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The following report, information dated August 1952, comes from a sensitive source and is strictly for POB's information only. We believe, however, that you will find it illuminating if not amusing.

In a recent meeting with representatives of the Italian IS, General ZAKO indulged in a seemingly, purposeless monologue on his relations with the German Service. ZAKO said that the Germans had repeatedly requested his collaboration but he had refused. The MHR, he said, is not a German satellite and since the German Service is working for the Americans, the latter shall have to ask him directly for his collaboration if they want it.

ZAKO described the German Service as consisting of two parts, one, the official service headed by General BLANK and the other a private service under the direction of General von GEHLEN. According to ZAKO, BLANK's service is subsidized by the British whereas the GEHLEN service is financed by the Americans to the tune of \$25,000 per month. BLANK, he said, has Government offices in Bonn; GEHLEN's service is located in Dusseldorf. ZAKO described the von GEHLEN service as "imposing" with ramifications into Austria and permanently placed elements located in Salzburg and Innsbruck. GEHLEN's annual budget is 25,000,000 DM.

The Italians noted that ZAKO's description of the German Service did not agree with the most reliable

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information, which they have previously had, in which BLANK's Service was identified as merely a cover-screen designed to assure the von GEHLEN Service, the real GIS, more liberty of action.

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