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SOURCE EVALUATION (DEFINITIVE) WESTERN NEWS CORRESPONDENT /C/ FROM PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HEINRICH KRONE AND GERHARD SCHRÖDER, AND VERIFIED BY CONVERSATIONS WITH LESSER CDU/CSU FUNCTIONARIES.			
<p>1. THE REAL REASON BEHIND CHANCELLOR ADENAUER'S DECISION TO REMAIN BUNDESKANZLER WAS NOT HIS CONVICTION THAT THE WORLD POLITICAL SITUATION HAD WORSENERD. HIS DECISION WAS BASED ON A DEEP-SEATED CONVICTION THAT ERHARD IS NOT QUALIFIED TO SUCCEED HIM. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD PERSONALLY HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE FRANZ ETZEL AS HIS SUCCESSOR, HE WOULD HAVE COMPROMISED AND ACCEPTED KRONE OR PERHAPS OTHER SUITABLE CANDIDATES. ADENAUER DECIDED TO BECOME THE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT THE PARTY FRACTION WOULD ACCEPT HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT ETZEL BE SUPPORTED FOR THE CHANCELLORSHIP. HE NOW VIEWS IT AS A</p>			
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<p>MISTAKE THAT HE DID NOT OBTAIN FIRM COMMITMENTS ON THE SUPPORT OF ETZEL FROM CDU/CSU LEADERS PRIOR TO HIS ANNOUNCED DECISION TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT.</p> <p>2. THERE ARE NO SERIOUS OR SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE POLITICAL VIEWS OF ADENAUER AND ERHARD. ADENAUER HONESTLY AND SINCERELY DOUBTS THAT ERHARD HAS THE COMPETENCE AND SERIOUSNESS TO HANDLE ADMINISTRATIVELY ... THE JOB OF CHANCELLOR. HE FEELS THAT ERHARD HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE REMARKABLY UNINFORMED POLITICALLY AT SEVERAL RECENT CABINET MEETINGS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE CHANCELLOR DISTRIBUTED SOME DOCUMENTS DURING A MEETING WITH HIS CABINET SHORTLY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR SECRETARY DULLES' FUNERAL. HE ASKED EACH TO EXAMINE THE PAPERS, WHICH INCLUDED INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR GREWE IN GENEVA AND BE PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THEM AT A CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE NEXT DAY ERHARD ARRIVED AN HOUR LATE AND WAS THE ONLY MINISTER UNPREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT FOUND TIME TO READ THE MATERIAL. ADENAUER SHARPLY REPROACHED HIM, TELLING HIM THAT '... HIS LAPSE WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A VICE-CHANCELLOR.' AFTER THIS MEETING ADENAUER TOLD KRONE THAT HE 'MUST NOW REACH A FINAL DECISION, AND THAT HE COULD NOT STEP OUT IF IT MEANT THAT ERHARD WOULD GET THE CHANCELLORSHIP.'</p>			
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<p>INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS AND UNDERSTAND INTERNATIONAL REALITIES./SOURCE COMMENT- KRONE CITED ERHARD'S BEHAVIOR SINCE THE ADENAUER ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DECISION TO REMAIN AS CHANCELLOR IN SUPPORT OF ADENAUER'S OPINION THAT ERHARD LACKS THE BACKBONE TO STAND ALONE OR PURSUE A STEADY COURSE AGAINST OPPOSITION. WITHIN ADENAUER'S IMMEDIATE CIRCLE IT IS STATED THAT, HAD ADENAUER BEEN IN ERHARD'S POSITION, HE WOULD HAVE RESIGNED LONG SINCE AS MINISTER OF ECONOMICS./</p> <p>5. ON THE QUESTION OF THE LONG RANGE EFFECTS OF HIS DECISION TO REMAIN CHANCELLOR . ADENAUER OBSERVED THAT THE FUROR WILL SUBSIDE BY AUTUMN, AND BY THEN THERE WILL BE WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT THAT HIS DECISION WAS CORRECT.</p> <p>FIELD COMMENT - SOURCE, WHO IS OBVIOUSLY STAUNCHLY PRO-ADENAUER, HAS KNOWN ERHARD SINCE UNIVERSITY DAYS. HE AGREES COMPLETELY WITH THE CHANCELLOR'S ASSESSMENT OF ERHARD.</p> <p>HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: EVALUATION BY STATE REQUESTED.</p> <p>FIELD DISTRIBUTION: STATE, ARMY END OF MESSAGE INTELLOFAX CODED BY OCR</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="487 1361 1104 1489"> <tr> <td><u>SUBJECT</u></td> <td><u>AREA</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>103.2</td> <td>44/D</td> <td>W GERMANY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>171.4</td> <td>44/D</td> <td>W GERMANY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>181.6F</td> <td>68/A (Q1)</td> <td>NATO (W GERMANY)</td> </tr> </table>		<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>AREA</u>		103.2	44/D	W GERMANY	171.4	44/D	W GERMANY	181.6F	68/A (Q1)	NATO (W GERMANY)
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