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1. PER [] DISCUSSIONS, FOLLOWED UP WITH ALIAS MANTHEY SUBJECT OF CASTROP ASSIGNMENT TO JBTHINK DELEGATION. REGRET MEETING AND THIS REPORT DELAYED.

2. BEFORE MANTHEY AVAILABLE FOR MEET, ALIAS ACKERMANN (WHO LATER PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION) REVIEWED BACKGROUND, EMPHASIZING THAT PROJECT ORIGINATED WITH ALIASES HARTWIG AND ROENDORF. NEITHER ACKERMANN NOR MANTHEY ENTHUSIASTIC WHEN THEY LEARNED OF IT. THEY REALISTIC ABOUT SLIM CHANCES SUCCESS. ONE PERSONAL FACTOR WAS THAT CHIEF MHRUSH JBTHINK DELEGATION PERSONAL FRIEND OF CASTROP AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING HIM JOIN STAFF.

3. WHEN MANTHEY JOINED DISCUSSION, [] RECITED AS PERSONAL BUT EXPERIENCED OPINION SEVERAL NEGATIVE FACTORS: HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE, DEGREE TO WHICH LNERGO COOPERATION ESSENTIAL TO ANY SUCCESS, PAUCITY LHDEM TARGET AND LIKELIHOOD CASTROP MIGHT BE CAUGHT UP IN COVER WORK. MANTHEY ACKNOWLEDGED

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ALL THIS BUT SEEMED CLEARLY TO HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND THAT, AT LEAST AS COMPROMISE, CASTROP OUGHT TO BE ASSIGNED JBTHINK FOR A TWO TO THREE MONTH RECONNAISSANCE TDY. AS TO LHDEN TARGET, AND TO [] SUGGESTION GOOD OFFICER MIGHT BETTER BE ASSIGNED TO IT IN LOCATION WHERE COMPETITION LESS HEAVY, MANTHEY SAID HE NO LONGER THINKING IN TERMS RESTRICTING RECONNAISSANCE TO LHDEN TARGET ALONE, BUT VIEWED TDY AS USEFUL TRAINING EXERCISE FOR CASTROP IN MILIEU WHERE MANY PRIORITY TARGETS PRESENT.

4. SINCE MANTHEY WAS NOT TO BE DISSUADED (POSSIBLY IN VIEW PERSONAL PRESSURE FROM MTBASTE MISSION CHIEF), [] SAID HE WOULD PUT MATTER TO [] MANTHEY AGREED THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. MANTHEY STATED, UNLESS SERIOUS JKLANCE OBJECTION, HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH TWO OR THREE MONTH TDY PLAN. HE WONDERED IF IT NECESSARY CLEAR THIS WITH LNERGO AT ALL. IRLINGER SAID IT ESSENTIAL LNERGO CONCURRENCE BE OBTAINED (VIEW OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY CASTROP MIGHT LATER BE ASSIGNED FOR LONGER TOUR, AMONG OTHER REASONS). TO COUNTER MANTHEY SUGGESTION THAT HE COULD TAKE UP WITH LNERGO ATTACHE BOWN, KNOWN FROM PREVIOUS TOUR, IRLINGER OPINED IT PREFERABLE PUT PROPOSAL DIRECT TO LNERGO HQS. WHILE IT WOULD FALL TO CATRIBE TO MAKE ITS OWN CASE, WE BELIEVED JKLANCE HQS

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WOULD BE WILLING HELP, IF ONLY TO STEER ALIAS HARTWIG TO PROPER
LNERGO CONTACT.

5. VIEW ABOVE, REQUEST CONFIRMATION HQS WILLING SIMPLY
TO ASSIST HARTWIG AS APPROPRIATE IN PUTTING MATTER TO LNERGO.
WOULD LIKE BE ABLE CONFIRM THIS TO MANTHEY BY 1 MARCH. BELIEVE,
DESPITE EARLIER POSITION, IT PREFERABLE FOR LOCAL REASONS THAT
LNERGO ATTACHE BONN NOT BE INVOLVED. UPON YOUR CONCURRENCE,
WILL SECURE FROM MANTHEY PRECISE AND UPDATED CATRIBE STATEMENT
OF PROPOSAL.

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