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REUR NYC 20 OF 18 AUGUST

WE ARE BY NOW THOROUGHLY CONFUSED AS TO WHAT THE BEST COURSE MAY BE IN PURSUIT OF OUR ATTEMPTS TO ASSURE ACCREDITATION. KLEIN HAS STATED ON AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS THAT RFE WOULD BE ACCREDITED AS PART OF THE U.S. CONTINGENT, ASSUMING OUR APPLICATIONS WERE INCLUDED IN THE LIST FORWARDED BY THE U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. (AT LEAST THIS HAS BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT KLEIN HAS STATED.)

PAUL IS NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE U.S. HAS ONLY 90 ALLOCATIONS (BUT WHAT KIND?--PRESS ONLY?) AND THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RFE AMONG THOSE. IN HIS EFFORT TO HELP RFE, HE SEEMS TO HAVE OFFERED TO WRITE KLEIN PERSONALLY ON OUR BEHALF, SUGGESTING THAT WE BE ACCREDITED AS A WIRE SERVICE. WE SEE SEVERAL POSSIBLE PITFALLS HERE, ONE BEING THAT SUCH A LETTER WILL INDICATE TO KLEIN AND OTHERS THAT WE ARE IN TROUBLE IN OUR EFFORTS TO GET UNDER THE U.S. QUOTA UMBRELLA, THE SECOND BEING THAT WE ARE QUITE CLEARLY NOT A WIRE SERVICE AND ANY EFFORT AT ACCREDITATION UNDER THAT GUISE WOULD SEEM TO BE OPEN TO CHALLENGE BY ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DOING IT.

THE KRIEGER ANGLE SUGGESTS THAT U.S. RADIO OPERATIONS WILL SOMEHOW BE ACCREDITED THROUGH KRIEGER, AND QUITE SEPARATELY FROM WHATEVER ACCREDITATION PROCESSES IN WHICH KLEIN IS INVOLVED. THIS HAS NEVER IN ANY WAY BEEN INDICATED BY KLEIN WHO HAS BEEN QUITE FIRM IN STATING THAT THE POLICY DECISIONS ON ACCREDITATION REST WITH HIM.

IN VIEW OF ALL THESE UNCERTAINTIES, PLEASE ASK BOB PAUL TO DELAY SENDING HIS LETTER. SUCH DELAY IS ESSENTIAL PENDING FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE SITUATION HERE IN MUNICH WHICH I HAVE ASKED LANGENDORF TO UNDERTAKE AT ONCE. YOU CAN, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO EXPRESS OUR GREAT APPRECIATION TO PAUL FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE BUT TELL HIM THAT WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS BEFORE HE SENDS HIS LETTER.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION ON THIS SOONEST AND LET ME KNOW THE RESULTS. AND THANKS FOR THIS EFFORT DURING WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR HOME LEAVE.

END MSG