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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 16 August 1957

FROM : Chief, CACROZE

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/CALL/Liaison

SPECIFIC— Conversations with RNMELLATE

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ACTION REQUIRED: None. For your information.

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1. According to previously agreed to plans, [] and wife joined RNMELLATE and family in Austria for four days. The purpose of the trip was to take RNMELLATE and family to Vienna for several days of sightseeing and to celebrate his sixtieth birthday with him. We were together from 9 through 13 August. During this time RNMELLATE obviously enjoyed his rest and was in a vacation mood. He spoke freely and expansively on a variety of subjects, many of which he considers present problems confronting him and Fed Rep planners.

2. During the course of our various conversations, it became quite clear again that RNMELLATE is neither candid nor articulate on matters politic. In the course of several days he contradicted or reversed himself on a number of points he had previously made. In general, and in fairness it should be stated that since the political topics, particularly during the election phase, are wide open to almost anyone's interpretation, RNMELLATE was expressing his own mixed feelings by thinking out loud. In a manner of speaking, this tends to show the character of RNMELLATE, who is a liberal thinker, generous to other's views, and seldom positive on matters not his primary concern.

3. Although RNMELLATE made no comments as to his health and he appeared in good spirits, it was noted on numerous occasions that he seemed to hold his hand over his heart and his wife remarked that he seems to be concerned about his heart but will not discuss it or have a general check-up.

4. We are forwarding summary statements made by RNMELLATE which are pertinent to our interests. For the sake of convenience, his comments are grouped under general subject headings and will be submitted by separate dispatches.* Thus some of the subjects may be appropriate for release as reports for dissemination.

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* NOTE: Separate dispatches to be submitted on statements of RNMELLATE

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