

MR Luncheon with von WESSEL & Wieland 5 Jan 1954

This was the first conversation that I have had with Wieland in many months since he is stationed in Paris on General SPIDEL's staff. He pessimistic re EDC. Was pleased Foster Dulles recent efforts on behalf EDC. Reports relations among EDC military planning staff excellent. Wieland maintains no other contacts in Paris. We left this subject since he seemed as anxious as I to talk about the organization.

In the early days of my association with Zipper, Wieland was the asst to HORN who headed evaluation. Wieland avoided contact with Americans; was unfriendly and very cold. This may have been related to the various scenes that developed out of relations Rosemary W. and several members 7821 in 1948 parties.

Gradually we came to appreciate Wieland's ability and intelligence. He replaced Horn after H. left for Ant Blank. Wieland has mellowed much during the last two years. His outlook has improved with service in Paris.

Wieland spoke openly and at length on the personality of Utility. He was aware that Utility had just fired Morice as deputy. Wieland by no means ~~utter~~ blind to the shortcomings of Utility.

On issue of G18 or G-2, Wieland urged us hold the line with Utility and not permit him be carried away by the idea of "early legalization" under Blank.

Wieland and Horn have obviously become less congenial. W seems more Speidel man at the moment. Considers H stupid on issue of security and blind in his loyalty to OSTER (and, to some extent, to KIELMANNSEGG). Wieland obviously buys EK theory. Hoted that only Brandt and Oster can carry pouches between Paris and Bonn. W openly said this couldn't be better if they actually working for East.

(comment: some weeks later I had dinner with Heusinger in Bonn. He reported recent Wieland visit and also confirmed cooling of personal relations. W refuses work ~~work~~ under Kielmannsegg. Under no circumstances will he take Oster in G-2 office. Whether Wieland will become G-2 remains a question. However, even Horn is so convinced of W ability that he will in the end probably make the required adjustments.)

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