

CONTACT REPORT

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① @CASTROP  
UTILITY's Office Building  
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1. The meeting was scheduled by CASTROP. He telephoned and said he wanted to talk to me about the [ ] case and would like me to meet him in UTILITY's conference room. I said this would be a little difficult since my pass to the compound had been pulled. In some embarrassment CASTROP said he would make the proper arrangements with the guard to let me in. When I arrived I noticed that my pass is still in possession of the guard and available to me.

2. CASTROP was friendly but a little ill at ease. He is young and quite new in his job and a little unsure of himself. This case is doubtlessly the hottest thing he has ever been involved in. He was very polite and several times asked that the controversy over the [ ] case not be allowed to affect our working and personal relationship. At the same time, he followed the UTILITY line to the letter in discussing [ ] and talked at some length about the grave wrong done to CATIDE by our handling of the case. He was quite a bit firmer on this point than at our previous meeting, and the thought crossed my mind that the conference room was bugged and he was speaking for the record. I tailored my remarks accordingly.

3. CASTROP began the conversation by passing me his Blue 135/65 which requested termination of CALLIKAK coverage on [ ] and Rossbach. CASTROP also asked that we send him as soon as possible all CALLIKAK material now in the pipeline. I forwarded this request in MUNI 4547.

4. CASTROP then passed me his BLUES 136, 137 and 138/65 which requested Berlin Document Center checks on [ ] Rossbach and Dallwitz. He also asked a number of questions about Rossbach and [ ] background and wartime activities. I have passed these requests to our CE Branch for action.

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5. CASTROP then turned to the RITTER angle of the case and asked a number of very pointed questions about my conversation with RITTER and the role of RITTER's revelations in the case. He seemed quite convinced that RITTER's indiscretions had touched off an investigation on our part which had led us to [redacted]. I said this was a completely logical conclusion for him and UTILITY to have come to but that it was simply not true. I added that we had not known [redacted] even existed until he approached our Embassy and offered to sell us information. I invited him to check this point with [redacted].

6. While I am being paid to deal dispassionately with Germans, I feel that CASTROP's questions about RITTER just about overstepped the bounds of propriety. I had a few suitable remarks on the tip of my tongue but held them back.

7. When we got through talking about RITTER I remarked that the false information on US policy we saw passing through the [redacted] telephone channel to Munich had given us no choice but to surface the case and put a stop to it. I added that KUBARK certainly could not be expected to sit back and watch [redacted] poison the relations between our two countries and do nothing about it. CASTROP replied that he had already told me once that CATIDE interpreted our fears on this score as a grave lack of confidence in UTILITY and WINTERSTEIN. Neither of these gentlemen were stupid and they had been quite able to determine that the information [redacted] produced was fabrication. I felt like asking why CATIDE had kept on paying [redacted] and his friends for the last two years if they recognized them as swindlers! However, I again decided it was best to keep my mouth shut.

8. CASTROP said he had made a thorough study of CATIDE production and wanted to assure me again that none of the reports from [redacted] had been sent to KUBARK. He invited me to give him any reports I suspected as coming from [redacted] to check against his files. I said that our desire to pursue this point had ceased when UTILITY gave us his word that none of the reports from [redacted] had been sent to us. I added that if we would express suspicion of any reports now it would mean that we doubted UTILITY's word, and we naturally did not do that. I suggested that we not talk about this matter again and CASTROP agreed.

9. CASTROP then talked a little about [ ] interrogation and I forwarded this information in MUNI 4557.

10. CASTROP said that before leaving the disagreeable topic of [ ] he wanted to advise me that UTILITY wished to keep open the channel between CASTROP and myself for discussing especially sensitive matters. However, UTILITY did not want any further meetings between us in the Bruecke; from now on all meetings would have to be held in UTILITY's office building or in my home if I preferred this. I said that the MLB Staff was here to do business with CATIDE at their convenience and it was immaterial to me where we met. I added that if CASTROP liked I could arrange for a conference room to be made available at our Kaserne. We had no objection to CATIDERS visiting us on our property.

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11. CASTROP then brought up the case of Hermann Froehlich and asked that we pass him on an emergency basis any CALLIKAK material we received on the case. I said we would do so and have since passed his request to [ ] for action. CASTROP said that Froehlich makes a practice of taking his telephone receiver off the hook for a couple of hours to let the tapes run down; then he can speak without danger of having his calls intercepted. The mail coverage of Froehlich has also been very spotty. [ ] is checking these points with CALLIKAK in an effort to improve the coverage of Froehlich.

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12. I passed CASTROP my Blue 33089 which contained our request for CATIDE assistance in the utilization of Bundespost facilities for a program of mailing leaflets to Africa. CASTROP said he would look into the matter and discuss it with UTILITY. He will let me know what action is possible at our next meeting.

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13. I told CASTROP that [ ] had not felt it opportune to discuss @ACKERMANN's security background with UTILITY during their recent meeting. CASTROP said he could well understand this and we agreed to postpone further discussion of the matter until the temperature in the CATIDE front office subsides. CASTROP said again that

UTILITY would certainly refuse to give us any background information on ACKERMANN if we asked him for it now.

14. This completed the meeting. CASTROP walked with me to my car and tried to make small talk about my recent trips, hunting plans, etc. He also said he wanted to invite me and my wife to his home in Starnberg soon. It will be a while before I accept his invitation.

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