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1. Former Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel arrived in West Germany on 13 February 1955. He is staying with Kurt Eigenbrodt Jr., of Frankfurt/Main-Nied, Holzschtrasse 11. Rudel states that he came to Germany from Argentina to try to sell to a West German film agency a film which he took on a recent mountaineering expedition in South America, and to obtain equipment for a new expedition. He will also attempt to persuade sport enthusiasts to come to Argentina.
2. On 21 February, Rudel met (Dr) Werner Naumann in Dusseldorf to discuss whether or not he and Naumann should actively campaign for the Deutsche Reichspartei (DRP) before the Lower Saxony Landtag elections. Naumann did not commit himself on this subject, but stated that he was willing to cooperate with Rudel. Naumann believes that the DRP might win ten to twelve seats in the Hannover Landtag if Rudel campaigns for the party.
3. On 22 February, in Frankfurt, Rudel talked with Friedrich Lens of Heidelberg. Lens is the author of Der ekle Wurm der deutschen Zwietracht and Der ekle Wurm der Schacht. A few days prior to his meeting with Rudel, Lens had talked with Dr. Naumann in Heidelberg. Lens suggested that a "shadow cabinet" composed of various leading German rightists be created. This cabinet would include Naumann, Rudel, former General Bernhard Ramcke, Andreas (fmu) of the DRP, Karl Heins Priester of the Deutsche Soziale Bewegung (DSB), (Prof.) von Grunberg (fmu) of the

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Summary

DRP, (Prof. jur) Friedrich Grimm of Freiburg and (Dr) Hans Grimm of Lippoldsberg. This group would attempt to channel all rightist activities toward the same goal at the time of the next federal elections. Both Naumann and Rudel stated that they approved of Lenz's proposal.

4. On 22 February, Rudel contacted film companies in Wiesbaden, but received no definite offers for his film. He also visited Karl Heinz Priester, chairman of the DSB. Priester advised Rudel not to participate in the DRP election campaign. Rudel stated that he would probably be obliged to assist Naumann and his associates.

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