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INDEXING - NONE

MICROFILM - NONE

TO - CHIEF, WOLIME

INFO - CHIEF, EUR, []

FROM - []

SUBJECT - RYBAT/DTDORIC/QKACTIVE, [] [] /FOLLOW-UP ON
[] VISIT

ACTION - SEE PARAGRAPH 8

REFS - NONE

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1. ON 2 JULY, [] IN CONTACT WITH []
[] COMMENTED ON [] VISIT IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO
RADIO.

2. AS PREFACE TO FOLLOWING COMMENTS, [] SAID HE HAD
CALLED EHMKE THAT DAY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT REPORTED INTERVENTION BY
EHMKE IN FINANCE CABINET SESSION DEALING WITH FUNDING FOR CON-
STRUCTION OF DEUTSCHE WELLE /DW/ AND DEUTSCHLANDFUNK /DLF/. AT
THIS SESSION TO DEAL WITH ROUTINE QUESTION OF SCHEDULING FUNDS,
EHMKE RAISED ISSUE OF MERGING DW AND DLF. [] PROTESTED
FACT THAT EHMKE HAD DONE SO AND OBTAINED LATTER'S AGREEMENT TO
WITHDRAW THIS QUESTION. [] CLAIMS THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN
SETTLED TEN YEARS AGO, BUT HAD PROBABLY BEEN RAISED BY EHMKE
UNDER PRESSURE FROM AHLERS, AND SALM WHO ARE IN EHMKE'S OFFICE
AND IN AUFSICHTSRAT OF DW. [] CLAIMS AHLERS IS ANGLING
TO BECOME INTENDANT OF DW AND MAY BE SPECULATING TO BECOME
INTENDANT OF MERGED DW AND DLF AFTER THEDIECK RETIRES AS IN-
TENDANT OF LATTER IN 1972.

3. [] DRAWS FROM THIS ENCOUNTER LESSON THAT EHMKE

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REALLY HAS VERY SUPERFICIAL APPROACH TO RADIO AFFAIRS AND LETS HIMSELF BE INFLUENCED BY IMMEDIATE COLLEAGUES WITHOUT THINKING THROUGH LONG TERM ISSUES.

4. [] RAISED SUBJECT OF [] VISIT ON OWN INITIATIVE. ESTIMATED THAT EHMKE PROBABLY TOLD [] THAT RFE WOULD HAVE TO GO IN LONG RUN, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT FORMED JUDGMENT YET. [] THOUGHT EHMKE COMMENTS WOULD SHOW THAT HE HAD NOT FULLY ASSESSED IMPORTANCE OF RFE IN EUROPEAN POLITICS. EHMKE ALSO DOES NOT REALIZE WHAT LOSS WOULD MEAN IN POLITICAL TERMS IN WEST GERMANY'S OWN INTEREST, IN THAT IT WOULD INDICATE ABILITY OF EAST EUROPEANS TO MANIPULATE WEST GERMANY TO THEIR OWN ENDS. COMMENT - WE PASS ON []'S ESTIMATE OF WHAT EHMKE MIGHT SAY BECAUSE AS WE UNDERSTAND IT [] HAD NOT BRIEFED CAFILBERT ON OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HE PIECED THIS ESTIMATE TOGETHER FROM REPORTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER [] CONTACTS.

I 5. [], IN SHOW OF GENUINE CONCERN FOR FATE OF RFE AS MEMBER OF WEAC AND SUPPORTER OF RFE POLITICAL LINE, OUTLINED AT LENGTH HIS BELIEF THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO INFORM AND INFLUENCE EHMKE ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. HE WAS PREPARED TO START DRAFTING EYES ONLY BACKGROUND PAPER, BUT THOUGHT BETTER OF IDEA AFTER [] DISCUSSION OF DISADVANTAGES OF HAVING PAPER ON HAND WHICH COULD BE PICKED TO PIECES. [] THEN EXPRESSED EAGERNESS TO SEE EHMKE VERY SOON TO BEGIN ORAL INDOCTRINATION. HE WILLING DEFER UNTIL WISDOM THIS COURSE DISCUSSED WITHIN JKLANCE.

6. [] POINTED OUT THAT [] LINE OF ARGUMENT MIGHT NOT BE READILY ACCEPTED BY EHMKE, SINCE LATTER WOULD KNOW OF CLOSENESS OF CAFILBERT AND [] /FYI - [] CLAIMS HE ASSISTED IN ARRANGING [] DISCUSSION WITH EHMKE./

() BELIEVES HE CAN ATTRIBUTE HIS CONCERN TO OWN LONG STANDING INTEREST IN INFORMATION PROGRAMS REACHING EASTERN EUROPE AND MEMBERSHIP IN WEAC. [] ALSO SUGGESTED TO () IN WHAT BOTH RECOGNIZED AS FRIENDLY PROVOCATION THAT IN CURRENT STRUGGLE FOR FREQUENCIES AND POLITICAL FUTURES, () OR OTHER PERSON IN DLF LEADERSHIP MIGHT BE TEMPTED BY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESIDE OVER LARGE MEDIA EMPIRE INCLUDING DLF AND DISBANDED RFE. () DENIED ANY AMBITIONS FOR HIMSELF AND RESTED ON SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS HE SAID SHOULD BE MADE TO CLARIFY EHMKE'S SUPPOSED IGNORANCE AS NOTED ABOVE. () ADMITTED THAT HIS OWN TERM RUNS ONLY UNTIL 1974 AND COULD NOT PREDICT BEYOND THAT.

7. COMMENT -

A. WE ASKED () TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL WE COULD DISCUSS INTERNALLY. HE SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED AND WILLING TO HELP. HE MAY OVERESTIMATE HIS OWN EFFECTIVENESS IN INFLUENCING EHMKE, BUT WE JUDGE HIS ASSESSMENT OF EHMKE'S LACK OF FIRM POSITION AND WILLINGNESS TO MAKE DECISIONS HAVING LONG TERM EFFECTS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF RAMIFICATIONS TO CORRESPOND TO EHMKE'S COMMENTS TO []

B. IT APPARENT THAT () HAD HIMSELF NOT THOUGHT THROUGH ALL THE POSSIBLE VARIATIONS OF TYPES OF ALTERED STATUS OF RFE, MODALITIES, AND TIMING WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED BY EHMKE WITH OR WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DISCUSSION WITH [] () WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE PREPARED TO HANDLE THIS ASPECT OF DISCUSSION OR DEVELOP COUNTER ARGUMENTS. WE TEND TO THINK THAT () DISCUSSING SUCH MATTERS MIGHT GET HIM INTO DIFFICULTY BY BEING DRAWN INTO UNDESIRABLE DIALOGUES ON TACTICS.

C. CONVINCED OF THE RIGHTNESS OF HIS OWN CAUSE, () MAY TAKE UP THESE CONCERNS OBLIQUELY IN CONVERSATION WITH EHMKE ON OTHER MATTERS. HE MIGHT THEN NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE

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IN ARGUING HIS POINTS AS HE WOULD BE AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH JKLANCE. WHILE HE WOULD PROBABLY RESPECT A FIRM REQUEST NOT TO RAISE THE MATTER AT HIS INITIATIVE, HE MAY FIND HIMSELF IN A POSITION OF NEEDING TO COMMENT TO EHMKE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH JKLANCE.

8. ON BALANCE AT THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF () CONCERN AND THINK THROUGH WITH HIM AN APPROACH WHICH HE MIGHT PRESENT TO EHMKE BASED SOLELY ON QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE, NOT TACTICS. WE REQUEST YOUR EARLY CONCURRENCE IN HOLDING SUCH A DISCUSSION AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO DRAW ON DETAILS, FACTS, OR SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS SUPPLIED BY YOU WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN CASE.

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