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 ABSTRACT INDEX

1. UTILITY STATED 18 JANUARY THAT IN MEETINGS JUST HELD WITH WESSEL AND CARSTENS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WESSEL TO REPORT FOR OVERLAP PERIOD 1-30 APRIL. UTILITY WILL OFFICIALLY RETIRE AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS 30 APRIL AND WESSEL'S ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND WILL TAKE PLACE ON 1 MAY.

2. UTILITY STATED ALSO THAT SPD STILL FIGHTING BUT HAS NO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR JOB OF VICE PRESIDENT. THEY STILL TRYING TO FOSTER NOLLAU, BUT UTILITY REITERATED THAT KIESINGER HAS DROPPED NOLLAU FROM ALL CONSIDERATION.

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3. FINALLY, CONFIRMING ALIAS WENDT'S DECLARATION (MUNICH 1956), UTILITY CONVEYED WENDT'S INTENTION OF RESIGNING SHOULD HE BE PASSED OVER FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY IN FAVOR OF AN OUTSIDER. INFORMED KIESINGER THAT UTILITY AND A LARGE NUMBER OF TOP BRASS IN CATUSK WOULD DEPLORE

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LOSS OF WENDT AT A CRUCIAL PERIOD WHEN HE PROBABLY COULD BE OF
HIS GREATEST USE TO CATSK. UTILITY HAS REITERATED
WESSEL'S ENDORSEMENT OF WENDT AS HIS DEPUTY. IN ANY
EVENT, WESSEL SET A CONDITION TO HIS APPOINTMENT
REQUIRING HIS FULL CONCURRENCE IN THE SELECTION OF
THE VICE PRESIDENT.

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CS COMMENT: *Reports that Chancellor Kiesinger has appointed Wessel to
succeed UTILITY (1) effective 1 May 1968.