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#9804. TO 154 FROM CASEY, CASSADY, ACHESON.

1. AFTER PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY ACHESON OF POTENTIALITIES OF UNCOVERING SAFE HAVEN ACTIVITIES CONVINCED NOT ONLY OF INTRINSIC VALUE AND IMPORTANCE AS SI JOB BUT ALSO AS LEVERAGE AND COVER FOR FINDING LEADS INTO GERMAN INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES. THESE LEADS HAVE HIGH GENERAL INTELLIGENCE POTENTIAL NOW AND POST COLLAPSE GERMANY. 2 LEADS SHOW PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE MILITARY PAYOFF.

2. FAGAN SAFEHAVEN MAN FOR EMBASSY HAS FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FLOW OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION WITH FRENCH. FEELS US ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO HIS WORK; SO ALSO SACHS IN BRUSSELS.

3. ALREADY WORKING ON 20 SAFEHAVEN CASES INVOLVING LARGE SUMS AND BIG NAMES. SUGGEST SI IGNORE SMALL FRY AND CONCENTRATE ON TRACING LEADS UNEARTHED BY SEVERAL ORIGINAL BIG DEALS. THIS WAY PATTERN CAN BE ESTABLISHED RATHER THAN HAPHSFUL ISOLATED FACTS; STARTED NAME FILE OF GERMANS IN LARGE FIRMS, E.G., FARDEN WHO HAVE BEEN GERMAN END OF COLLABORATION; BY BUILDING THIS FILE AND SQUEEZING SPECIFIC MEN WITHIN GERMANY GAPS CAN BE FILLED AND CHIEF SAFEHAVEN AGENTS IN GERMANY REVEALED. SI BETTER ABLE THAN OPEN AGENCY COLLABORATE WITH FRENCH DEUXIEME BUREAU AND D.G.E.R. AS WELL AS BELGIAN SECRET POLICE. MAINTAINING DAILY LIAISON WITH EMBASSY AND FOLLOWING EMBASSY LEADS AS WELL AS UNEARTHING OWN. AFTER 2 WEEKS EXPERIMENT SCOPE OF WORK ALREADY SEEMS LARGE. X-2 AND SI IN PARIS HAVE WORKED OUT MECHANISM FOR CLEARING INFORMATION RELEVANT TO OTHER AGENCY AND BELIEVE RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE FAVORABLE.

4. FAGAN SENDING DESPATCH, SAFEHAVEN REFERENCE NO. 1, WHICH INDICATES NEED FOR SI COOPERATION AND ADEQUATE SI PERSONNEL.

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