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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO HQS BY ALIAS ACKERMANN

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1. THE DISCUSSION AT OUR 10 FEBRUARY LUNCH WITH THE LOCAL CASCOPE REP WAS DEVOTED, NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, TO TWO BASIC TOPICS: A) HIS ROLE IN ARRANGING FOR THE VISIT TO HQS OF OFFICIALS OF CASCOPE, AND B) THE ROLE OF HIS OFFICE IN THE PASSAGE OF MATERIAL BETWEEN CASCOPE AND HQS. THE DISCUSSION WAS AT ALL TIMES AMIABLE: WE DID NOT YIELD, BUT THEN NEITHER DID HE. FINALLY, WE AGREED TO DISAGREE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROPOSED VISIT OF ACKERMANN WAS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A TEST CASE OR PRECEDENT OF ANY SORT.

2. TO TREAT OF THE EASIER TOPIC FIRST, IT IS SUBJECT'S INTENTION THAT SINCE MATERIAL FOR US FROM CASCOPE IS PASSED TO OUR INFO FOR CASCOPE FROM US SHOULD BE PASSED CASCOPE'S FIELD STATION (HIS OFFICE HERE). HE COMMENTED SOURLY ON THE FACT THAT HE AND/OR HIS STAFF RECEIVE ABOUT ONE BRIEFING A WEEK AND OCCASIONALLY RECEIVE A DROP COPY OF PNGLEAN MATERIAL THAT IS PASSED BUT, IN GENERAL, HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT MATERIAL IS GIVEN TO CASCOPE AND HENCE HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS OR TO TAKE ANY ACTION. SUBJECT ADDED THAT HE WANTED TO BE IN A POSITION TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL PNGLEANERS DIRECTLY TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION OF REPORTS. WITHOUT BREAKING STRIDE, SUBJECT THEN STATED THAT THERE WOULD CERTAINLY BE OCCASIONS WHEN HE COULD RECEIVE CERTAIN MATERIAL FROM HIS HQS THAT COULD BE PASSED TO US DIRECTLY HERE IN WASHINGTON, THUS AVOIDING THE LOSS OF TIME INVOLVED IN PASSING THE MATERIAL FOR TOUCHING TO WASHINGTON. WE HEARD HIM OUT, OF COURSE, THEN REPLIED WITH MULTIPLE VARIATIONS ON THE THEME THAT THE CHANNEL FOR EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL HAD LONG AGO BEEN ESTABLISHED

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THAT IT HAD PROVED EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND BENEFICIAL TO BOTH OUR SERVICES, AND THAT WE SAW NO NEED TO CHANGE IT. WE ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT NECESSITATE A RARE DEVIATION FROM THE POLICY - AFTER ALL, FLEXIBILITY IS ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF A SOPHISTICATED SERVICE-BUT AS A GENERAL RULE THE POINT OF LIAISON EXCHANGE WOULD REMAIN [REDACTED] AS FOR HIS DESIRE FOR CONTACT WITH PNGLEAN ANALYSTS, HE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE GERMAN BRANCH OR THE SGSCALE OFFICE AT ANY TIME AND WE WOULD ARRANGE A MEETING AT HQS BETWEEN HIS STAFF AND THE APPROPRIATE ANALYST. SUBJECT, NOT THE LEAST ABASHED, SAID THAT HE REALIZED THIS WAS A MATTER THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS WITH PNGLEAN/SGSCALE AND THAT HE DID NOT GIVE UP EASILY.

3. THE DISCUSSION OF THE ACKERMANN VISIT WAS MOSTLY A REPEAT OF WHAT HAD BEEN SAID IN THE PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, WITH SUBJECT INSISTING THAT IT WAS HIS PREROGATIVE TO BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR VISITS BY HIS SERVICE TO OUR HQS. [REDACTED] RELEGATED TO AN FYI ROLE. WARMING TO HIS TOPIC, SUBJECT RELATED AN INCIDENT FROM HIS LAST POSTING: HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HIS HQS ASKING HIM TO MEET AND ACCOMMODATE A VISITOR AND ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH THE HOST SERVICE, NO FURTHER EXPLANATION. SUBJECT HAD TAKEN UMBRAGE CAT THIS POINT IN HIS CAREER (WE SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE QUITE A SAMMLUNG), AND FORBADE HIS STAFF TO MEET THE VISITOR OR DO ANYTHING FOR HIM. EVENTUALLY THE TRAVELLER DEPARTED WITHOUT EVER SEEING THE OFFICIALS HE HAD COME TO VISIT. SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WAS NOT HERE TO RUN A TOURIST BUREAU BUT TO BE AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, AND THIS MEANT THAT HE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF VISITS BY HIS SERVICE TO OUR HQS. WE RETURNED TO OUR THEME OF THE PRIMACY [REDACTED] AND SO IT WENT FOR SOME TIME.

4. FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO THE CASE AT HAND, WE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED VISIT OF ACKERMANN. SUBJECT RECALLED A POINT MADE TO HIM BY DEPUTY CHIEF SVMACE AT A PREVIOUS LUNCHEON (ALSO ATTENDED BY [REDACTED] (C/E/G) TO THE EFFECT THAT WE HAD ALREADY AGREED THAT CLOSER COOPERATION COULD BENEFIT BOTH SERVICES AND THAT NOW CASCOPE SHOULD COME TO PNEXCEL WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS. WE ASKED WHAT SPECIFICALLY ACKERMANN WISHED TO TAKE UP. THE RESPONSE WAS THAT TWO PARTICULAR ITEMS WERE "TO EXPLORE WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SERVICES AND ALSO TO DISCUSS COOPERATION [REDACTED] IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, SUCH AS NOW EXISTS IN CAIRO". SUBJECT ADDED THAT DURING THE VISIT

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ACKERMANN WANTED TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS AT NVDETENT HQS AND THEN GO TO NEW YORK TO DISCUSS WITH THE NVDETENT OFFICE THERE THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THAT OFFICE AND THE NEW YORK CASCOPE OFFICE. HE PROPOSED THAT ACKERMANN ARRIVE IN THE STATES 27 FEBRUARY, SPEND 28 FEBRUARY WITH US, 1 MARCH WITH THE NVDETENT HERE AND IN NEW YORK, THEN RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO GERMANY. SUBJECT REQUESTED THAT WE CHECK WITH CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF SVMACE AND GET AGREEMENT FOR THE VISIT THAT AFTERNOON BECAUSE HE WAS EXPECTING TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH ACKERMANN. WE OPINED THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE AN ANSWER FOR HIM QUITE THAT SOON.

5. THE AFTERNOON OF 11 FEBRUARY WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM SUBJECT. HE EXPLAINED THAT, ON SECOND THOUGHT, HE HAD REALIZED THAT HE WAS PRESSING A BIT TOO HARD AND THAT MORE MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING ACKERMANN'S VISIT IF BOTH SIDES HAD A BIT MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR IT. BESIDES, HE WAS HAVING SOME PROBLEM SETTING UP THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS THAT ACKERMANN WANTED ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, SO WHY DIDN'T WE AIM FOR A VISIT SOME TIME AROUND THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. AGREED.

6. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO ALL OF THIS, C/EUR, ACOMPANIED BY AC/E/G, LUNCHEDED WITH SUBJECT ON 14 FEBRUARY. THE TOPIC, OF COURSE, WAS CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO SERVICES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE ACHIEVED DURING THE ACKERMANN VISIT. C/EUR VERY CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF, PNEXCEL, IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL LIAISON SERVICES AND THE REASONS UNDERLYING THE PRIMACY OF OUR FIELD INSTALLATIONS IN THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS WITH OUR LIAISON PARTNERS. IN THE CASE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH CASCOPE, HE REPEATED TO SUBJECT WHAT SUBJECT HAD ALREADY BEEN TOLD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ABOUT OUR TOTAL AGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF WORKING TOGETHER AND ON THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO BOTH SERVICES OF DOING SO. WITH THIS BROAD AGREEMENT BEHIND US, IT WAS NOW TIME TO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE SPECIFICS, AND CLEARLY, ACKERMANN'S PROPOSED VISIT COULD BE THE VEHICLE. THREE BASIC POINTS WERE AGREED UPON:

A. THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN MID APRIL.

B. A VERY PRECISE AGENDA WILL BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO THE VISIT COMPRISED OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ABOUT WHAT EACH OF US CAN DO IN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS TO HELP THE OTHER.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AGENDA WILL REQUIRE CLOSE CONSULTATION AMONG ALL THE ELEMENTS IN THE LIAISON RELATIONSHIP.

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7. AND THERE THE MATTER STANDS FOR THE MOMENT. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE VERBOSITY OF THIS REPORT BUT WE WANTED TO CONVEY THE FLAVOR OF OUR SESSIONS WITH OUR LOCAL FRIEND. WE SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT STEP IS [CONTACT ACKERMANN AND BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HE SUGGESTS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL MEETING. WE SHALL DO THE SAME BACK HERE WITH SUBJECT AND UILL KEEP YOU APPRISED OF OUR PROGRESS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO FIX THE EXACT DATES FOR THE VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. [] APPECIATE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A AS WELL AS] ENDORSEMENT OF NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL POINTS PRIOR TO THE VISIT. SOLICIT SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA.

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