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FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt *LRB*

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - CALL/Operational

SPECIFIC - Karl Theodor HASS

REF: A. SBONN 2266
B. SPULL 534

1. We recently held a discussion with [] in order to try to learn more about subject. He informed us that while he was in Italy in July 1954 establishing liaison with the Italian military services, the name of Hass came up in the discussions and [] was informed at that time of Italian plans to expell Hass from Italy. [] conferred with the chief of the Italian G-2, General Musco who informed him that Hass was persona-non-grata with the military intelligence services but that the Interior Ministry's security officials had for a long time been trying to protect him. Musco further told [] that they had finally managed to build up a sufficiently strong case against Hass to demand his expulsion from the country.

2. As we have reported in reference A, Hass allegedly peddled intelligence obtained from Italian services. [] has told us since then that Hass was also alleged to have had close Communist contact in the Rome area.

3. It was during this meeting with Musco that [] learned of a great rift and intrigue between the Interior and Defense Ministries' security officials. It was also Musco who told [] that he considers Utility's brother undesirable, and he made the allegations that Utility's brother has close ties to Hass. Musco informed German Ambassador Brentano along similar lines and it was Brentano who reported to the German Foreign Office of the Hass/Utility's brother associations.

4. [] has informed us that after his visit in Italy and meetings with General Musco and the Italian Chief of Staff General Giuseppe Mancinelli, he became aware of the fact that a great deal of bitterness exists between the Italian Defense and Interior Ministries' officials on matters of an intelligence nature.

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