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1. REF PUBLISHED BY INTELLIGENCE WATCH 4 JANUARY, FOLLOWING COMMENT ADDED IN CORRECTION PUBLISHED 10 JANUARY 1968.

2. ''PAST REPORTING SHOWS THAT VOGEL HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FELFE'S RELEASE FOR A LONG TIME. HE TRIED TO MAKE THE RELEASE OF FELFE A CONDITION FOR THE 1967 PRISONER-EXCHANGE AGREEMENT /TDCSDB-315/02684-67/, AND INFORMATION BASED ON INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS /CS-311/12358-67/ INDICATES THAT VOGEL WARNED WEST BERLIN LAWYER JUERGEN STANGE THAT THE EAST GERMANS ARE AGAIN PRESSING FOR FELFE'S RELEASE AND MAY MAKE IT A CONDITION FOR RENEWAL OF PRISONER EXCHANGE TALKS FOR 1968. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE REPORTS AND VOGEL'S HISTORY OF POLITICAL ACTION, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT HE PASSED THE INFORMATION IN THE PRESENT REPORT TO VOELCKERS PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING PRESSURE ON THE WEST GERMANS TO RELEASE FELFE, WE CANNOT JUDGE THE ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS.''

5. WE HAVE NOTIFIED INTELLIGENCE WATCH OFFICE THAT CABLED REPORTS RELATING PRISONER EXCHANGE AND PRISONER RANSOM SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH RESPONSIBLE HEADQUARTERS DESK BEFORE DISSEM, BUT TRUST YOU WILL BE ABLE FIND WAY PLACE SUCH ITEMS IN PERSPECTIVE THROUGH FIELD COMMENTS. SUCH ACTION IN PRESENT CASE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF USUAL DANGER MISLEADING CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT FOLLOW GERMAN MATTERS IN DETAIL, BUT BECAUSE OF INCLINATION SOME LNGOLD OFFICERS SEE FELFE AS APPROPRIATE COUNTER FOR EXCHANGE AGAINST AMERICANS NOW HELD EAST GERMANY. JUDGING FROM THIS REPORT, VOELCKERS SEEMS REMARKABLY NAIVE IN ACCEPTING VOGEL'S STATEMENTS AS RELIABLE. IF YOU FEEL YOU LACK INFO FOR COMMENT, [ ] PROCEDURE OF COURSE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE DESIRABLE, SINCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH INTELLIGENCE WATCH NOT FOOLPROOF.

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