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NOLLAU'S STATEMENTS RE PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
SCHRUEBBERS AND HIS POSSIBLE SUCCESSION TO  
SCHRUEBBERS

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1. ON 3 FEBRUARY [ ] AND [ ] HOSTED NOLLAU FOR LUNCH  
AT [ ] RESIDENCE. FIRST HALF HOUR OF CONVERSATION REVOLVED  
AROUND UNOFFICIAL AND NON-POLITICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS WINTER  
OLYMPICS IN JAPAN SKIING, ETC. AFTER AMENITIES WERE OUT OF WAY,  
NOLLAU BROACHED TOPIC OF DAY - ALLEGATIONS APPEARING IN THE  
PRESS AGAINST SCHRUEBBERS. ALTHOUGH NOT STATING IT IN SO MANY  
WORDS, NOLLAU DID IMPLY THAT HE ASSISTED IN, OR AT LEAST HAD  
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF, PUBLICATION OF "DER SPIEGEL" ARTICLES  
ATTACKING SCHRUEBBERS. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NOTHING  
TO DO WITH OFFICIAL "INVESTIGATION" OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST  
SCHRUEBBERS. HE CLAIMED THAT MINISTER GENSCHEK PERSONALLY TOLD  
HIM THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE HIS /NOLLAU'S/ CHANCES  
OF BECOMING PRESIDENT OF BEV BY INVOLVING HIM IN INVESTIGATION  
OF SCHRUEBBERS AS FAR AS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SCHRUEBBERS ARE  
CONCERNED, NOLLAU STATED THAT CLAIMS RE VARIOUS COURT CASES  
DURING NAZI ERA IN WHICH SCHRUEBBERS WAS PROSECUTOR ARE FACTUAL.

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BOTH GENSCHER AND "SPIEGEL" HAVE PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE COURT RECORDINGS. NOLLAU ADDED THAT THIS AFTERNOON /3 FEB/ A PRESS CONFERENCE REQUESTED BY DKP WILL TAKE PLACE IN BUNN. APPEARING WILL BE THE MAN WHO, WITH SCHRUEBBERS IN A SCOUTING ROLE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR HAVING CONTRIBUTED TWENTY PFENNIGS TO COMMUNIST CAUSE DURING THIRD REICH. NOLLAU OPINED THAT THIS PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD "PUT THE FINAL NAIL IN SCHRUEBBERS COFFIN."

2. ( ) QUIETLY ASKED WHETHER CURRENT TYPE OF MUD SLINGING MIGHT NOT PROLIFERATE AND HURT OTHERS, INCLUDING ANY SUCCESSOR TO SCHRUEBBERS. NOLLAU DID NOT MISS THE POINT, HE RESPONDED THAT HE IS ON SUCH GOOD TERMS WITH GENSCHER AND WEHNER AND IS SO WELL QUALIFIED TO HEAD BFV THAT HE IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT ANY PUBLICITY THAT HIS NOMINATION MIGHT GENERATE. NOLLAU ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH A DEFINITE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE "OFFICIALLY", HE BELIEVES THAT MINISTER GENSCHER, AFTER HIS RETURN FROM SAPPORO DURING WEEK OF 6 FEB, WILL DEMAND THAT SCHRUEBBERS RETIRE. IN ANSWER TO A DIRECT QUESTION, NOLLAU STATED THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET "100 PERCENT SURE" THAT GENSCHER WILL FORCE SCHRUEBBERS INTO RETIREMENT, IT IS CERTAIN THAT IF SCHRUEBBERS IS MADE TO RETIRE, HE /NOLLAU/ WILL SUCCEED HIM.

3. ASSUMING A JPHILOSOPHICAL" ATTITUDE, ( ) REMARKED ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF ESCAPING ONE'S PAST, ESPECIALLY FOR OFFICIALS. NOLLAU IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT UP ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED THAT MORNING /3 FEB/ IN "DIE WELT" IN DEFENSE OF SCHRUEBBERS. IT STATED THAT CHARGES AGAINST SCHRUEBBERS WERE NOT NEW, THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE IN 1966 BY ALBERT N O R D E N OF DDR. THEN MINISTER OF INTERIOR, LUECKE, HAD LOOKED INTO THESE CHARGES AND CONSIDERED THEM IRRELEVANT TO SCHRUEBBERS QUALIFICATION AS PRESIDENT OF BFV. NOLLAU COMMENTED THAT DIE WELT STATE-

NEWS WERE INACCURATE. NORDEN IN 1966 CONTAINED NO SPECIFICS BUT ONLY ACCUSED SCHRUEBBERS, IN GENERAL TERMS, OF BEING SUPPORTER OF NAZI REGIME. NOLLAU ADDED THAT LUECKE RECENTLY WAS ASKED /NOLLAU DID NOT STATE BY WHOM/ WHETHER "DIE WELT" ARTICLE WAS BASED ON FACTS. LUECKE ANSWERED THAT IN 1966 THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SCHRUEBBERS. HOWEVER HAD CURRENT DETAILS BEEN SURFACED THEN, HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ORDERED MORE THROUGH INVESTIGATION. NOLLAU POINTED OUT THAT LUECKE DID NOT COMMENT ON WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE WITH RESPECT TO SCHRUEBBERS.

I 4. NOLLAU THEN SAID THAT SCHRUEBBERS SHOULD BE FORCED TO RETIRE NOW BECAUSE OF A DEMONSTRATED LACK OF INTEGRITY. WHEN HE WAS OFFERED JOB OF BFV PRESIDENT IN 1955, HE DID NOT INFORM THE ADMINISTRATION RE HIS BACKGROUND AS A PROSECUTOR DURING THE NAZI REGIME. WHY, MUSED NOLLAU, WOULD A MAN LIKE SCHRUEBBERS KNOWINGLY ACCEPT SUCH A POSITION WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HIS BACKGROUND COULD AT ANY TIME BRING DISCREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND HIS ORGANIZATION? HE ADDED THAT "NEEDLESS TO SAY A DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT WAS THEN IN POWER AND THIS TYPE OF BACKGROUND, WHATSOEVER IT MAY HAVE BEEN, WAS CONSIDERED A BIT DIFFERENTLY". FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT CLEARLY REVEALED THAT NOLLAU HAD DERIVED PLEASURE FROM SCHRUEBBERS PREDICAMENT.

5. DURING COURSE OF FURTHER CONVERSATION, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT NOLLAU BELIEVES HE HAS ESTABLISHED GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GENSCHER AND ENJOYS LATTER'S CONFIDENCE. HE STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT GENSCHER BELIEVES THAT NOLLAU WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF BFV.

6. NOLLAU STATED THAT WHEN HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENT'S JOB IN THE BFV, THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT HIS PRESENT DEPUTY, BARDENHEWER, MIGHT SUCCEED HIM. WHEN ASKED WHETHER SMOYDZIN, PRESENT

DEPUTY CHIEF OF BFV MIGHT GET THIS JOB, AS WAS STATED IN "DER SPIEGEL", NOLLAU SAID THAT THIS WAS ONLY "A THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY."

7. [ ] COMMENT. NOLLAU WAS IN VERY CONFIDENT MOOD CONCERNING HIS FUTURE. CLEARLY HE BELIEVES THAT COMBINATION OF SPONSORSHIP BY WEHNER, HIS COMPETENCE CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MATTERS, HIS EXPERTISE RE COMMUNISM, AND RELATIONSHIP OF CONFIDENCE WHICH HE HAS ESTABLISHED WITH GENSCHER WILL CARRY THE DAY AND HE WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF BFV IN NEAR FUTURE. NOLLAU WAS IN MORE EUPHORIC MOOD RE THIS MATTER THAN HE HAS EVER EXHIBITED IN PAST. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO DIRECT DISCUSSION OF WHAT HIS ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO COOPERATION WITH STATION WOULD BE "IF AND WHEN" HE DONS BFV CHIEF MANTLE, HE INTIMATED THAT HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH STATION THAN HE CONSIDERS THAT SCHRUEBBERS HAS DONE. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE "EXPRESSED REGRET" THAT AS CHIEF OF BFV SCHRUEBBERS HAS TAKEN PASSIVE ATTITUDE RE BFV RESPONSIBILITIES AND HAS SERVED ONLY AS FIGUREHEAD, LEAVING DIRECTION OF ACTIVITIES TO OFFICIALS OF LOWER RANK. NOLLAU INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE CASE WITH HIM, HE WOULD PLAN PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN OVERSEEING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY OF BFV.

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