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- 1. AFTER RECELT TWO TELEPHONE CALLS AND ONE TELEGRAM, BENDER SPOKE
 SAT EVENING TO MUCH EXCITED ODCOVE. ODCOVE'S ANXIETY CAUSED BY ALLEDGED LOSS
 CONTACT WITH JIM SMITH AND TIME LAG BETWEEN HIS CALLS AND BENDER'S ANSWER. HE
 AND FRIENDS ASSUMED THEY HAD BEEN DUMPED.
- 2. BEHIDER REASSURED ODCOVE: SMITH PROBABLY WENT SKE FAMILY OVER LONG
 WEEKEND AND BENDER BUSY WITH FRD. PER HQS/MASH AGRESD SOP BENDER ADVISED COCOVE
 THAT SMITH WOULD INFORM ODCOVE SOMETIME MONDAY OF CURRENT STATUS MATTER. THUS
 REQUEST SAITH CONTACT ODCOVE SOCNEST SAYING MATTER NOT FULLY SETTLED BUT IT
 APPEARS ON BASIS INFO AVAILABLE TO HIM SO FAR THAT UNILATERAL ARRANGMENT PERHAPS
 BEST SOLUTION. SMITH WILL KEEP ODCOVE ADVISED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
- 3. FII, FRENTE MOST RELUCTANT REVERSE ITS DECISION RE DISSIDENTS. ON OTHER HAND THEY COMMITTED NOW MEET DEADLINE/QUOTAS SET BY SHITH IN PM FIELD AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF THEY CANNOT DELIVER, SMITH WILL TAKE UNILATERAL STEPS. (DETAILS ON THIS BY SEPERATE MESSAGE.) THUS OUR PROPLEM VIS A VIS DISSIDENTS IS KEEP THEM FROM TAKING PUBLIC POSITIONS AGAINST FRO AND BRING FIGHT IN OPEN AND AT SAME TIME USE THESE CAPABLE PEOPLE IN FIELD NOT CROSSING WIRES WITH FRO ACTIVITIES. SINCE ONE JHARC REQUIREMENTS IS CREATION FI/CI CAPABILITY, HOS NOW CONSIDERING USE

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DISSIDENTS THIS TASK. THEREFORE SMITH FINAL ANSWER WILL DEPEND ON CONCLUSION REACHED THIS POINT. COS MASH COMMENTS WELCOME.

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