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1. AT FAREWELL GATHERING FOR L DON 28 JULY, ALIAS WENDT, FORMERLY ALIAS HOLM, SAID HE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING AT BUNDESKANZIERAMT ON 26 JULY DURING WHICH STATE SECRETARY KNIEPER STATED FLATLY THAT CHANCELLOR KIESINGER HAS NOT YET SELECTED SUCCESSOR TO GEN GEHLEN AS PRESIDENT BND, AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT DO SO UNTIL LATER IN FALL OR TOWRD END OF YEAR: HOWEVER, CHANGE NEXT YEAR IS DEFINITELY IN PROSPECT. WENDT SAID THAT OF COURSE GEN WESSEL WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT SOLUTION TO THE LEADERSHIP PROBLEM, BUT HAS AT LEAST NOT YET BEEN TABBED FOR JOB.

2. ACCORDING WENDT, RECENT RASH, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
RE GEHLEN'S POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR BASED ON PURE SPECULATION. HE
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IN ASSESSING ABOVE, INTERESTING NOTE THAT WENDT HIMSELF IS CANDIDATE FOR TOP JOB AND REICHLIN IS IN HIS CAMP. JULY REICHLIN SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WOLLD MUCH PREFER WENDT OVER WESSEL FOR JOB BECAUSE WENDT VERY FAMILIAR CURRENT BND PROBLEMS WHILE WESSEL LONG SEPARATED FROM THEM. REICHLIN CONCEDED. HOWEVER, THAT WESSEL EXTREMELY GOOD MAN WHO WOULD PROBABLY LEARN FAST. HE PRESUMES WENDI'S CHANCES ARE SLIMMERTHAN WESSEL'S BECAUSE OF BONN'S DESIRE TO SWEEP WITH AT LEAST RELATIVELY NEW BROOM IF BRAND NEW BROOM CANNOT BE FOUND.

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