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CAUTERY-5  
Symptoms of Defection.

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**Synopsis:** In reporting on meetings between subject and Identity 2, we propose to keep an inventory of all symptoms of defectability emerging from their conversations. In this context, their first meeting on 25 February 1951 turned up some significant indications of subject's current frame of mind.

1. Identity 2 asked CAUTERY-5 whether he thought that war was imminent. Subject literally replied: "Whenever we kick up a lot of dust in one particular corner, you can rest assured that nothing will happen. Watch out for the places where silence reigns".
2. Concerning the SED, subject stated the following: "The Germans in the East Zone are big swine. We use them. We don't respect them, because they betray their own countrymen".
3. Quite casually, subject asked Identity 2 the following question: "What are your views about the Americans?" (Wie stehen Sie eigentlich zu den Amerikanern?). Identity 2 replied: "What are you driving at?" Subject, in turn: "Well, you are bound to hear a lot"; whereupon Identity 2 disavowed all interest in politics and claimed to be quite uninformed on current political developments. (Identity 2 is in doubt whether this was meant to be a come-on designed to induce him to serve as an informant, or whether subject was merely trying to feel him out on his political sympathies).
4. In commenting on the trend of their conversation, Identity 2 noted that subject's pro-Western leanings did not appear to have abated to any noticeable extent.

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