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CONTACT REPORT

[] with @Kuehne, @Griffiths, @Dr. Mannhardt
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Die Bruecke Safehouse

76-5-33 (YUGOSLAVIA) [] & @Kuehne, 29 Nov 66
@Griffiths, @Dr. Mannhardt

1. This meeting was set up as a follow-through to a discussion held by [] with UTILITY in the presence of [] and @Holm and myself. At that time, [] asked UTILITY if CATUSK could help us out with any information about field grade and lower Yugoslav officers.

2. At the meeting today @Griffiths and @Dr. Mannhardt gave us a few groups on what they might be able to work up for us.

3. The plan is that alias Griffiths will write up a few things about the army, especially about the fact that various national minority groups in Yugoslavia in the army are doing duty in their own part of the country. This means, for instance, that Croatian boys serve in Croatia, not in Montenegro. Then, Dr. Mannhardt will write up something about the political situation in Yugoslavia to see whether that can be of any assistance. The fact of the matter is that they really don't have much on this very special category. But UTILITY wants some sort of a response to [] I said that I thought my analysis of the problem was as follows: We are looking forward to the eventual demise of Tito. When this happens, the men who are now Majors and below may be around Colonel rank. What do we know about them? What role will they play in the transfer of power? Griffiths was asked by @Kuehne if he would also look through the card index to see whether there was any information about particular Yugoslav officers of this grade. Griffiths said that contrary to the practice in the Soviet Union, where young officers were praised in magazines and pictured in journals, the Yugoslavs attempted to play down the role of young officers. Therefore, it was a bit tough to produce anything. Of course, the Germans don't have diplomatic or military attache representation in Yugoslavia, although they have trade relations, and there are hundreds and hundreds of Yugoslavians here.

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4. Dr. Mannhardt is a person of about age 46 or 47, I would say. His head is about half bald. His figure is medium size. I would judge him to be about 5'10" or so. He is working in the Political Analysis business and apparently has Yugoslavia as one of his special areas of competence.

5. In looking through the data on GIANERT, which is available as an attachment to EGMA-69158, I have only to add that he met with us to speak on the subject of the Yugoslav Army. Every now and then he used an English word or phrase, such as "standing" or "step forward." It appears that his right hand has a metatarsal bone missing. When seen for the first time he gives the appearance of having a dark, sunburned complexion.