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1. WE HAVE PONDERED THE THOUGHT OF A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO RECOVER HX RV #3 (1201-3) IN THE EVENT WE DECIDE TO ABANDON THE SCENE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OR PERMANENTLY. HERE ARE OUR FINDINGS, THOUGHTS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

A. WHAT INTEREST AND CAPABILITY WOULD THE SOVIET HAVE IN RETRIEVING 1201-3?

(1) INTEREST --- OBVIOUSLY GREAT.

(2) CAPABILITY --

IT APPEARS THAT THERE COULD BE A SOVIET CAPABILITY BASED ON DATA AVAILABLE IN DIA SECRET DOCUMENT ST-CS-01-12-70 ENTITLED: "OCEANOLOGY -USSR AND COMMUNIST CHINA." ITEMS DESCRIBED ON PAGES 92 THRU 97 ALONG WITH OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH

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A LOCAL CURSORY SEARCH REVEAL THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICS OF INTEREST THE VESSEL SEVER-2 WHICH THE SOVIETS CLAIM HAS A 6000 FOOT DEPTH AND MANIPULATOR ARMS FOR DEEP RETRIEVAL HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE 1968. THE DSB-11 AND B-11 VESSELS, BELIEVED TO BE UNDERGOING TESTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, ARE CAPABLE TO DEPTHS OF 33,000 FEET. INFORMATION CONCERNING MANIPULATOR ARMS ON THESE TWO VESSELS IS UNXNOWN HERE. RECENTLY IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PURCHASING VESSELS, WITH MAINPULATOR ARMS, IN VANCOUVER B.C. CANADA. THESE VESSELS ARE DESTINED FOR SOVIET AGOR'S (OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIPS)

B. AS YOU KNOW THE SOVIETS, ET AL, HAVE THE SAME TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN THE OCEAN AS WE. IF WE ABANDON THE SITE THEY CAN MOVE IN. E.G., THEY HAVE BEEN STATION KEEPING DIRECTLY OVER THE DOWNED SOVIET NOVEMBER CLASS SUBMARINE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF. THEY MAINTAIN ONE SHIP AT THE POINT CONSTANTLY, PRESUMBABLY TO PRECLUDE ANY U.S. EFFORT TO RECOVER HARDWARE FROM THIS SOVIET SUBMARINE.

2. SUGGESTIONS:

A. NOW THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A PRECISE AREA OF EXTREME INTEREST, WHICH THE SOVIETS MUST BE AWARE, WE SHOULD NOT ABANDON

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HE SITE UNTIL OUR OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED.

PAGE 3 CHARGE 0123. TO P.S.E.C.R.E.T. B. IF WE ABANDON SITE WITHOUT ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE, WE SHOULD PERFORM ALL ACTIONS THAT MAKE IF APPEAR AS IF WE HAVE RETREIVED 1201-3 INCLUDING THOSE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WOULD BE ORDINARILY NEEDED FOR, ADDITIONAL LOGISTICS FOR SUPPORTING AND COMPLETING THE MISSION SUCCESSFULLY AND CONGRATULATIONS. TOPSEORET EŤ

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