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AFTER READING ANNOUNCEMENT ON RFE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES WOULD LIKE TO RAISE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE WISH TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL WITH SMITH UPON HIS ARRIVAL BUT THINK IT BEST TO PUT FORWARD THESE SUGGESTIONS NOW IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE EXAMINED IN MUNICH PRIOR TO SMITH'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK.

1. WE BELIEVE NEW YORK OFFICE CAN BEST PROVIDE FREE WORLD ANALYSIS ON LATIN AMERICA. NEW YORK DOES THE PROGRAMMING ON THIS AREA, WE HAVE BEST SOURCES HERE, AND CAN BE IN TOUCH WITH SPECIALISTS ON LATIN AMERICA AS NEEDED. FEEL THAT VON BERG CAN HANDLE THIS, AS HE WRITES WELL AND AT WALTER'S REQUEST, HAD BEGUN FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS SOME MONTHS AGO.
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2. A SECOND AREA IN WHICH WE BELIEVE NEW YORK CAN PROVIDE FREE WORLD ANALYSIS IS THAT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. NEW YORK DESKS DO BULK OF PROGRAMMING ON THIS AREA, MAJOR WESTERN COMMITMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS AMERICAN AND MUCH OF NEWS MADE IN THE REGION DEVELOPS BECAUSE OF ACTIONS DECIDED IN WASHINGTON, AND AS WITH LATIN AMERICA, WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD INFORMATION SOURCES. BELIEVE THAT WALTER CAN HANDLE THIS. (MUCH OF HIS GRADUATE STUDY WAS DONE ON SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HE HAS BEEN KEEPING UP ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.)

3. WE WONDER IF SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO FURTHER DELINEATION OF WHAT SHOULD BE COVERED IN NEW YORK COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. TO DATE, THESE HAVE COVERED EVENTS IN THE U.S. LATIN AMERICA, THE U.N. AND SOUTHEAST ASIA REGULARLY. FROM TIME TO TIME, THEY HAVE CITED EVENTS IN GENEVA AND BERLIN BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS U.S. INVOLVEMENT, BUT PERHAPS THIS AREA REQUIRES SOME CLARIFICATION AS, GEOGRAPHICALLY, THESE EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE IN YOUR BACKYARD.

4. IT WOULD BE VALUABLE IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW WHY CERTAIN ITEMS FROM THE N.Y. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN MUNICH'S DAILY GUIDANCE SUMMARY. ON SOME OCCASIONS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT EVENTS HAVE OVERTAKEN THE NEW YORK COMMENTS BY THE TIME THE DAILY GUIDANCE IS WRITTEN. AT OTHER TIMES, WE
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ARE AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY SUGGESTIONS ARE IGNORED, ESPECIALLY WHEN PROGRAMMING BY DESKS ON THE SAME TOPICS IS APPROVED. REGULAR COMMENTS FROM YOUR OFFICE REGARDING OUR DAILY MESSAGE WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ASSURING THAT THE NEW YORK CONTRIBUTION FITS MOST USEFULLY INTO THE OVERALL OPERATIONAL PATTERN.
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