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*EXTRACT FILE: [] (GEHLEN, R.)

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3. Confirming []' elicited information, said that bare-bones fact of the matter is that UTILITY wants him out from under foot. [] said UTILITY had not personally informed him of his transfer but had told him through alias Holm. [] said he had not been "in the presence" for many months. He said UTILITY had once told him that he was "too active," he "stirred too many things up," and he "had too many contacts." [] said UTILITY was irritated at []' efforts on working level to smooth over [] case when UTILITY wanted a "high-level political solution." [] added that he and UTILITY had some differences of opinion on the activities of UTILITY's brother Guisseppi in Rome. The brother, whom [] described as "a genius, a talent," who could have made a brilliant career had he stayed as assistant to Professor Heisberg, is now a dilattante. He operates without discipline in Roman circles and, furthermore, does not work through the Foreign Liaison Division but under UTILITY. Obviously, this sort of free and loose operating rankled []

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4. Additionally, [] said that one capping injury had been done him by UTILITY. [] explained that his predecessor as Chief of Foreign Liaison, alias Mertens, was a general officer. [] said that normally, then, he might have expected to be a general officer himself. (Although he admitted his slot did not carry a star; Mertens' came from elsewhere in CATUSK.) But when Mertens was retired from active duty on grounds of health, the slot which Mertens had was transferred to the Commo Division of CATUSK. UTILITY's brother-in-law, alias Seidel, went into it and was promptly promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General. [] admitted that Seidel deserved the promotion, but he said this blatant piece of nepotism could not help but embitter him. He said now his chances for making one star were gone.

5. [] commented philosophically that he was use to this sort of upset in his life. In 1950 he had been hastily called by UTILITY to stand by; he was needed urgently in Paris. He was sent, however, only in 1960. And then, [] concluded, when WOFAC would not accept UTILITY's son-in-law as Washington representative, UTILITY's daughter came crying to UTILITY, saying, "Daddy, you promised us a post abroad," to which UTILITY replied, "Yes, I know, what do you want?" The answer was Paris, and [] found himself back at the old headquarters grind.