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FEELING HERE IS THAT PRE-OLYMPIC COVERAGE FOR AT LEAST FOUR BD'S IS OF SECONDARY NATURE. SUGGEST YOU EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING SERVICES OF GOOD MEXICO CITY STRINGER FOR PRE-OLYMPIC PERIOD TO WATCH OUT OUR PARTICULAR COUNTRY INTERESTS ARRANGING FIRST RELAY OF RESULTS OUR COUNTRIES' ATHLETES VIA NEW YORK-MUNICHWARDS. SUGGEST STRINGER BE PUT ON RETAINER BASIS FOR PRE-OLYMPIC PERIOD AND POSSIBLY TRY HIM OUT EXPERIMENTALLY ON COVERAGE STORIES OUR COUNTRIES' ATHLETES PERFORMANCES OR INTERVIEWS. THINKING HERE IS IF STRINGER PERFORMS WELL HIS SERVICES COULD BE RETAINED BY RFE TEAM DURING REGULAR OLYMPICS AND POSSIBLY AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE. THE RUMANIAN BD IS, HOWEVER, OF THE VIEW THAT THEY WILL HAVE FIRST-LINE PARTICIPANTS AT MEXICO CITY, AND THEIR PRESENCE THERE OFFERS PRIME OPPORTUNITY FOR SPORT FEATURES AND INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS ON ESTABLISHED PATTERNS. FOR THIS REASON, BERNARD RECOMMENDS, AND WE CONCUR, THAT FOSHA, THE NEW YORK SPORTS EDITOR, BE SENT FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD TO MEXICO CITY FOR SUCH PROGRAMMING. GIVEN THE INTEREST IN RUMANIA FOR THIS KIND OF PROGRAMMING AND THE OVERALL LOW COST OF OUR PRE-OLYMPIC COVERAGE, WE WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT HIS RECOMMENDATION.

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