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5 January 1966

CONTACT REPORT

with UTILITY
UTILITY's office
30 December 1965, 1600-1645 hours
5 January 1966, 1000-1015 hours

1. I am describing both meetings in the same report because they took place close together and covered about the same topics.

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2. The first meeting was scheduled by UTILITY. @Castrop made the arrangements and attended also. The only topic discussed was the Spiegel interview with Vladimir Apolonovich KARPOV about [] and Boguslav von BONIN. UTILITY discussed the case in some detail and seemed a little fearful that KUBARK would swallow the Soviet version of the BONIN case. He furnished a written report on the affair and read aloud the CATIDE rebuttal which is to be printed in the Spiegel. UTILITY's information was forwarded in MUNI-4821 and EGMA-67744.

3. The second meeting was scheduled by me. I again made the arrangements through Castrop. As soon as UTILITY heard that I wanted to see him, he invited me to come over immediately. When I arrived, @Holm was in his office and stayed throughout the meeting.

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4. The first topic I brought up was the case of [] in Algeria. I passed UTILITY my Blue Memo No. 33566 and briefed him a little on the background of the case. UTILITY said that he was grateful for the information and would put somebody to work on the matter right away. From his comments I expect Castrop will get the job. I have sent out MUNI-4856 on this matter.

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5. Then I mentioned our intention to invite @Ackermann to the States for a briefing on Automatic Data Processing and our need for additional background information on his wife

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before we could issue the invitation. UTILITY said there would be no difficulty about this and I should work out the details with Castro. He added that he was always interested in the security of CATIDE personnel and receiving security information about his organization. He said that even when we surfaced the allegations about [] to him he had been grateful to us, although the matter was of course painful to him in that [] had been a member of his family. UTILITY concluded by saying we could be assured that he understood fully the need to investigate every scrap of derogatory information on any of his people.

6. I replied that nothing at all like this was involved. We had no derogatory information on Ackermann and considered him a highly competent officer. All that we needed was a little additional background information so that we could get Ackermann the necessary clearance.

7. Then I mentioned []'s planned trip to Munich and my hope that either UTILITY or Holm would be able to meet him. UTILITY said that he would certainly like to meet [] and if he were in town would not fail to do so. He added with a smile that he knew from experience that we always sent our best people to Berlin. For instance, [] was one of the most competent intelligence officers he had ever run across. I said that [] was a worthy successor to [] and would certainly uphold the tradition. I then described []'s work in the Cuban crisis and work in the White House. Both UTILITY and Holm were a little popeyed and I'm sure will give [] quite a reception.

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8. Then I asked UTILITY if he could tell me anything new about the Boguslav von BONIN case. UTILITY furnished the information forwarded in MUNI-4858.

9. UTILITY seemed in quite good spirits during both meetings and was friendlier to me than he has ever been before. He complimented me on my Christmas party, asked about my wife and son, and joked a little about the Wisconsin cheese I gave him for a Christmas present. Holm seemed quite relaxed also.

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