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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Spiegel Article re Gehlen's Successor

1. In the course of a telephone conversation with [ ] [ ] this date, he revealed that the BND anticipates the current issue of the Spiegel due to appear 25 July will carry an article speculating on the possible successor to General Gehlen. [ ] evidently had received a message from his headquarters to this effect which further indicated that the BND had played no role in inspiring the article and had only learned about it at the last minute but was evidently able to influence the Spiegel to make some modifications of the article largely apparently in matters of fact (presumably regarding Gehlen's background or the history of the BND).

2. [ ] was also instructed to advise General Wessel of the impending article and ascertained that Wessel was also unaware that such an article was planned. [ ] feels it was certainly not inspired by Wessel; the implication, although unstated, is that the article lists Wessel as the likely successor.

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