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CONVERSATION 12 SEPT WITH DR. HILGER, FORM OFF CONSULTANT ON SOV AFFAIRS, DEVELOPED FOLLOWING:

1. GER PLANS FOR MOSCOW MADE WITHOUT PAYING ATTENTION TO VIEWS OF SOV SECTION OF FORM OFFICE. HILGER THEREFORE REFUSED GO IN ROLE OF LITTLE MORE THAN TRANSLATOR.
2. BRAUTIGAM WAS NOT INCLUDED IN PARTY BECAUSE HIS FORMER ASSOCIATION WITH ROSENBERG OFFICE MIGHT BE OFFENSIVE.
3. HILGER BELIEVES ADENAUER SHOULD NOT HAVE ACQUIRED SO READILY TO TRIP BUT SHOULD HAVE NEGOTIATED BEFORE GOING. TRIP TO MOSCOW TOO OSTENTATIOUS STATE VISIT WITH TWO CONSTELLATIONS, SPECIAL TRAIN, LARGE RETINUE, ETC.
4. HILGER CLAIMS HIS PRIOR ANALYSIS OF SOV NOTE INDICATED SOVS NOT WILLING TALK ABOUT RETURN POWS UNLESS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RESUMED. ADENAUER COULD EXPECT NOTHING BUT REBUFF. HILGER PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON TACTICS SOVS USED WITH JAPANESE RE POW AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND HAD WARNED THAT THESE TACTICS WOULD BE REPEATED WITH GERS.
5. ANALYSIS OF CONVERSATIONS TO DATE SUPPORT HIS CONVICTION THAT SOVS

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6. HILGER CONVERSATION REVEALED HIS AND PRESUMABLY OTHER FORM OFF SPECIALISTS CONCENTRATION ON SUBSTANCE OF RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND FAILURE RECOGNIZE INTERNAL GERMAN POLITICAL REASONS I.E., THAT ADENAUER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO AND THAT A BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH ADENAUER SEEMED TO BE TRYING HARD MIGHT BE BEST RESULT FOR ADENAUER AND HIS WESTERN POLICY.

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