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TO : Director, KUBARK
(Attn: Robert A. Ascham)

DATE: 15 Mar 56

FROM : Chief of Base, Pullach

Info: COS (Attn: [unclear])

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— 13 March Conversation with UTILITY

1. On 13 March UTILITY invited me to come, unaccompanied by any other member of my staff, to his office to discuss a matter of some importance and considerable sensitivity. No other member of the UPSWING staff was present during the conversation. UTILITY had just returned from a strenuous week in Bonn, was suffering from a cold and, quite unusual for UTILITY, gave the appearance of being somewhat fatigued.

2. UTILITY believes that the general political situation in Europe is deteriorating. In his opinion events in France and Italy are moving toward the reestablishment of Popular Front governments. The political situation in the Federal Republic of Germany also appears to UTILITY to be fraught with growing political difficulties which could lead to a rather drastic change in the complexion of the government once ADENAUER's leadership is no longer a factor. Although UTILITY believes that the German population is quite unsusceptible to communism and unlikely to accept a Popular Front government, he is convinced that the penetration of significant segments of West German society assumes enormous proportion fully understood by no one. He is not optimistic that there would be adequate opposition to a neutralist political movement combining the Socialists and the anti-ADENAUER elements of the Right—a coalition which UTILITY considers almost as disastrous as a Popular Front movement. He emphasized that he does not consider the problem acute; that the present trend could perhaps be reversed if a Grand Coalition would emerge after ADENAUER leaves the political scene. He brings this problem up at this particular time only because of his forthcoming visit to Washington and his desire to discuss this problem with Ascham personally.

3. UTILITY is convinced that he as head of UPSWING would not survive in a neutralist/nationalist government with such individuals as Identity 1, 2 and 3 in power. Such a government would, UTILITY maintains, be vulnerable to political penetration and eventual control by the East. Its establishment would mark the beginning of a period in which UTILITY would feel morally justified in taking all possible action, including the establishment of an illegal apparatus in the Federal

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1 Dir, KUBARK (Attn: Robert A. Ascham) - DIRECT - w/l att as above
1 COS, Germany (Attn: [unclear])

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Republic, to oppose elements in Germany supporting a pro-Soviet policy. UTILITY would like to discuss with Ascham a plan for such an eventuality. He requested that he be given the opportunity to do this during his visit in Washington in great privacy with only [] present.

4. UTILITY then went on to say that he is hopeful that the need for such action will never arise; that he can have another eight years as Chief of UPSWING in which to systematically develop his organization along sound professional lines, based upon a law or laws passed by Parliament and an opportunity for development within the government solidly aligned with the West.

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SEPARATE COVER IDENTITIES TO: ECLA 18 312, 13 Mar 56

- IDENTITY 1 - Herbert WEHNER
- 2 - Otto LENZ
- 3 - Joseph MUELLER