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SUBJECT: TV STATIONS FOR MR2

1. THE STAFF HAS CONTACTED JUSPAO REGARDING YOUR PROPOSAL. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOUR SENIOR PSYOPS ADVISOR, MR. NOVICK, HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS WITH TV ENGINEER MURPHY OF JUSPAO WHO HAS BEEN ADVISING THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION ON PRESENT INSTALLATIONS.
2. JUSPAO STATES IT CANNOT ASSIST IN SUCH A PROPOSAL BECAUSE:

A. MOI DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TECHNICIANS. THEY WILL NEED ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO COMPLETE CURRENT WORK BY JAN 72, AT WHICH TIME JUSPAO CONTRACT WITH RCA EXPIRES. RCA HAS TRAINED THE REQUIRED TOTAL OF 17 PERSONS FOR GVN PRESENT COUNTRYWIDE NET.

B. GVN HAS NO WAY TO QUICKLY ACQUIRE CRITICAL COMPONENT REPLACEMENTS. ALSO, ALL AFVN STATIONS ARE CRYSTAL CONTROLLED UNITS LOCKED IN ON CHANNEL ELEVEN SO INTERFERENCE WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE. MONEY, SPARE PARTS, TECHNICIANS AND TIME FOR GVN TO REBUILD STATIONS TO OPERATE ON ANOTHER CHANNEL WOULD BE EXCESSIVE.

3. AFVN DOES NOT HAVE A TRANSMITTER STATION NOW

AVAILABLE AND WOULD BE FORECAST TO BE AVAILABLE IN
THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. UPON EVENTUAL DEACTIVATION
OF SOME AFVN STATIONS, HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE NO
OBJECTION TO TURNING THEM OVER TO THE GVN PROVIDING
THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH REMAINING AFVN STATIONS.

4. IF YOUR GVN POLWAR ORGANIZATION IN MR 2 WISHES TO
UNDERTAKE SUCH AN EFFORT, THERE WOULD BE NO OBJEC-
TION TO YOUR OBTAINING THIS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH
THE ESTABLISHED MECHANISM.

5. SHOULD THE DECISION BE TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS PRO-
POSAL MACOI/AFVN WILL ASSIST IN PREPARING ESTIMATES
OF REQUIRED MANNING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS TO SUP-
PORT THE PROPOSAL TO THE GVN.