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Subject: @ WILDEN on the BURKHARDT/ALBERT Case

I met @ WILDEN accidentally in front of Headquarters today while he parked to see the ZIPPER Front Office, and I was about to drive off. We chatted briefly and he immediately exclaimed how busy he had been recently. I said that he presumably had really had some insight into "field operations." He grinned and said: "Yes, how to run them and how not to." I asked him whether they were really getting to the bottom of all this. He said something that didn't make much sense to me like "Yes, as far as the Germans are concerned, but not regarding the Russians." I said that I meant whether they could tell from ALBERT's files just what he had reported and known. To this he replied that they would in time "viel klarer sehen," but that some of their questions would probably never be answered. I then said that I could understand ALBERT's collecting rugs, but why in the world did he hang on to all that material? @ WILDEN shook his head and said they didn't know either. After exchanging some pleasantries, we each went our way.

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