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Dear Colin,

Here is an outline - or at any rate a skeleton - for the uranium book. Bear in mind that it's about what happens rather than how it happens; for how things happen depends a lot on the research, and that's why some of the links in the plot may at the moment seem either vague or unoriginal.

Yours,

Ken Follett.

THE YELLOWCAKE PIRATES/KEN FOLLETT

Suggested points for discussion re. Outline

- Chapter 1 Interrogator in fact killing own fellow agent.
More acceptable if interrogator's side-kick is the double agent.
- Chapter 3 Unless we are going backwards in time, (now 1968) Nat DICKSTEIN is 41, born in 1927. Hardly old enough to have had a 'tough' war. Have to be at least 43. ✓
- Chapter 5 More plausible if 'tail' not reporting back to ROSTOV. Report to fellow KGB agent: ROSTOV recognises name and asks to take over the assignment because of previous acquaintance with DICKSTEIN. ✓
- Chapter 8 Is 'He' ASHFORD? ✓
- Chapter 9 Aren't we all getting a bit bored with promiscuous females. How about SUZA's innocence captivating DICKSTEIN and overcoming his inhibitions. Learn and love together. Could be just as effective - if not more so. *Maybe*
- Chapter 10 ASHFORD a double agent. Must it be Moscow? Why not Egyptian Intelligence. Chapter 20 Fly to Arab country. Would fit with his feelings re. Britain and Middle East; also Lebanese wife. *Old Aschurst Middle East Make*
- Chapter 12 Think probably necessary to give reader a hint of why HASSAN is lying to ROSTOV.
- Chapter 16 Presumably the DICKSTEIN ship which takes off the crew of the Coparelli, is the 'small' ship he first bought? Where do the PLD come from?

MAIN CONCERN RE PLOT

- Chapter 16 BORG tells of Egyptian ultimatum: Israelis out of Sinai, or Arabs will attack with nuclear weapons. By chapter 20 the Uranium is in Israel. A long way from having an atomic bomb.
Is it really checkmate?

*Somebody at Egypt react
giving day by day reports*

TOBY : QUOTE

*Kremlin decision
Egypt & Arab*

Donna has what she
I miss her at Sicily