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CITE TEHRAN 54118

TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR

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REFS: A, TEHRAN 54117
B, TEHRAN 54084
C, TEHRAN 5408?

1, RUTHERFORD'S NEXT MEETING WITH SDLURE/1(L/1) SCHEDULED FOR EVENING 5 SEP. STATION WILL SEE HIM JUST BEFORE IT TO PASS ON LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS.

2, WE THINK THAT, IF RUTHERFORD IS GOING TO SURFACE AN EXTRACURRICULAR INTEREST IN L/1 DURING THIS VISIT, IT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE AT 5 SEP SESSION. REASONS ARE THAT COVER AGENDA WILL HAVE BEEN PRETTY WELL COMPLETED, AND THAT, IF THERE TO BE A RECRUITMENT WITH OR WITHOUT TURNOVER, HE WILL HAVE TO START ARRANGING THE MECHANICS OF THE NEW RELATIONSHIP. RUTHERFORD SAID AT OUR 3SEP MEETING HE THINKS THERE 80 PERCENT LIKELIHOOD L/1 WOULD ACCEPT AN OSTENSIBLE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP, WITH TURNOVER TO STATION OFFICER OSTENSIBLY MOON-LIGHTING AS COMMO CHANNEL BETWEEN RUTHERFORD AND L/1.

3, THIS ESTIMATE MAY WELL BE ACCURATE, BUT IS BASED ON L/1'S ACCESSIBILITY AND ON GENERAL TONE OF MEETING, NOT ... DEMONSTRATED L/1 WILLINGNESS TO SHARE PROTECTED INFORMATION ON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, EVEN IMPLIED, IN EXTRACURRICULAR RELATIONSHIP. OUR OWN JUDGMENT IS THAT RUTHERFORD HAS NOW SPEND ENOUGH TIME WITH L/1 SO THAT L/1 WOULD NOT GREATER ... OVER A COMMERCIAL PITCH, EVEN IF HE REJECTED IT. WE DO NOT THINK THE ASSESSMENT HAS PROCEEDED FAR ENOUGH TO PERMIT AN ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABILITY THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT. THERE IS AT PRESENT EVEN LESS BASIS TO PREDICT HIS REACTION TO ... AN ... AT FULL RECRUITMENT.

4, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES WHICH ATTEND THIS THINK IT MAY BE USEFUL TO LAY OUT THE OPTION AS W.....
..... THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH:

A, FULL RECRUITMENT WITH TURNOVER TO STATION. ADVANTAGE IS OBVIOUS: WE COULD LEVY REQUIREMENTS WITH REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT L/1 WOULD DO WHAT HE CAN TO SATISFY THEM. THIS APPROACH ALSO HAS THE HIGHEST FLAP POTENTIAL. L/1 COULD YELL, AND FEED RUTHERFORD TO THE REVOLUTIONARY PROSECUTOR. A MORE SUBTLE BUT STILL REAL DANGER IS THAT L/1 WOULD COVER HIS BETS BY ASKING KHOMEINI AND/OR BAZARGAN TO ENDORSE A RELATIONSHIP WHICH HE WOULD DESCRIBE AS SOME KIND OF UNOFFICIAL LIAISON. THIS WOULD SIGNAL TO THEM THAT WE ARE NOT CONTENT WITH THE SDPLOD/1 CHANNEL, AND SEEK MULTIPLE LINES INTO THE PGOI; IT

REVEALING INTELLIGENCE INTERESTS ON A PHASED BASIS AND PRESERVING SOME DENIABILITY. HQS WILL PRESUMABLY WANT TO DEVOTE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SDPLOD/1 LIAISON IN TAKING ITS RISK/BENEFIT CALCULATION, AS THIS IS AN EQUITY WHOSE EXISTENCE POSTDATES THE INCEPTION OF THE RUTHERFORD APPROACH TO L/1.

6, IF RECRUITMENT IS TO BE ATTEMPTED PER ANY OF FIRST TO THREE OPTIONS, SUGGEST WE OFFER USD ONE THOUSAND MONTHLY FOR TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE TO SIX MONTHS.

7, REQUEST HQS ADVISE BY ITS COB 4 SEPT HOW IT STATION TO PROCEED.

8, FILE: 201-959089. RVW 4 SEP9 DRV D9C.9. ALL SECRET
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