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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO HQS BY ACKERMANN

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1. THE LOCAL CASCOPE CHIEF CONTACTED US 4 FEBRUARY TO SAY THAT GIVEN THE CANCELLATION OF THE PLANNED VISIT BY PRESIDENT CASCOPE, HE BELIEVED THAT A VISIT THE LAST PART OF FEBRUARY ALIAS ACKERMANN WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. WE ASSURED HIM THAT ACKERMANN WOULD NATURALLY BE WELCOME BUT WE WONDERED IF THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIFIC HE HAD IN MIND. THE REPLY WAS A RATHER GENERAL STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT "WE HAVE TO GET SOMETHING GOING TOGETHER. WE MUST COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY." WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL WITH THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS AND GET BACK TO HIM.

2. WE HAVE DONE A QUICK SCAN OF THE FILES AND NOTED THAT ACKERMANN HAS BEEN MAKING ANNUAL PROPOSALS/PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE OR COOPERATION, AGAINST THE EAST GERMAN TARGET IN PARTICULAR, FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 4 YEARS. DURING ONE OF HIS PERIODIC TRIPS TO THE US OR WHILE SOME HIGH RANKING SGMACE VISITOR IS IN WASHINGTON, SOME VERY BROAD AGREEMENTS ARE MADE REGARDING JOINT OPERATIONS BUT THESE DIE A QUIET DEATH ONCE WE ASK FOR INPUT OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION. WE HAVE IN MIND PARTICULARLY THE 79/80 JOINT OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE GDR MILITARY ATTACHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE B2 REQUEST BY ACKERMANN FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING INTERNAL COMMO WITH SOURCE(S) IN THE GDR WHO THEN WOULD BE USED TO RESPOND TO ACKERMANN'S REQUESTS (WHEN HE RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD NEED SOME MORE INFORMATION ON THE SOURCE AND INDICATION OF THE VALUE OF PRODUCT, THE MATTER WAS DROPPED), AND THE AFFAIR OF THE DEFECTOR ASBECK WHOM WE HAVE TO MEET AND FROM WHOM WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT DISSEMINABLE INFORMATION.

3. WE REQUEST [] INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED

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VISIT. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WITH ACKERMANN BUT WE DO QUESTION THE VALUE OF YET ANOTHER SESSION OF ROAD AGREEMENTS AND GOSSAMER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4. ADDENDUM (AND FOR ATMOSPHERICS): AS THIS WAS BEING TYPED, WE RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM OUR FRIEND. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE DECISION WAS AND WHAT DATES HAD BEEN SELECTED. WE REPLIED THAT BEFORE ANYTHING WAS DECIDED WE WANTED SOME INPUT FROM THE FIELD. HE PROFESSED PUZZLEMENT AND, WITH SOME AGITATION, SAID THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE OF CONCERN TO OUR FIELD STATION. THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERED WAS WHETHER DDO AND ADDI WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET ACKERMANN; THERE AS NOTHING NEEDED FROM THE FIELD. WE REMINDED HIM THAT WE DID NOT DO BUSINESS THAT WAY AND THAT, AS WE HAD ALL AGREED LONG AGO, ALL PARTIES WERE TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP ON OFFICIAL VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION. THIS RESPONSE DID NOT STRIKE A SYMPATHETIC CHORD, BUT SINCE WE HAD ALREADY PLANNED A LUNCH FOR 10 FEBRUARY, WE AGREED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION TILL THEN. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE YOU HEARD ANY RUMBLINGS ABOUT THE PROPOSED VISIT AT YOUR END? DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82. ALL SECRET.>

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