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RE TT-PC AGREEMENT. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO PRESS PC AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO ACT PROMPTLY TO SIGN AND DECLASSIFY AGREEMENT, IF YOU CONCUR SUCH PRESSURE NOW WOULD BE TIMELY. IF YES, PLEASE ADVISE (1) DID YOU SIGN AGREEMENT BEFORE RETURNING TO PC WITH YOUR SEPT. 26 LETTER; (2) DID YOU STRIKE OUT SECTION 7 ADDITION AND INITIAL CHANGE; (3) HAS PC TRANSMITTED TO YOU ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE WHICH IT REQUIRES AS QUID PRO QUO TO REMOVING CLASSIFICATION. IF YES, PLEASE ADVISE US OF SUCH LANGUAGE AND YOUR REACTION THERETO. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN LIGHT CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS AS EVIDENCED RECENT HEARINGS STRESSING NEED HICOM MAINTAINING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY T.T. PROGRAMS AND THUS WOULD LIKE TO ASSESS SAME PRIOR TO YOUR RESPONDING TO PC. INASMUCH AS WE MADE CLEAR TO PC FROM OUTSET THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE PC-TT AGREEMENT WAS TO ADVISE ALL HANDS IN TT AND WASHINGTON OF RELATIONSHIPS, WE VERY UNSYMPATHETIC TO PC CLASSIFICATION AND CURRENT MANEUVERS RE DECLASSIFICATION.

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