

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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1. ON 3 FEB I MET WITH UTILITY. OTHERS PRESENT WERE ALIAS ROENDORF, HEAD OF CATUSK'S FOREIGN LIAISON, AND J. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO NOTIFY UTILITY OF OUR PLAN TO REDUCE THE MUNICH LIAISON BASE IN SIZE. AS SUCH A REDUCTION WILL BECOME APPARENT AS IT TAKES PLACE, THE THOUGHT WAS TO EXPLAIN TO UTILITY WHAT WAS BEHIND IT SO THERE WOULD BE NO FALSE INTERPRETATION OF IT.

2. UTILITY OPENED OUR BUSINESS CONVERSATION HIMSELF WITH A DISCUSSION OF AN OPERATIONAL MATTER. THIS WILL BE DEALT WITH BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE FROM BONN.

3. I THEN SAID THAT HE WAS SORRY TO TELL UTILITY THAT J WAS BEING CALLED TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH HIS BACKGROUND UNIQUELY QUALIFIED HIM THE ASSIGNMENT WAS NOT PINPOINTED. I CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT THE OCCASION FOR INFORMING UTILITY OF THIS PERSONNEL CHANGE GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING UP ANOTHER MATTER NOT CONNECTED WITH J'S MOVE. THAT,

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CONTINUED, WAS THE MATTER OF THE OVERALL PERSONNEL SITUATION. SAID THAT DEMANDS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD SIMPLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UP TO FORMER STRENGTH. ADDED THAT BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN CATUSK AND WOFAC, HE FELT HE COULD WITHOUT ANY FEAR OF HARMING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SERVICES DO SOME RETRENCHING IN MUNICH.

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UTILITY AGREED THAT WHATEVER DEGREE OF CONTACT WAS DROPPED. THE BROAD AREA OF EXCHANGE OF STUDIES AND REPORTS AND THE AREA OF SIGINT WERE TWO FIELDS IN WHICH WE BOTH WOULD WANT TO STAY AS CLOSE IN TOUCH AS HITHERTO. UTILITY ALSO AGREED THAT HE VIEWED THE LIAISON CHANNEL AS ONE SUITED TO AN EXCHANGE OF BACKGROUND THINKING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO SERVICES INVOLVED.

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4. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF TELLING UTILITY THAT WE THOUGHT OF MOVING THE CHIEF OF THE LIAISON BASE OVER TO THE WHERE HE COULD AT THE SAME TIME ASSUME WIDER RESPONSIBILITIES, THIS WAS NOT ACTUALLY BROUGHT UP AT THE MEETING. AS OUR PLANS FOR CONSOLIDATING COM AND MLR JELL, WE WILL DECIDE NOT TO CONVEY THIS TO UTILITY.

5. THE DISCUSSION WITH UTILITY LASTED ABOUT AN HOUR, DURING WHICH HE EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, ONE WHICH WAS /AFTER HAD PUT THE QUESTION/ THAT HE

ANTICIPATED BEING ABLE TO TAKE UP INVITATION TO VISIT WOFAC SOMETIME IN APRIL OR MAY. SUGGESTED THAT WE BE GIVEN A FOUR TO SIX-WEEK LEAD TIME TO ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY TO FIT IN WITH S SCHEDULE. UTILITY READILY AGREED, ADDING THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE VISIT. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING SOMETHING WHICH WE HAVE NEVER HEARD HIM SAY BEFORE, NAMELY, THAT HE "COULDN'T" LEAVE FOR A

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TRIP TO VISIT WOFAC DURING THE ERHARDT ADMINISTRATION.

HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS, BUT FROM ALL THAT HE HAS SAID BEFORE, ONE WOULD CONCLUDE THAT HE FELT HE HAD TO BE ON THE SPOT AT ALL TIMES TO PROTECT CATUSK FROM THE ERHARDT GOVERNMENT'S INDIFFERENCE, IF NOTHING ELSE.

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6. IN DISCUSSING POLITICAL MATTERS, UTILITY SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE RUMANIAN MOVE TO OPEN RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY WAS TRULY INDEPENDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION. HE HEDGED SOMEWHAT AS TO WHETHER THIS WOULD NOW BE THE TIME TO TAKE UP INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS IN AND WITH RUMANIA. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF NEITHER BEING IN A POSITION TO OPEN UP INTELLIGENCE CONTACTS THERE NOR OF BEING ABLE TO MOUNT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT CATUSK WOULD PROBABLY DECIDE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONTINUE TO GET INFORMATION ON RUMANIA FROM OTHER PLACES. HE DIDN'T APPEAR TO WANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER ANY FURTHER. /A QUICK LOOK AT OUR MLR/CE FILES <sup>DOES</sup> NOT INDICATE OUR KNOWLEDGE, AT LEAST, OF ANY CATUSK ASSETS IN RUMANIA./

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7. TOUCHING ON RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES, UTILITY SAID HE HAD LONG HELD THE VIEW THAT IN A CLOSELY COORDINATED WAY, THE UNITED STATES MIGHT "SYMBOLICALLY" WITHDRAW A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MILITARY UNITS FROM GERMANY. THE COORDINATION WOULD CONSIST OF APPROPRIATE TIMING SO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT COULD MUSTER UNITS TO FILL THE GAP LEFT BY THE AMERICANS. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING THE GERMAN FORCES' FIRE POWER.

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8. TOUCHING LIGHTLY ON THE GERMAN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE TO THE EAST, UTILITY SAID THAT THE BONN GOVT WAS VERY REALISTIC ABOUT THE SITUATION, NOT NECESSARILY EXPECTING SUCCESSES. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION HAD JUST RIPENED TO THE

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POINT WHERE THE PUBLIC THOUGHT THAT THE MOVE TO OPEN UP  
TOWARD THE EAST SHOULD AT LEAST BE ATTEMPTED.

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