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WE DO NOT THINK PACE OF OPERATION AND NATURE OF PRODUCT LEND THEMSELVES TO

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WE HAVE NOT SUFFERED

NOTABLY FROM LACK OF ELECTRONIC COMMO WITH CKSPHERE IN PAST AND SEE NO REAL REQUIREMENT FOR CAPABILITY IN FUTURE.

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WITH REGARD TO REQUIREMENTS, THOSE

WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR HAVE NOT BEEN SUITABLE FOR ELECTRONIC COMMO. REQUIREMENTS IN CKSPHERE CASE HAVE HISTORICALLY NOT BEEN BRIEF, SPECIFIC, AND URGENT. NOR, BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CKSPHERE'S ACCESS, CAN WE EXPECT HIM TO SUPPLY INTELLIGENCE SUITABLE FOR

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2. EVEN WITH CAREFULL [REDACTED] SOME RISK REMAINS WHENEVER AGENT IS BROUGHT INTO PROXIMITY OF CASE OFFICER UNDER SURVEILLANCE. SLIGHT ERROR BY STATION OFFICER IN CASING, TESTING, OR SERVICING OR BY AGENT IN Demeanor OR SERVICING CAN BE DISASTROUS. WITH CKSPHERE, WE HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING OR PRACTICE. WE WOULD IN EFFECT BE GRAFTING [REDACTED] PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE ONTO ALREADY DETAILED COMMO PLAN.

[REDACTED] WOULD HAVE SECONDARY OR SUPPLEMENTARY ROLE ONLY.

IN ABSENCE OF CLEAR-CUT OPERATIONAL NEED, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO ADD NEW SERIES OF SCHEDULES, SITES, AND PROCEDURES TO COMMO PLAN. LOOKING AT FUTURE OF CKSPHERE OPERATION, WE SEE LIKELIHOOD OF NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE EXCHANGES PER YEAR. AT EACH OF THESE EXCHANGES WE ANTICIPATE CKSPHERE WILL MAKE BULK DELIVERY. OUR OFFICER, IN RETURN, WILL HANDLE RESUPPLY, NEW WRITTEN REQUIEMENTS, AND ADMIN/HANDLING. CKSPHERE HAS OPERATED THIS WAY IN PAST AND SEEMS SATISFIED. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT DIFFICULTY OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACTS IN FUTURE BECAUSE OF TIGHT SURVEILLANCE BUT

[REDACTED] DOES NOT REALLY HELP US AROUND THIS PROBLEM.

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