

S E C R E T TELEPOUCH

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DATE - 12 SEPTEMBER 1967

INDEX - NONE

FILM - NONE

TO - CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY ATTN - []
CHIEF, MUNICH BASE ATTN - []

INFO - NONE

FROM - CHIEF, EUR

SUBJ - CATUSK

UTILITY SUCCESSION

ACTION - SEE PARA 5

REFS - EGMA-69933

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2005

1. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, ALIAS DESSAU HAS ASSIDUOUSLY LOBBIED FOR SOME TYPE OF WOFACT INTERVENTION WITH MHBRUSH WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SUPPORTING THE CANDIDACY OF IDENTITY ONE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF CATUSK. HIS GENERAL LINE HAS BEEN THAT WE SHOULD NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION IDENTITY ONE BUT THAT WE SHOULD AVAIL OURSELVES OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXTOL THE VIRTUES OF THE PROFESSIONAL OVER THE NONPROFESSIONAL. DESSAU HAS ALSO MAINTAINED THAT THE MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK TO THE APPOINTMENT OF IDENTITY ONE IS IDENTITY TWO AND HE HAS INTIMATED THAT THIS MIGHT BE AN AREA WHERE OUR INFLUENCE COULD BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HE HAS URGED US TO DIRECT YOU, AND IF POSSIBLE [] TO MAKE YOUR INFLUENCE FELT WITH MHBRUSH AND AMONG APPROPRIATE POLITICAL FIGURES IN BONN.

2. WE HAVE GENERALLY RESPONDED BY MAKING REFERENCE TO OUR OWN FORTUNATE POSITION IN THIS REGARD AND BY NOTING THAT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION, WE FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE POSITION THAT A PROFESSIONAL IS MUCH TO BE PREFERRED OVER A NON-

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PROFESSIONAL. WE HAVE ALSO GENERALLY EXPRESSED OUR ADMIRATION FOR IDENTITY ONE AND THEN NORMALLY LET THE MATTER DROP. ON ONE OCCASION, SHORTLY AFTER WE HAD RECEIVED REFERENCE, WE INDICATED TO DESSAU THAT WHILE THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL WAS CLEARLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR VIEW, WE DOUBTED THE PROPRIETY OF MAKING OUR VIEWS KNOWN AND STATED THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT DO SO WITHOUT A SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM UTILITY. THE VERY NEXT DAY, DESSAU FACED US WITH A CABLE FROM UTILITY IN WHICH UTILITY ALLEGEDLY WROTE THAT HE WOULD WELCOME OUR SAYING SOMETHING SHOULD THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISE. UTILITY SUGGESTED THAT ONE SUCH OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE PRESENTED BY THE THEN IMPENDING VISIT OF IDENTITY THREE. UTILITY TOOK THE LINE THAT WE SHOULD NOT MENTION SPECIFIC NAMES AND GAVE AS HIS REASON FOR ENDORSING THIS ACTION HIS OWN DESIRE TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN CATUSK AND THE NATO SERVICES AND, IN PARTICULAR, WOFAC.

3. THUS, IDENTITY FOUR DOES ACCURATELY REFLECT AN ACTION WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO US BUT IT IS A PROPOSAL WHICH WAS NOT ACTED UPON AT ANY LEVEL. WE HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN ANY ACTION HERE TO IMPLEMENT THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY DESSAU AND ENDORSED BY UTILITY. NEITHER DO WE HAVE ANY PLANS TO DO SO SINCE WE WISH AT ALL COSTS TO AVOID FINDING OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ESSENTIALLY MHRUSH QUESTION.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND WE DO NOT WISH ENTIRELY TO PRECLUDE SOME ACTION IN A SITUATION WHERE WE MIGHT MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION WHICH COULD AT THE SAME TIME BE IN OUR OWN INTEREST. THUS, SHOULD THIS MATTER BE RAISED BY SOMEONE ON THE BONN SCENE WHO IN YOUR OPINION IS DOING SO FOR CONSTRUCTIVE REASONS, YOU MIGHT RESPOND ALONG THE SAME LINES WE HAVE TAKEN WITH DESSAU. IN NO CASE, HOWEVER, DO WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD FAVOR A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL

OVER ANY OTHER.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT FROM YOU ON ANY DISCUSSIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ALONG THESE LINES AND WE, OF COURSE, WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED IF WE HAVE OCCASION TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS QUESTION HERE.

6. YOU MAY ALREADY BE AWARE THAT DURING HIS VISIT IDENTITY THREE DID DISCUSS THE SUCCESSION WITH IDENTITY ONE BUT THAT HE DID NOT MAKE A SPECIFIC OFFER. RATHER HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY AGREE TO GET TOGETHER AT A LATER DATE IN BONN WHERE THEY COULD PURSUE THE MATTER AT SOME LENGTH WITHOUT THE TIME PRESSURES TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED HERE. IDENTITY ONE LEFT HERE ON 8 SEPTEMBER AND EXPECTS TO BE IN BONN AND AVAILABLE TO IDENTITY THREE AROUND SEPTEMBER 18 OR 19.

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ATTACHMENT - IDENTITIES /4/ UNDER SEPARATE COVER VIA 'TP'

DISTRIBUTION -
BY TELEPOUCH

- 3 - COS/GERMANY
- 2 - C/MUNICH BASE

- HQS DISTRIBUTION -
- 2 - E/G/CE
- 1 - E/G/IS
- 1 - RI
- 1 - AC/E/G
- 1 - DC/EUR
- 1 - AC/EUR/CR

- PREPARED BY - []
- COORDINATION - [] C/E/G/CE
- [] AC/EUR/CR
- RELEASED IN DRAFT BY - [] DC/EUR

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INFO - NONE

FROM - CHIEF, EUR

IDENTITY ONE - LT. GEN. GERHARD WESSEL

IDENTITY TWO - SPD

IDENTITY THREE - CHANCELLOR KIESINGER

IDENTITY FOUR - ADN RELEASE OF 5 SEPTEMBER

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