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SUBJECT: CC 2

1. CC 2 informed me this morning that he had had a visit from (Professor) Otto MAUER, secretary general of the Austrian Catholic Action, last Sunday at his house in Altmünster. MAUER had informed CC 2 that Catholic Action was negotiating with OeVP to get a Nationalratsmandat for CC 2 during the coming elections as a representative of the Catholic Action within OeVP. MAUER had so far requested that the safe mandate should be given to CC 2 with the "Hausruckviertel" in Upper Austria.
2. CC2 informed me that if these negotiations would come off satisfactorily - a decision would have to be reached before Christmas - he would accept, immaterial whether at the Hausruckviertel or another election district. He personally did not like to act as candidate in the Hausruck because of its peasant and labor population to whom he would hardly appeal. Should he receive the nomination he would waive his plans for joining the "Rheinische Merkur" and remain in Austria. He declared his willingness to collaborate in this case, naturally under "changed circumstances".
3. On this occasion he also informed me that present Minister for Education KOLB would not become a minister again after the elections because he could not tackle the job; prospective successors were KLAUS and SCHNITZER but no decision had been reached so far.
4. I have to advise to carefully expect the "Nationalrat-question" on CC 2 before taking any open steps; once a Nationalrat he would be benefitting from parliamentary immunity.

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