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TO	Chief, EE		32W-2-13/3 PCB # 9122
INFO	COS BONN		
FROM	Chief of Base, Frankfurt		DATE
SUBJECT	CART/CARAVEL/Operations CARAVEL's Situation	RE "A3-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED	None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING	
REFERENCES	EGFW 10436, 13 April 1960	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
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1. We are most appreciative of report of impressions regarding subject. This intelligence does not come as a shock to us, and it would not surprise us if it were a reasonably accurate representation of the conditions, although it is the first warning breath to this effect that the present case officer is aware of. The case officer intends to discuss the subject with CARAVEL at the earliest opportunity both for the purpose of establishing CARAVEL's views of the whole situation, and also to provide him with forewarning and obtain his thoughts how he best may share up his weakening levees.

2. Although the CAMEW chief has not been the subject of conversation between CARAVEL and the present case officer on more than one or two occasions, and then was raised more as a topic in passing, I have of course also received the clear impression that CARAVEL is extremely contemptuous of him, a feeling he makes little or no effort to conceal. I was not, however, aware that CARAVEL was so foolish as to be literally indiscreet, and oblivious to his own true best interests, as seems to suggest. On the other hand, as all who have dealt with him know, CARAVEL is a straight-forward, sincere, dynamic, diligent, selfless, open personality who is not apt to equivocate on matters of demonstrable fact, even though it might appear to his better advantage to be more diplomatic than honest. Yet CARAVEL is also not a fool, nor is he a lamb among wolves in the Bonn area. It has always been assumed, and certainly justifiably, that CARAVEL could handle his own household skillfully. It would seem unlikely that CARAVEL would overextend himself beyond the point of no return so long as his balanced judgment remains unimpaired by vitiating influences such as his physical condition.

3. It should be realized, however, that ever since I first met CARAVEL in July 1959 I have had the impression of a very tired, overworked man, a fact I believe has also remarked upon more than once. Both and I have frequently admonished CARAVEL to take it easier, but such discussions almost always end up with CARAVEL explaining why he should work harder, albeit, sometimes annoyingly, on CAMEW rather than KUBARK interests. In this connection, it is interesting to note that CARAVEL commented recently when discussing his planned PBRIMS trip this fall that he intended to use a great deal of the time merely to rest, and did not want to get involved in too many official tours and conferences; separated from his desk by the vast expanse of ocean he felt he would be able to erase from his mind his CAMEW responsibilities and all his problems there. It will be, of course, his first vacation and relaxation since at least 1951.

4. As for HOLLE and BIGGEMEIER, with whom the case officer is acquainted, more closely with the former than the latter, it is unlikely that they are among those "former staunch friends" whom CARAVEL has possibly alienated, unless they are both consummate actors. On those admittedly relatively few occasions where the opportunity was presented to observe the relationship between them and CARAVEL, I received the strong impression that they both possess a genuine feeling of both devotion to and admiration of CARAVEL. What other "friends" CARAVEL may have alienated I do not yet know (unless one of them might be).

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although it would appear not in keeping with CARAVEL's character and personality that he should alienate anyone for whom there had ever been grounds for a mutual feeling of respect and affection. One cannot of course help wondering what [] motives might have been in revealing subject to [] particularly in view of the fact that the files reflect periodically recurring speculation on just how much [] knows or suspects of the true nature of CARAVEL's relationship with ODYORIE officers.

5. We repeat we are very grateful for this advance warning that we and CARAVEL may have a problem on our hands of a greater magnitude than we, and possibly CARAVEL, have suspected. Steps will be taken to clarify wherever possible the exact nature of the relationships referred to and the precise status of CARAVEL's position and hold on CAMEN as seen from his point of view. We shall also be extremely interested to receive from Bonn Base the views and opinion of [] regarding subject.

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