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1. FOLLOWING IS FOR GUIDANCE TO STATIONS WHERE AN LNERGO REP IS ASSIGNED. IT GIVES CURRENT STATUS OF HQS ARRANGEMENTS WITH LNERGO ON COVERAGE OF MHCHAOS MATTERS WITH FOREIGN LIAISON SERVICES. HQS HAS BEEN WORKING WITH LNERGO LIAISON OFFICER FOR MONTHS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PERMIT MOST EFFECTIVE AND SECURE HANDLING IN THE FIELD WHILE AT SAME TIME ENSURE THAT WOFIRM'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COVERAGE OF THIS TARGET ABROAD ARE FULLY PROTECTED.

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2. WOFIRM IS HELD RESPONSIBLE BY WHITE HOUSE FOR ALL FOREIGN COVERAGE OF MHCHAOS MATTERS AND MUST THEREFORE RETAIN COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACTION TO

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COLLECT FROM FOREIGN LIAISON SERVICES AND TO DISSEMINATE ANY INFORMATION SO ACQUIRED AT WOFIRM'S DISCRETION. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS MEANS THAT WE CANNOT ABDICATE TO LNERGO REPS ABROAD BY GIVING THEM EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING MHCHAOS REQUIREMENTS WITH LIAISON, EITHER IN CRASH SITUATIONS OR ON "ROUTINE TRACES."

3. LAST AUGUST INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH LNERGO BROKE DOWN ON THE POINT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTION FROM LIAISON CITIES WHERE AN LNERGO REPRESENTATIVE IS STATIONED. AT THAT TIME  FORMULATED THE WOFIRM POSITION SET FORTH IN A PREVIOUS CABLE WHICH STATED:

A. WOFIRM MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH FOREIGN SERVICES ON ALL MHCHAOS MATTERS. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO LNERGO HQS.

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▼ B. YOU MAY INFORM LNERGO REP THAT:

- 1) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR HQS YOU ARE PROCEEDING TO DISCUSS REF MATTERS WITH FOREIGN SERVICES.  
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- 2) YOU WILL ASK / TO PROVIDE WOFIRM INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE MATTERS.
- 3) WOFIRM HQS WILL PASS TO LNERGO HQS ANY PERTINENT

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INFO RECEIVED,

4. THE ABOVE POLICY STILL STANDS AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH LNERGO HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO RESOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF A) COORDINATING ACTION WITH LIAISON WHERE THERE IS AN LNERGO REPRESENTATIVE, AND B) ELIMINATING INSECURE AND DUPLICATING LNERGO TRACES WITH LIAISON WHERE NO LNERGO REP IS STATIONED. (THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF LNERGO REPS CONTACTING LIAISON X SERVICE OR CHIEFS OF STATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES BY PHCNE.) THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO SITUATIONS WHERE A TARGET OF HIGH INTEREST TO LNERGO IS TRAVELLING ABROAD AND LNERGO HAS ASKED FOR WOFIRM ASSISTANCE IN COVERAGE.

5. AS A RESULT OF WOFIRM PRESSURE, LNERGO HQS HAS TRAVELLER'S ROUTE IS AGREED THAT IF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ KNOWN OR BELIEVED TO ~~EX~~

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LNERGO REPS IS STILL NOT SETTLED. LNERGO DESIRES TO USE ITS REP TO DEAL WITH LIAISON ON SUCH CASES. FOR REASONS CITED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, WOFIRM CANNOT AND DOES NOT ACCEPT THIS. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, IT PROBABLY MEANS THAT FOR TIME BEING LNERGO NORMALLY WILL NOT INFORM US OF SUCH TRAVEL UNTIL AFTER IT HAS TAKEN ACTION. MEANWHILE PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT IN ANY SUCH CASES WHICH MAY ARISE WE WILL TAKE INTO FULL CONSIDERATION AND PROTECT THE OVERALL WOFIRM EQUITIES WITH FOREIGN LIAISON.

7. FYI: FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED AT HQS PRIOR INITIATING LIAISON TRACES ON PERSONS OF MHCHAOS INTEREST IDENTIFIED IN LNERGO REPORTING. HQS FIRST QUERIES LNERGO TO DETERMINE IF LNERGO REP ABROAD HAS ALREADY TRACED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN LIAISON. IF SO, HQS REQUESTS

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RESULTS FROM LNERGO HQS. WOFIRM FIELD STATION ACTION  
 IS REQUESTED ONLY IN CASES IN WHICH LNERGO HQS HAS NO  
 RECORD OF A CHECK WITH LIAISON AND IS AGREEABLE TO  
 WOFIRM PASSING OF LNERGO INFO TO ~~EE~~ LIAISON FOR TRACES.  
 THE STATION THEN IS STILL ASKED TO CHECK FIRST WITH THE  
 ENSURE  
 LNERGO REP TO ~~KNOW~~ THAT HE HAS NOT RUN THE TRACE  
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