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SUBJECT: Final Conversation with CC 2

1. I came back to my office around 1500 hours on 29 January 1953, where to CC 2 had already returned at approximately 1415 hours. My first impression when seeing CC 2 was that of a changed man in as far as he showed greatly relieved. For at least the last year I had perceived that CC 2 was nervous, avoided a free conversation with me, appeared to be under an influence of nervous strain, and performed his work properly, but reluctantly. It seems that the pressure under which he had lived had passed away after he had made a clean breast during the preceding official conversation.

2. CC 2 informed me that he would now leave for Altmünster and would go to Cologne on Saturday morning. There he would commence his work with the "Rheinischer Merkur" on 1 February 1953 as editor for internal politics. He personally would have preferred to have the foreign politics desk which was also vacant, but his superiors - possibly including ADENAUER - CONRAD had insisted on his taking over internal politics. He hoped that with the support of his catholic connections he would make a success, and he felt sure to find assistance from persons now serving with the Bundesrepublik Foreign Office whom he had known when serving with the Auswaertiges Amt at Berlin. Since he did not yet know his private address - his publisher had promised to find him suitable quarters - his address will be c/o "Rheinischer Merkur", Köln, Deichmannhaus. He will come to Austria for a visit at the middle of March. He will write me the exact date and on that occasion would gladly see the gentleman with whom he had talked or any other representative of the "Organization" that might want to speak to him. He asked me whether he could discuss his conversation with me, where to I replied that he should not. He thereupon stated with enthusiasm that he had been greatly impressed by the personality, the tact, but also the sternness of his partner in conversation who had shown extraordinary knowledge regarding personalities and facts. His judgement of people - although CC 2 had not agreed with him in the beginning - was almost

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perfect. CC 2 went on that he honestly regretted not to have had this conversation long before, because it would have helped him considerably. He then asked me whether I would be agreeable to his writing to me approximately once a month, when he wanted to inform me on his general experience, on events that had occurred, on the political development in Germany as he saw it, and on all matters that might be of interest to us. I accepted expressing my appreciation and asked him for his authorization to pass such letters on to the "Organization", where to he gladly agreed. CC 2 concluded the conversation by stating that he hoped that political reporting would become of interest to us again and that he at any time - possibly after a lapse of one year in Germany - could resume work for us directly or indirectly.

3. After mutual expressions of friendship CC 2 left shortly after 1600 hours. He had previously handed over to CC 3 his agenda in good order.

4. During the debriefing I noticed that CC 2 made minor misstatements:

- a. I do not recall that he ever asked for my consent to pass any information on to HÖTTL and especially not concerning KAUDER-KLATT.
- b. He did not report on his re-occurring meetings with Professor BORODAJKEWYCZ since 1949, concerning whom and his service for the Soviets I had spoken to CC 2.
- c. CC 2 had not mentioned to me for a longer period his meetings with RASCHHOFER, who is or was a member of GEHLEN's "Professorenklub" and is connected with Professor OBERLANDER and whom I considered a dangerous contact for a possible attempt to defect CC 2. I had commented on RASCHHOFER to CC 2 in an unfriendly way.
- d. CC 2 had probably during 1950/1951 informed me on two occasions that HÖTTL had sent him raw material for articles which I understood would be written under CC 2's name. I had then instructed him to remain in loose contact with HÖTTL and always report thereon so that we should know what HÖTTL was doing, but had warned him not to get involved beyond an occasional social contact or the editing of HÖTTL's second book.

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I had authorized him to cautiously take up the currency matter (D-Mark exchange) for checking purposes only.

- e. I had authorized CC 2 to write for different papers on historical topics, but had asked him to keep me informed. This together with his Herder employment was his cover. I have never authorized him to write for HÖTTL apart from re-writing HÖTTL's books.
- f. CC 2 has never mentioned meeting any of HÖTTL's collaborators, and especially not MAST. On this and other occasions he did not comply with my order to write contact reports on any meeting that directly or indirectly could have had intelligence or security importance.
- g. During 1952 CC 2 reported to have met HÖTTL on 27 February, at the middle of March, 5 August, 10 October, and 14 November (see contact and other reports).

During the debriefing I had the impression that CC 2 on all major issues did not try to cover up. In fact, his resignation now appears as the reaction of a man who became involved against his better intentions and is now striving for solid ground under his feet. It does not appear that CC 2 has defected any knowledge voluntarily, and if he did so despite his better intentions, this originated from a general weakness in character almost typical for Austrians in general and even more for members of his class. The experience collected from this case indicates the necessity of increased control, schooling, and contact apart from the routine work. This I seem to have insufficiently observed.

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