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ACTION REQUIRED: None

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1. The 1959 plenary meeting of the Deutsche China-Gesellschaft (DCG) will be held in Frankfurt on 6 June. As we reported in Reference, Wolf SCHENKE will probably meet considerable opposition from some of the Vorstand and Beirat members. However, no elections are scheduled this year and CAHELM expects Schenke to weather what should be a stormy session. Despite CAHELM's optimism as to Schenke's chances, there appears to be a possibility that Hermann SCHWANN and others may make a serious effort to force Schenke's resignation.

2. According to CAHELM, Herman Schwann, the 2nd Chairman, is actively conspiring against Schenke within the DCG. Hjalmar SCHACHT recently wrote to Schenke and resigned his position in the DCG Beirat but retained his ordinary membership. Schacht did not give any reasons for his action, but CAHELM attributes it to the publicity on the recent arrest of Schenke's brother, Walter SCHENKE, and CAHELM thinks Schwann probably also influenced Schacht's decision.

3. The only other DCG news of interest is Schenke's offer to take CAHELM to China with him in the spring of 1960. (Whether this actually comes to pass is another question). Schenke is reportedly going to visit China in September 1959, at which time he will discuss with the Chinese authorities the planned visit of a DCG delegation in the spring of 1960.

4. Enclosed for Chief, EE is the official membership list of the DCG, as of 31 December 1958.

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