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FROM : BONN

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RYBAT UPHILL

REF BONN 860* (78476)

1. AMB WAS CALLED BY ² LETHRUST'S OFFICE MORNING AUGUST 17 AND ADVISED THAT LETHRUST WISHED TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT. AMB AGREED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING ³ [] ALONG. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, HE HAD NOT REFERRED TO SUBJECT IN MEANTIME.

2. MEETING TOOK PLACE AT 1300. AMB BEGAN BY STATING HE HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THEIR EARLIER CONVERSATION. HE HAD WISHED TO CHECK BACK WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON FOR LATEST EVALUATION OF UTILITY AND HIS ORGANIZATION. ⁴ []

HAD JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT. AMB THEN REVIEWED WITH ² LETHRUST THE SECURITY PROBLEMS FACING ALL WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, INCLUDING OUR OWN, CITED CERTAIN WELL PUBLICIZED CASES AND SAID

THAT AMERICANS, WHILE FULLY AWARE OF SERIOUSNESS FELFE CASE, WERE SATISFIED UTILITY ⁴ WAS A COMPETENT AND PROFESSIONAL UPHILL CHIEF. WITH REGARD TO FELFE CASE, AMB SAID HE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTIVE MEASURES HAD BEEN INTRODUCED SOME TIME AGO. ⁶ LETHRUST WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

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3. UPTHURST ANSWERED THAT HE HAD NEVER DOUBTED UTILITY'S INTEGRITY BUT ENTERTAINED CERTAIN DOUBTS ABOUT HIS INTELLIGENCE, WHICH SEEMED BORNE OUT BY FELFE CASE. HE SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE THAT AT OUTSET MOST GERMAN AGENCIES HAD BEEN FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO CALL UPON FORMER NAZIS TO GET STARTED, AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE WITH HIS APPROVAL. IT HAD BEEN HIS POLICY, HOWEVER, AND HIS EXPECTATION THAT SUCH INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE DISPENSED WITH AS SOON AS THEY COULD BE REPLACED. IN THE FELFE CASE A POLITICALLY DUBIOUS CHARACTER HAD BEEN KEPT ON FOR TEN YEARS AND BEEN GIVEN INSIGHT INTO MATTERS OUTSIDE HIS PROPER COMPETENCE. HENCE UPTHURST DOUBTS AS TO UTILITY'S SUITABILITY AS CHIEF OF UPHILL.

4. AMB PASSED THE BALL TO [] WHO STATED, FIRST, THAT WE REGARDED THIS AS PRIMARILY A GERMAN PROBLEM AND, SECOND, THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY HAD A BEARING UPON IT. HE REVIEWED THE EARLY HISTORY OF UPHILL, EMPHASIZING ITS MILITARY NUCLEUS AND LEADING ON TO THE SEVERE PERSONNEL LOSSES SUSTAINED BY UTILITY WHEN HE SURRENDERED SOME HUNDRED ODD OF HIS SENIOR STAFF TO THE BUNDESWEHR IN 1955 AND 1956, RENDERING HIM MORE THAN EVER DEPENDENT UPON SENIOR PROFESSIONAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. [] ALSO REVIEWED EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY PROBLEMS OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND NOTED PREVIOUS PENETRATIONS IN BUNDESTAG, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, ARMED SERVICES, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPH, ETC.

5. UPTHURST THEN SAID HE WAS NOT SO MUCH CONCERNED WITH UTILITY HIMSELF AS WITH THE ORGANIZATION AS SUCH. [] RESPONDED ACCORDING TO HQRS INSTRUCTIONS, UNDERLINING UPHILL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ORDER-OF-BATTLE COLLECTION AND IN TECHNICAL FIELDS. THIS UPTHURST

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SEEMED READY TO ACCEPT. AMB THEN SAID HE HOPED THAT, WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS; WE HAD SATISFIED UPTHRUST'S² INQUIRES AS FRIEND TO FRIEND. UPTHRUST² EXPRESSED HIS THANKS.

6. INCIDENTAL NOTE: WHEN C³ DESCRIBED UTILITY'S⁴ PERFORMANCE IN FORESEEING POST-WAR DEVELOPMENTS, HOLDING TOGETHER NUCLEUS OF FREMDE HEERE OST AND TURNING IT OVER TO AMERICANS IN 1945, PLUS DETAILS OF UTILITY'S⁴ INSISTENCE OF AUTONOMOUS GERMAN ORGANIZATION AND OUR TRUSTEE RELATIONSHIP, UPTHRUST² STATED THAT THIS WAS ALL NEWS TO HIM. HE THEN SAID: "THEN IT'S YOUR CHILD".

C³ REPLIED, "NO, HE SOUGHT US OUT". TO WHICH UPTHRUST² QUIPPED, "WELL, THEN IT'S YOUR ADOPTED CHILD".

7. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH AMB AND MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH ODACID. HE SENDING NOTHING THRU HIS CHANNELS. PRESENT AT MEETING WERE OSTERHELD, WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE, AND WEBER, WHO INTERPRETED. CAUSA NOT PRESENT.

8. C³ COMMENT: IN VIEW UPTHRUST'S² REFERENCE TO AMERICAN CHILD, WHETHER NATURAL OR ADOPTED, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL FORCE UTILITY'S⁴ RESIGNATION IN FACE OF AMERICAN ENDORSEMENT. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT UTILITY'S⁴ STOCK IS LOW.

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C/S Comment: Ambassador wanted to know KUBARK(8) current evaluation of UTILITY(4) in view of UPTHRUST(3) comments on the Felle case.

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