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NOTES FOR INCLUSION IN "LETTER FROM THE FIELD"

[] met UTILITY for the first time at an informal dinner at []'s home on 5 August 1955. UTILITY, by choice, was not accompanied by other senior members of his staff.

Although the conversations ranged over a wide number of subjects, including the political aspects of the establishment of UPSWING, the Geneva Conference, the current political situation, current PP operations, UPSWING's future PP charter, and the possibilities of a visit by Ascham to Germany and a later visit by UTILITY to the United States, nothing new emerged from this session.

UTILITY was blunt in his criticism of the U.S. position at Geneva. He expressed the opinion that in the realm of international politics one should never tell a Russian that one will not shoot him and should under no circumstances be as convincing in this position as President Eisenhower was at Geneva. This is, of course, the basic position reflected in recent political reporting both to us and to UPTHURST. I thought the evening would be a good basis for continued good relations between UTILITY and the KUBARK Chief of Station in Germany. If the conversations were somewhat mild in character, it was only because the meeting came at a time when neither UTILITY nor [] had problems or any particularly interesting new developments to discuss with each other.

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