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INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY 101905Z

WL 192.

PERSONAL CANINE TO FRIEDMAN.

me REUR LW 206. DTG 081008Z. HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY ACTION SUGGESTED. HAVE NO GREAT HOPES OVERCOMING LEGAL BARRIERS BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED YOU GETTING REACTION. PRESENT IT AS YOUR IDEA WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE WITH HIM AND WHICH IF HE INTERESTED YOU WILL DISCUSS WITH ME.

FOR PULLING: NO REQUIREMENTS THANKS.

[Over]

TOP 11/1040Z

Note:

At 10:15 to 10:45 I presented essence of idea to [] as my own, informal one to get his reaction. Teller present.

1) He very appreciative + thanked me for generous offer + thinking on their behalf.

2) He quite dubious about possibility of their authorities willingness to expand [] by this means + ~~for~~ any long time bases, since
 a) Treasury has ~~been~~ kind (they now 3 times as big as figured on at end of WW II) and
 b) They are unable to fill quotas already existing + unfilled because of shortage of manpower of the grades needed or that could help.

3) But suggestion that they could employ some of their [] dons + scholars now back at their universities, set them up ~~for~~ a short-term (year or two or so) as a special project with a separate building + facilities in the way of analytical machinery does appeal to him as very interesting + with potentialities.

I thanked him. Wanted him to think of this not as being a generous offer but as a way of our getting much more for U.S. per dollar of expenditure this way as against handing out money to other Nato countries such as [] + [] for mutual aid. Told him would discuss this on my return home + see if any legal barriers exist