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Code A

From: ILET Mailbox
Sent: 02 August 2004 09:01
To: Code A
Subject: FW: D/AG-4G/173497/04: Operation ROCHESTER

Code A

Please see the attached which is as discussed. It seems to me that option 3 is the most logical and also most appropriate.
 Please can you discuss this with your management and advise me of the choice so that I can reply accordingly.

-----Original Message-----

From: Code A
Sent: 02 August 2004 08:48
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Subject: FW: D/AG-4G/173497/04: Operation ROCHESTER Classification : unclassified Your ref : 346/04 Our ref: D/AG-4G/173497/04 BOB PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED MESSAGE FROM INTERPOL HANOI IN RESPONSE TO YOUR ENQUIRY. BECAUSE OF THE CONTENT, I REFERRED IT TO OUR MANAGEMENT AND ENCLOSED IS Code C S RESPONSE. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU INTEND TO PROCEED.
 REGARDS AND THANKS

Code A

-----Original Message-----

From: NCB Interpol Hanoi
Sent: 30 July 2004 02:55
To: KINGDOM, ncb london UNITED,
Subject: Operation ROCHESTER

OUR REF :855/VPI
 YOUR REF :D/AG-4G/173497/04
 SUBJECT :Operation ROCHESTER

Dear colleagues,

This reference is made to your message No. D/AG-4G/173497/04 regarding to your request for assistance from the Vietnamese Police related to your operation ROCHESTER. Please be informed that, due to there is no Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty between Vietnam and the U.K, your request for taking witness statement in Vietnam, which is a part of our legal proceeding, therefore will be impossible. However, in order to facilitate our proceeding, the following commitment from your authorities is required:

* The Law Enforcement Agencies of the U.K will provide all the same assistance if the Police of Vietnam has any request relating to the criminal matters assistance on the basic of the reciprocity principle.

For this matter we have to report to the Leaders of Ministry of Public Security of Vietnam for approval.

Thanks for your cooperation

REGARDS - END -

IP HANOI

Code A

I have spoken to ~~bevan~~^{Code C} ~~charrier~~ (UK CENTRAL AUTHORITY) There is no formal treaty with Vietnam, but he has checked and they have dealt with MLA requests in the past. He has confirmed that they can provide reciprocity assurances with any request that goes out. Therefore, Hampshire have 3 choices:

1. Offer to fly the witness back to the UK 2. Offer to fly him to Hong Kong and we set up something via IP Hong Kong (will need careful handling with regard to timings) 3. Make a formal request by ILOR via UKCA. They will provide the reciprocity assurance if asked to do so.

Regards

Code A

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