] HAS EXPLAINED TORMA WELL AWARE SMOTH ESTONIAN OPS, ALL OF WHICH WENT WITH HIS BLESSING, AND ALTHOUGH RELUCTANT AT FIRST BELIEVE KGB CONTROLLED, WHEN PRESENTED THE FACTS (PARTLY BY RABANE) COOPERATED 100 PER CENT. [] REMARKED THAT IN BORIS NELK CASE SOVIETS UTILIZED PRE-WORLD WAR TWO ESTONIAN DIPLOMATIC CODE TO TORMA IN ORDER ESTABLISH BONA FIDES.

4. RE TRACES REQUIRED DIRECTOR 25491 ON PARENTS/WIFE HEINE SMOTH GAVE NEGATIVE REPLY. DID STATE THAT ARTUR HAMAN MENTIONED PARA 3 DIRECTOR 25491 CONSIDERED HIGHLY SUSPECT AND SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH WOFAC INCLDING OELA-41519 OF 4 SEPT 64.

5. PLEASE ADVISE RE APPROACH ESTONIAN LEGATION. SMOTH INTERROGATIONS BELIEVED LENGTHY. DOES HQS DESIRE POUCH OR CABLE?

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