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CONTACT REPORT

[ ] with UTILITY, @Holm, @Rose  
24 June 1966, 1000 hours  
UTILITY's Office

1. In the main this meeting was ceremonial. [ ] brought [ ] to visit UTILITY on the occasion of [ ]'s posting to Headquarters and [ ]'s assumption of the duties of COS. Expressions of gratitude for past cooperation and hopes for more of the same in the future were expressed on various sides. UTILITY again made the comment that we are such good friends we can even differ with each other. [ ] picked this up and said that out of a resolution of differences comes better understanding.

2. UTILITY presented [ ] with a formidable and touchingly inscribed silver platter bearing UTILITY's family coat of arms and his own signature.

3. @Holm then asked [ ] if he would tell UTILITY what he had told Ambassador McGhee's dinner guests the evening before about the change in administration at Headquarters. This [ ] did. Other topics discussed were press difficulties in both countries, the fact that UTILITY must be the dean of the world's corps of intelligence directors, books which have damaged intelligence operations, etc.

4. UTILITY spoke about his job as head of CATIDE and of his forthcoming 65th birthday, when he should normally be expected to retire. He said he had been asked to stay on. He did not give any date when he did intend to retire, but he said he did not intend to stay too long. He said that the organization would need younger and more vigorous strength in its top leadership. (My recollection is that this came up in the discussion of the appointment of [ ] a professional from inside the house--taking over as head of KUBARK. This may be a reflection of UTILITY's thinking on the matter. He once told me that @Holm "naturally" would take over the vice-president spot, vacated by @Wagner, who is now out on rather permanent sick leave. He may also expect @Holm to take the presidency.)

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5. UTILITY said that relations with Chancellor Erhard were improving. He even hoped to get the Chancellor to visit CATIDE during the course of one of his visits to his summer home near Tegernsee.

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6. The meeting ended with further expressions of good will and reminders that the [ ] and [ ] families were expected at tea at UTILITY's later in the day.

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