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TO	CHIEF, EE	XX		MARKED FOR INDEXING
INFO.	COS, GERMANY CHIEF, MLB			NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM	CHIEF, BONN OPERATIONS BASE			ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	REASSIGNMENT OF BFV VICE PRESIDENT BRUECKNER			MICROFILM
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES				
REF - EGNA-30954, 26 JANUARY 1966				
<p>1. AT A 10 FEBRUARY 1966 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SCHRUEBBERS WE LEARNED OFFICIALLY THAT DR. ERNST BRUECKNER HAD REQUESTED TO BE RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES AS BFV VICE PRESIDENT. WE HAD INNOCENTLY INQUIRED ABOUT BRUECKNER'S HEALTH TO WHICH SCHRUEBBERS RESPONDED WITH A HALF-HOUR HARANGUE ABOUT HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH BRUECKNER WHICH LED TO THE BREAKDOWN REPORTED IN THE REF. SCHRUEBBERS COMMENTS REGARDING BRUECKNER'S BEHAVIOUR PARALLELED ALMOST EXACTLY THE DETAILS CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCE. EARLY IN FEBRUARY 1966 SCHRUEBBERS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BRUECKNER TO WHICH WAS ATTACHED A CERTIFICATE FROM HIS DOCTOR WHICH STATED THAT A CHANGE OF JOBS IS ESSENTIAL TO BRUECKNER'S HEALTH. SCHRUEBBERS SAID THAT BRUECKNER WILL PROBABLY BE REASSIGNED TO A JOB ELSEWHERE IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.</p> <p>2. SCHRUEBBERS COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME ASSESSING AND SELECTING A REPLACEMENT FOR BRUECKNER AND WOULD RUN THE BFV ALONE IN THE INTERIM. HE SAID THAT THE PERSONAL LOYALTY OF HIS DEPARTMENT CHIEFS TO HIM HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED DURING THE LAST MONTH OF BRUECKNER'S TENURE, WHEN HE BECAME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. TO A MAN THEY HAD COME DIRECTLY TO SCHRUEBBERS AND COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT BRUECKNER'S OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS. SCHRUEBBERS BELIEVES THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO SUPERVISE THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BFV FOR THE TIME BEING. HE ADDED THAT IT IS IN FACT A GREAT RELIEF TO HAVE BRUECKNER REQUEST REASSIGNMENT ON HIS OWN. IT CLEARS THE AIR OF A PROBLEM, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN EVIDENT AND WHICH HAD BEEN A SERIOUS HANDICAP TO BFV OPERATIONS. BRUECKNER WAS FUNDAMENTALLY OPPOSED TO THE BFV'S DISTRIBUTION</p> <p>BY TAPE C/EE C/MLB BY POUCH COS/G</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS COPY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/CONTINUED/</p>				
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INVOLVEMENT IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS AND DID NOT FEEL THAT THE BFV SHOULD RUN AGENTS. THE FINAL BLOW CAME WHEN BRUECKNER UNILATERALLY WROTE THE LETTER TO SPIEGEL EDITOR, DETLEV BECKER, AND ENDORSED BECKER'S PROPOSAL THAT COUNTER-ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE BFV. WHEN SCHRUEBBERS CALLED BRUECKNER TO TASK FOR THIS UNAUTHORIZED ACTION BRUECKNER TOOK THE CONSEQUENCES AND ASKED FOR SICK LEAVE, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN HIS REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT FOR 'HEALTH REASONS'.

3. COMMENT - IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE FULL IMPACT OF BRUECKNER'S REMOVAL FROM THE BFV, ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE BFV OFFICIALS ARE GLAD TO SEE HIM GO. WHETHER BRUECKNER WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE POT SHOTS AMTHE BFV IN THE FUTURE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THE REASSIGNMENT OF BRUECKNER WILL PERMIT THE BFV TO MOVE AHEAD IN OPERATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN HANDICAPPED FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS AS A RESULT OF THE TELEPHONE AFFAIR AND THE RESULTANT PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION. WE WILL KEEP THE ADDRESSEES ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING INDICATIONS OF WHO MIGHT BE THE NEXT BFV VICE PRESIDENT.

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