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SUBJECT: CATRIBE UJVENTURE @ACKERMANN's Opinions on Transfers and New Appointments at CATRIBE		

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

1. During a social occasion on 13 April @ACKERMANN revealed that he will be replaced as Chief Subdivision IV/E by @LEITNER (Dr. Otto LEIBERICH, ), a CATRIBE employee who has been assigned for many years to the cryptographic office in Bonn headed by @HAMMERSCHMIDT. @LEITNER is a highly competent graduate mathematician who has up to now been charged with the mathematical aspects of design codes, breaking codes, testing code machines, designing code machines, etc., etc. He is also a highly qualified computer technician since he has used a computer for this work for sometime. @ACKERMANN is greatly concerned over that appointment because he feels that @LEITNER, although the best qualified technician that could be found for the job, has actually no managerial qualifications and is simply not prepared to handle the extensive administrative chores necessary for a subdivision chief at CATRIBE. @ACKERMANN states @LEITNER also has no knowledge of the clandestine services practices required for the job and will undoubtedly have great difficulty with the practical aspects of the work required of him. @ACKERMANN fears that @LEITNER will approach the problems from an academic theoretical point of view and fail to see the practical aspects and the need for a compromise between the academic possibilities and the practical application.

2. @ACKERMANN also stated that he was quite unhappy to leave his job at this point. He said that he had been wearing two hats from early 1965 to May 1969 and during that time had been able to pay only partial attention to his ADP job. During the last 11 months he had enjoyed doing nothing but ADP work and had accomplished a great deal. He felt if given another two or three years in the job he could have really accomplished a great deal for the future of CATRIBE Automatic Data Processing. He felt

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that he was being eased out too soon and replaced by a person too greatly different from himself and that the job might suffer seriously from this change.

3. The conversation rolled also around to the new appointments at CATRIBE. And while both @ACKERMANN and @MULTHAUPT felt somewhat dubious as to the qualifications of BLOETZ as Vice President, they both seemed to be quite in agreement with the appointment of the new Chief for Collection. They seemed to both agree on the fact that @WINTERSTEIN had not been the right man for the job and had not accomplished a great deal during the time he had headed Division I. We got the impression that @ACKERMANN also had at least rationalized the BLOETZ appointment. He felt that a man 39 years old who had accomplished what BLOETZ had accomplished during the last 20 years must have a great deal on the ball and certainly would be a driving spirit. He went into considerable detail along these lines. In order to evaluate this attitude one must, of course, also keep in mind that @ACKERMANN himself is a self-made man who had comparatively little education and moved up into the higher circles of civil servants to a position usually occupied by persons with legal training and often a doctorate of law. Thus one can realize that he would appreciate a self made man of BLOETZ's accomplishments a great deal more than people who feel that they are being bossed by a man with less qualification than themselves.

4. COMMENT: Thinking over the reactions found so far to the new appointments, we have gained the impression that @WINTERSTEIN did not have a great many friends at CATRIBE and that his stewardship of the Collection Division had seen much criticism from various senior officers at CATRIBE and that possibly a great many people felt that however controversial the new appointments might be, some new appointments were necessary and the CATRIBE officers must make the best of what they have been able to get. In other words, a rather positive attitude towards the newcomers.

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