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1. INTERVIEW WITH MANJILA BEVENS FOLLOWING:

A. TIKHONOV TELEPHONED INTERVIEWING DANIEL PASCU WFO PASTOR ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH CLEVELAND ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. STATED PURPOSE CALL WAS TO FIND OUT IF POSSIBLE ADDRESS OF BARBU, WHOM TIKHONOV KNOWS AND WISHES TO CONTACT. TIKHONOV SPOKE FLUENT ROMANIAN, STATED BORN AND RAISED KALORASH NEAR KISHINEV. IS SOV CITIZEN BUT CONSIDERS SELF ROMANIAN. INVITED PASCU ATTEND PERFORMANCE AND ATTEMPT MEET HIM AFTERWARDS. WHEN PASCU URGED CAUTION TIKHONOV REPLIED THAT RUSSIAN LANCES IN GROUP WERE KNOCKING HELVES OUT MEET RUSSIAN EMIGERS, SO FELT HAD RIGHT TO MEET "HIS OWN PEOPLE". SAID HE THOUGHT COMPANY WAS STOPPING IN DENMARK ON RETURN TRIP TO MOSCOW, AND MIGHT HAVE OPPORTUNITY CONTACT BARBU WHILE THERE. PASCU KNEW NOTHING OF BARBU BUT PROMISED TRY FIND OUT.

B. CONVERSATION GAVE NO DEFINITIVE INFORMATION OF SATISFACTION OR DECIDE DEFECT.

C. PASCU ATTENDED PERFORMANCE AND WAS COMPLETELY UNABLE

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CONTACT TIKHONOV. KITTIE COMPANY WAS AWARDED ~~ABOARD~~ BUSSES RIGHT AFTER PERFORMANCE AND LEFT TOWN. MANU ~~THAN~~ ~~THAN~~ TELEPHONED MANUILA AND ASKED THAT HE ATTEMPT CONTACT TIKHONOV WHEN COMPANY REACHED NEW YORK. MANUILA SENT MIHON BUTARIU WHO ALSO ROMANIAN EMIGRE TO WESTCHESTER WHERE BALLET WAS PERFORMING TO ATTEMPT CONTACT. BUTARIU KNOWS AND CORRESPONDS WITH BAREU, AND TOOK LETTERS TO MEET TIKHONOV. HOWEVER, PUBLIC WAS NOT ALLOWED TO APPROACH DANCERS, AND CONTACT ATTEMPT FAILED.

D. THEREFORE, MANUILA WROTE HIS CLOSE FRIEND POPOVICI TO ATTEMPT CONTACT MEET. PERHAPS EXAGGERATED LIKELIHOOD DEFECTION DUE TO "INTUITIVE FEELING" THIS WHAT TIKHONOV HAS IN MIND. EVERYTHING BASED TIKHONOV PHONE CALL TO PASCU WHICH ONLY CONTACT TO IMTR.

2. ABOVE INDICATES PROSPECTS LESS THAN ORIGINALLY HOPED BUT EDUS FEELS CONTACT ATTEMPT USING ROMANIAN EMIGRE WELL WORTH WHILE. POA APPLIED FOR TO USE POPOVICI THIS PURPOSE. CONSIDER HARM UNSUITABLE FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT INTRO TO POPOVICI.

3. BUTARIU PROVIDED RECENT LETTER FROM BAREU IN ROMANIAN WHICH DISCUSSES HIS ARTISTIC SUCCESSSES, ~~SAINTS~~ ~~IN WEST~~, HOPE FOR A

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FREE ROMANIA, ETC, AND READS LIKE A LOW KEY DEFECTION PITCH. ALSO GAVE POST CARD WITH PICTURE BARBU ON BACK. COMMENTS OUR USE THESE ITEMS IN APPROACH TO TIKHONOV. BOTH ITEMS AIRMAILED SETA LYDIA ULLOA. HOME ADDRESS.

4. SUGGEST POPOVICI ATTEMPT MEET TIKHONOV CITING LATTER'S PHONE CALL TO PASCU AND FAILURE OF ATTEMPTS BY PASCU AND BUTARIU MEET HIM PERSONALLY. CAN SAY BUTARIU FORWARDED LETTERS WITH REQUEST POPOVICI SEND THEM TO TIKHONOV. BUTARIU REQUESTS RETURN THESE ITEMS IF POSSIBLE. INFO OBTAINED BY POPOVICI ON TIKHONOV PERSONAL SITUATION AND ATTITUDES WOULD DETERMINE FUTURE COURSE.

5. IF SITUATION SEEMS FAVORABLE SUGGEST AIM FOR DEFECTION IN MEXI. CABLE HDQ FOR <sup>G</sup> GUIDANCE ON RESSETTLEMENT AND FINANCIAL TERMS.

6. IF NO MEET POSSIBLE SUGGEST POPOVICI WRITE NOTE TO TIKHONOV IN ROMANIAN ENCLOSING BARBU LETTERS AND EXPLAINING PER PARA 4 ABOVE. ATTEMPT PLACE IN TIKHONOV'S HOTEL ROOM, IF POSSIBLE TO DO SO WITH MINIMAL RISK COMPROMISE OR MISADVENTURE.

7. IF POPOVICI UNWILLING OR UNABLE COOPERATE REQUEST STATION: ATTEMPT FIND ANOTHER SUITABLE SWISSER SMIGRE. <sup>5</sup> SIBEL SITUATION

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AS WE CURRENTLY KNOW IT JUSTIFIES APPROACH ONLY IN ROMANIAN  
 EMIGRE CONTEXT FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT. DIRECT APPROACH  
 BY RUBANEK OR OTHER NON-ROMANIAN ASSET NOT DESIRED.

8. PLS ATTEMPT DETERMINE IF COMPANY ACTUALLY STOPPING DENMARK  
 OR OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY EN ROUTE MOSCOW. IF SO CAN FOLLOW  
 UP THERE AND PERHAPS ARRANGE PARSU WENT.

9. VIEW CIRCUMSTANCES FEEL HQS TRY C/O NOT NEEDED. HOWEVER,  
 SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT HQS WILL PROVIDE ANY SUPPORT  
 REQUIRED.

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