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15. SUMMARY: (C-NOFORN)

a. The BND, or Federal German Intelligence Service, is directly responsible to the Federal Chancellor's Office. The direct supervisor of the President of the BND is the Chief of the Chancellor's office, State Secretary Carstens. Within the Chancellor's office and directly responsible to the State Secretary is a special section whose sole activity is a review of activities of the BND on behalf of the State Secretary. The head of this section is Ministerialdirigent Von Koester. His staff is relatively small. Once every two weeks, the President of the BND, General Wessel, comes to Bonn to brief the Federal Chancellor. He is usually accompanied by his chief evaluator, General Detleffsen. Present at these briefings are usually the two State secretaries in the Chancellor's office, Carstens and Baron von Gutenberg.

b. The BND maintains a liaison office in the Bonn area for the purpose of conducting close relations with the Federal ministries and to pass intelligence reports to the appropriate consumer agencies within the Federal government. This office is headed by Colonel Klaus Eschenburg. Within Colonel Eschenburg's office are several BND staffers who maintain regular liaison with the Ministry of Defense and Foreign Office for the purpose of providing daily and periodic intelligence reports and summaries. Furthermore, the BND Bonn liaison office has a full-time liaison officer, Dr. Heinz Rafobh, whose responsibility is to maintain close relations with the Federal security and police agencies as well as foreign embassies.

c. It is believed that government ministries and offices which have a specific need for information that could possibly be obtained and/or furnished by the BND can levy requirements upon that organization. The mechanics involved are probably two-fold, depending upon the nature of the requirement:

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a. Requirements of a more routine nature are handled through one of the above named liaison offices and the requirement is presented directly to the appropriate BND department,

b. Special requirements of a sensitive nature that might concern information on other countries must be presented to the Foreign Office (perhaps by the Minister himself) which relays the request to the BND after proper processing.

d. In addition to the normal liaison activities on the part of the BND through its Bonn office for the purpose of providing intelligence to the various government agencies, a special arrangement exists with the J-2 staff of the Ministry of Defense. This arrangement has been worked out within the last eighteen months by the Chief of the J-2 Staff, Admiral Poser, as a result of continual conflict between the J-2 military experts and the Military Evaluation Staff of the BND. Admiral Poser obtained BND agreement to assign a senior J-2 staff officer to the position of Chief, BND Evaluation Staff. On the basis of this agreement, Admiral Poser's former deputy, Colonel [Name], has been assigned to this position in the BND. He has since been promoted to Brigadier General. This arrangement has greatly improved the coordination between Ministry of Defense and BND evaluators, who are responsible for preparing the German position papers for various NATO conferences and exercises.

e. Since the new president of the BND, General Wessel, has had extensive experience in senior MOD positions and NATO positions, it is anticipated that coordination between the BND and the MOD on military intelligence matters will be much improved.

COMMENT: a. The above cited arrangement in the Chancellor's office, has according to another source, not been firmed up as yet. Whether State Secretary Carstens will be the responsible Chancellery man, or perhaps von Gutenberg is still in question.

b. The number 2 position in the BND, as well as other personnel changes, is being held in abeyance. General Wessel is faced with the dilemma of getting rid of incompetent personnel who are protected by their long tenure with the BND and he has not been in office sufficiently long to resolve this problem. The contenders for the deputy position have increased their number by an additional candidate: Brigadier General Armin Eck, Chief of the ASEW, who formerly served with the BND, is now another likely prospect. Dr. Guenther Nollau, Vice-President of the BfV, has very recently again spoken with Herbert Wehner, SPD Minister for All-German Affairs, and has been assured that the SPD still endorses him for the position. The decision, when made will be a consolidated one in which the Chancellery, the BND President, the political elements, and perhaps the Security Committee of the Bundestag, come to an agreement.

c. General Gohlon, the recent BND president, has allegedly incurred the displeasure of the Bundestag Security Committee by taking his secretary and his driver at the BND, into "retirement" with him. He intends to employ this personnel as assistants in writing his memoirs.

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