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4. It is apparent that Liddell Hart's account is based on the statements of German officers. The British historian did interview many German officers of all ranks after World War II. Reasons of state would make the disclosure of information about this reported event politically undesirable for the countries directly involved in the reported meeting, and perhaps for other countries as well.

5. (, who has professional access to General Gehlen, intends to raise the Liddell Hart report informally with the General. Although we think the likelihood of a confirmation is not strong, it is probably better to approach Gehlen this way than through official channels.

6. This story about the previously unknown diplomatic meeting is mainly of historical interest, but it is a useful conversation piece, we believe, for intelligence officers with German official contacts. This would be true in Munich) and Bonn, lat least, and we are sure the story will interest for the Station persons who have some knowledge of the event reported by the British historian. If so, we would be very interested to learn of it.

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