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ZECH-NENNTWICH

1. At a dinner at Dr. Globke's on 23 March 1955, the case of Dr. ZECH-NENNTWICH was discussed between Dr. Globke, Press Chief Felix von Eckardt, and [ ]. The subject was raised because of the unhappy story in the Frankfurter Abendpost that Dr. Conant had recommended to Dr. Adenauer the formation of a CDU-SPD coalition. It was agreed that this story had all the earmarks of a ZECH-NENNTWICH fabrication. von Eckardt stated his opinion that ZECH-NENNTWICH was becoming dangerous because he was peddling his fabrications to various embassies and, presumably, reports based upon them were being sent to home governments.

2. Globke said that ZECH-NENNTWICH tried to give the impression that he had a source in the Bundeskanzleramt and frequently quoted both Chancellor Adenauer and Globke. In each case that such a report was checked out, it proved to be a complete fabrication. Der Spiegel had stated that ZECH-NENNTWICH visited Globke using the name of "Dr. ZAHN," but Globke stated that he was shown a picture of ZECH-NENNTWICH and to the best of his knowledge he had never met the man and certainly had not received him in his office. [ ] confirmed that several reports concerning HICOG and quoting Mr. Dowling had also proved to be complete fabrications.

3. Globke and von Eckardt agreed that probably it might be a good idea to pool our information and proof of ZECH-NENNTWICH's fabrication and arrange to destroy his credit with the recipients of his material. It is not clear, at the moment, how this would be done; but we assume that we can make some of our material available to Globke or von Eckardt if this matter should be pursued further. Please advise if this assumption is correct.

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