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TO: The Officer i/c "B" Branch

Re: ROCKBOTTOM

The following concerns [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on the ROCKBOTTOM Case [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reviewed *[Signature]*

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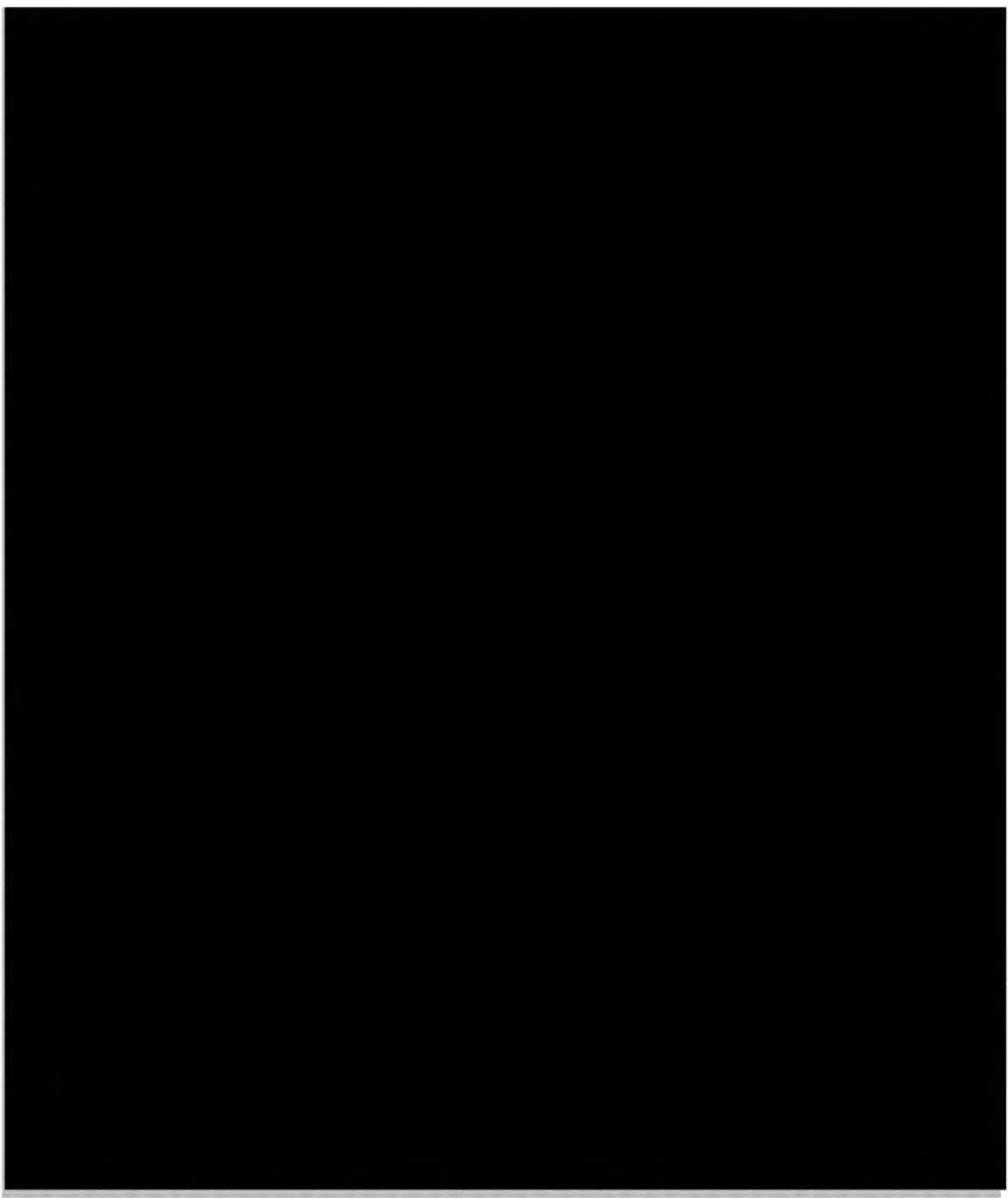
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8. It is recommended that the following plan of action be pursued:-

(a) ROCKBOTTOM be re-interviewed immediately  
[REDACTED]

(b) that a tough approach be made to ROCKBOTTOM on  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], The elements of our sadness, disappointment, governmental concern, etc. that he has not told the truth would be interlaced as heavily as possible. We have nothing to lose by such an approach. Care will be taken to ensure no recurrence of undue heart fatigue. A doctor is available in Montreal for immediate consultation.

(c) if this is not successful in eliciting any substantial change in his story, that consideration be given [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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TO: The D.S.I.

Forwarded. This is a very brief summation of the ROCK BOTTOM case in relation to [REDACTED]. Actually this re-interview has not given us anything substantial to use against ROCK BOTTOM. It is hoped to have some additional [REDACTED] information tomorrow.

2. Arrangements are now at hand to see ROCK BOTTOM again on Saturday, October 10th at which time a much more aggressive approach will be taken. While we can remain hopeful, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there are no really firm grounds for expecting that

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we will get much more useful information from ROCK BOTTOM, and I have some serious doubts as to the usefulness, from a practical point of view, of attempting to break him down by bringing in a senior person from the Department of External Affairs. I feel that he is less likely to make any damaging revelations to such a person than he is to our own interrogators. Further I believe the difficulties of arranging such a confrontation would be considerable and bearing in mind that ROCK BOTTOM has emphasized that he does not want to discuss this matter with anyone apart from ourselves, it would probably be difficult to prevail upon him to remain available so that this step could be taken and to unduly antagonize him in this regard would probably defeat this purpose. It is accordingly recommended that:

- a) ROCK BOTTOM be re-interviewed as soon as possible on the further information we have obtained and that the interview be much more aggressive with direct challenges made to his honesty and co-operation.
- b) At the conclusion of this final interview phase, that he be permitted to return to Europe but that arrangements be made for subsequent contact if and when necessary.

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