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MANY THANKS FOR NYC 116. I DID KNOW ABOUT EUPHEMISM AND REALIZED THAT UNLESS YOU FELT RISK ACCEPTABLE YOU HAD TO GO FURTHER. SINCE THIS ONE SEEMED TO BE EQUALLY OR MORE IN BOUNDS THAN OTHERS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED I THOUGHT THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER CURRENT OR NEW CONSIDERATIONS WHICH IF WE KNEW ABOUT WOULD GUIDE US IN HELPING AVOID THE PLANNING OF ANY PROGRAM INSIDE RFE REACHING SUCH AN ADVANCED STAGE THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN A STORMY SITUATION AT OUR OPERATIONAL LEVEL (OF COURSE WE HAD TO WEATHER A RATHER VIOLENT ONE ONCE MORE IN THIS CASE). WE APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT TIMING MADE IT INAPPROPRIATE EITHER TO TAKE RISK OR MAKE REQUEST.

ONE THING I DEFINITELY HAD NOT REALIZED WAS THAT SEVERAL WEEKS WAS NOW REQUIRED TO GET AN ANSWER. THIS SIMPLY MAKES IT HOPELESS TO ENTERTAIN ANY THOUGHT OF TIMELY APPROVAL FOR RADIO USE OF A CURRENT ITEM. WHEN I LAST DISCUSSED QUESTION DOWN ON THE SCENE PERHAPS 15 MONTHS AGO, IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME THEN THAT THE WAY HAD BEEN PAVED SO THAT AT THAT TIME ROUTINE ONES COULD BE HANDLED WITHIN A FEW DAYS, EVEN WITHIN 48 TO 72 HOURS.

THE NEED FOR RAPID CLEARANCE MACHINERY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE KEY ELEMENT AND THE STICKER HERE. WE NEVER (WELL, ALMOST NEVER!) GET SERIOUS ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE NEED TO CLEAR; IT'S CHIEFLY ABOUT THE SLOWNESS WHICH IS SO IMPOSSIBLE IN A RADIO OPERATION. WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT A HOPEFUL PROJECT LOOKING TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF SITUATION IS IN PROCESS. BEST OF LUCK. MEANWHILE, WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP THE HEAT DOWN. IT WON'T BOIL OVER UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES-THE MEMORY OF WHEN IT DID EXACTLY THREE YEARS AGO IS STILL TOO PAINFUL. BUT THOSE YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT IT DID ONCE BOIL OVER WITH NEAR DISASTROUS RESULTS AND THAT THE SOURCE OF HEAT IS STILL THERE. IT'S JUST THAT THE COOLING FANS HAVE BEEN WORKING BETTER.

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