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REFERENCES: A. EGO-169
 B. EGN-3152

1. A report on the appearance of UTILITY at the Chief of Base's traditional annual black tie Christmas dinner might be in order.
2. The most interesting comment made by UTILITY was in his response to my toast. He said that he didn't like to appear egotistic, but he hoped to be able to appear "a few more times" at such Christmas affairs.
3. During the course of the evening, he made no spectacularly reportable remarks, although after querying Bonn, we did put out Reference A more or less for the record. His views on his tenure may not necessarily clash with Reference B, which reported that Hohman is a front-runner for UTILITY's post when UTILITY retires. I have heard a number of remarks to the effect that CATUSK and Hohman get along very well.
4. During the course of the evening, UTILITY said that Chancellor Kiesinger was not just a handsome diplomatic-type looking gentleman with two vigorous strong men to cope with-- Strauss and Brandt. (This was a proposition I had thrown at him.) Kiesinger, said UTILITY, is a man who knows what he wants and is not necessarily going to be pushed around by the two more dramatic figures of Brandt and Strauss. However, the proof of his leadership will be his ability to direct these two

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men. As he has to go in the morning, post-UTILITY of the mentioned stimulus' intelligence plan, and particularly, his apparently noteworthy memory. Again he maintained the fact that he was usually self-sufficient in general affairs.

5. At the dinner table UTILITY expressed himself along lines he has laid out previously. He referred to his approval of the idea of a grand coalition. He spoke of CATUSK's and WOFACI's long and friendly work together. He mentioned a recurring theme: that we are such close friends we can be frank with each other. His remarks on this subject had curious overtones. I really had the impression that when he referred to difficulties that might arise between us, he was in some way apologizing for what appeared to many of us to be an emotional over-reaction in the [] case. For the second year running, he has made references which could be considered in this light. (I am attaching [] contact report covering the evening, which may be of possible interest to the addressees.)

6. During the rest of the course of the evening, which was spent on social conversation (with the exception of a brief post-prandial chat between [] and UTILITY), the CATUSK chief dealt with a number of lighter subjects. My official gift to him of a history of deep sea sailing led him off into a long discussion of his favorite sport. A casual reference turned his interest back to World War II. He tied this in with the remark he has made to me before about over-staffing of the present German Army. He said that he and a staff of two or three assistants worked an unbroken twenty-four hours one time during World War II. This tiny group turned a staff plan for a peaceful German Army truck trip into Southeast Europe into a fighting campaign. The unanticipated resistance in Southeast Europe called for this abrupt change in the German Army plans. Somewhat willy UTILITY said "and General Heusinger always teased me because of this 24-hour stint of general staff work, that the Yugoslavian war was my war."

7. I am still somewhat astonished to report that UTILITY broke all records known to the memory of man in these parts by staying at the affair until 1:20 in the morning. It was also something of a surprise, and a pleasant one, I must say, to find the CATUSK chief accompanied to our affair by his wife. She has not appeared at these social events for some years, I believe. Although UTILITY was going at a great rate on old war stories, I fear the rest of the party, which included alias Holm, alias Degenhardt, and the Chief of Foreign Liaison, alias Roendorf, were getting somewhat restless. Alias Roendorf came over and sat in on the conversation (or I should say monologue held by UTILITY), in an attempt to break it up. This was not exactly successful, as UTILITY was flying at a great height and enjoying it. But finally he did realize what time it was and took his leave. The other guests, needless to say, shot out behind him with record-breaking speed. Indicative of the fact that other guests had not anticipated UTILITY's stayability was the fact that Degenhardt's poor chauffeur had been ordered to pick him up at 10:00.

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