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1. 5 OCT DISCUSSED MERTEN STORY WITH HAMBURGER ECHO CHIEF EDITOR HANS HENRICH. HE VERY CAREFUL CHOOSING HIS WORDS. HE CLAIMED RAN STORY BECAUSE OF CONNECTION TO CURRENT MARBACH CASE IN KIEL, AND STORY ALSO DESIGNED FORCE GREEKS MAKE LONG DELAYED TURN-OVER MERTEN FILES TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES SO MERTEN COULD CLEAR NAME BEFORE GERMAN COURT. EDITOR DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT SHOOT AT GLOBKE OR GREEKS. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN ALLEGED PHOTO OF MERTEN WITH "UNCLE CONSTANTINE" BUT INSISTED HE KNEW IT EXISTED. SAID STORY WRITTEN BY KLAUS MENZEL, *(PRIN GBLD BEING 5000)* SOCIAL DEMOCRAT BUNDS TAG DEPUTY WALTER MENZEL, *based partly on material supplied* BY MERTENS LAWYER POSSER. ABOVE

*↑ Merten* *\* ECHO STAFFER who son of*

O.K. PASS *[Greek Official]*

2. FYI, EDITOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD DOCUMENTARY PROOF COLLABORATION "THESE GREEKS" WITH GERMAN OCCUPATION, SUCH AS RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS.

3. FYI. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDING *[Greek Press]* WITH BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON POSSER AND SOME NEUTRALIST AND COMMUNIST FRONT

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