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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with CARAVEL

1. I met with CARAVEL on 14 April 1969 for lunch at the Bahnhof restaurant in Bad Godesberg. The meeting was arranged at my request during a telephone call on 12 April. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain additional biographic information on the two BKA representatives who plan to visit Headquarters during May for a briefing on machine records systems. The meeting lasted approximately one hour. CARAVEL paid for lunch. We agreed that I would call him later in the month for a meeting in Wiesbaden.

2. CARAVEL passed the biographic reports on the two BKA representatives. This information was forwarded to Headquarters priority under [ ] 0487. During the course of the luncheon we discussed the general political climate in Germany and CARAVEL gave his usual gloomy prognosis. I asked him about the Lehbach affair, and he had little to say except that the BKA is still pursuing the topic. Regarding his possible replacement, CARAVEL does not think that his deputy will get the position. He hopes, however, that whoever gets the job will be a young person and will have an opportunity to stay in the position for a number of years. During our general political discussion, CARAVEL stressed that I should tell Dr. Cline that the Chancellor is not as indecisive as he appears on the surface, but rather is always concerned about the American reaction to his various foreign policy decisions. Also, CARAVEL feels the Chancellor must consistently examine his position vis-a-vis his coalition partners and therefore can not take the pure CDU position on domestic and foreign policy questions. If the Chancellor were the head of a CDU government or a CDU/FDP coalition, CARAVEL feels he would be more decisive. When I asked him who his sub-sources were, he smiled and said "various members of the Chancellor's personal entourage".

3. I asked CARAVEL to provide us traces on Ernest Hauser, Kent Powell, Mark Bailey-Cowell, and Heinz Peter Graf. I told him that we had some indication that these gentlemen might be involved in illegal business dealings and suggested he may

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want to check with the customs police. Also on the card that I gave him with the above names I wrote the word "Richtlienen". He said he would try to have a copy of these for the next meeting. He also said that he would write up the minutes of the last State Secretary's meeting on security which he had attended. The meeting took place in late March.



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