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1. ON THE MORNING OF 1 AUGUST 1967, [ ]  
 HAD HIS FIRST MEETING WITH UTILITY IN THE LATTER'S OFFICE.  
 ALIAS WENDT / FORMERLY ALIAS HOLM/ AND ALIAS ROENDORF WERE  
 ALSO PRESENT. UTILITY HAD COME IN FROM HIS VACATION TO MAKE  
 THE MEETING, AND EXTENDED A MOST HEARTY WELCOME ON THE  
 REASSIGNMENT OF THE WRITER TO MUNICH AND TO LIAISON WITH  
 HIS OFFICE. UTILITY DECLARED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE  
 FOR CONSULTATION AT ALL TIMES, EITHER IN HIS OFFICE OR AT  
 HIS HOME ON LAKE STARNBERG.

2. [ ] PRESENTED GREETINGS FROM [ ]  
 WHO ONCE AGAIN EXTENDED A CORDIAL INVITATION FOR A UTILITY  
 VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS WHENEVER THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.  
 IT WAS POINTED OUT TO UTILITY THAT [ ] FULLY UNDERSTOOD  
 THE DIFFICULTY INVOLVED FOR UTILITY TO MAKE SUCH A VISIT.  
 THIS STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WAS WELL RECEIVED BY UTILITY,  
 WHO DECLARED THAT NOW THE ONLY OBSTACLE STANDING IN THE WAY  
 WAS THE QUESTION OF THE SUCCESSION TO HIS POSITION. AS SOON  
 AS IT WILL HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY THE BONN GOVERNMENT, HE HOPES

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TO BE ABLE TO PACK HIS BAGS AND TAKE OFF TO WASHINGTON.

3. UTILITY WAS PRESENTED WITH A GIFT FROM VIET NAM WHICH CONSISTED OF THREE FRAMED MAPS OF THAT AREA, PLUS AN INDOCHINA MAP FOLIO PUBLISHED BY WOROMP. AS AN EX-G2, IN ADDITION TO HIS CURRENT POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF CATUSK, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF SUCH A TOKEN GIFT FROM THE FAR EAST. HE WAS. ON THIS SCORE, HE EXPRESSED A HOPE THAT THE WRITER COULD GIVE HIM AN INFORMAL BRIEFING ON THAT AREA BASED UPON THE WRITER'S RECENT TOURS OF DUTY THERE.   ALLOWED HE WAS WILLING TO DO SO, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE FAST-MOVING EVENTS IN THAT AREA MAKE HIS KNOWLEDGE ALREADY SOMEWHAT OBSOLETE, NEVERTHELESS, HE AGREED TO DO SO. THIS LED UTILITY TO DECLARE THAT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE IN SEPTEMBER HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TOUR D' HORIZON WITH THE WRITER. IN MAKING THIS REQUEST UTILITY STATED THAT HE FELT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN GUILTY OF SOME MISTAKES RECENTLY IN THE HANDLING OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

OFFERED NO COMMENT.

4. UTILITY BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF SUCCESSION DURING WHICH HE SIGNIFICANTLY AND FORCEFULLY STATED THAT HIS CANDIDATE, AND THE ONE MAN IN GERMANY MOST SUITED TO SUCCEED HIM, WAS IDENTITY A. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ALIAS WENDT, WHO WAS PRESENT, WAS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE AND ONE WHO UTILITY FELT WAS ACCEPTABLE, BUT ONLY IF IDENTITY A WAS NOT AVAILABLE OR WAS FOR SOME REASON UNACCEPTABLE TO THE BONN GOVERNMENT. ALIAS WENDT NODDED HIS HEAD IN ACQUIESCENCE WITH NO APPARENT SHOW OF DISAPPOINTMENT. UTILITY POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENT ARTICLE IN IDENTITY B, IN HIS OPINION, WAS DONE TO DENIGRATE IDENTITY A BY TARRING HIM WITH THE SAME MILITARY BRUSH THAT IDENTITY B HAS SO OFTEN WIELDED ON UTILITY HIMSELF AND CATUSK

AS A WHOLE. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS SO-CALLED IDENTITY B SLANT, HE ALLUDED TO THE STATEMENT IN THE ARTICLE WHICH PICTURED IDENTITY A AS A STRONG ROMAN CATHOLIC WHEN IN FACT HE IS A STAUCH MEMBER OF THE EVANGELISCHE CHURCH. IN UTILITY'S JAUNDICED VIEW OF IDENTITY B AND ITS WRITINGS ON CATUSK, THE RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION CHARGE WAS MEANT TO STIR UP OPPOSITION TO IDENTITY A AMONG CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE IDENTITY C. UTILITY DECLARED THAT, LIKE WOFAC, HE STRONGLY BELIEVED IN THE FRONT OFFICE MAKEUP ON THE SAME TERMS, WHEREBY THE TOP TWO IN THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE EITHER TWO CIVILIANS, OR ONE CIVILIAN AND ONE MILITARY, BUT NEVER TWO MILITARY. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, HE FELT STRONGLY THAT, ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST SUCCESSION TO THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF CATUSK, CANDIDATES FROM CATUSK ITSELF SHOULD NOT IN FACT BE REGARDED AS MILITARY CANDIDATES PER SE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE OF ALIAS WENDT, ALTHOUGH HE CARRIES THE RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL HE IS IN FACT THE EQUIVALENT OF A CAREER CIVILIAN STAFF EMPLOYEE OF CATUSK. AS A MATTER OF FACT, UTILITY POINTED OUT, ALL OF THE OLD-TIMERS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, REGARDLESS OF WHAT MILITARY OR CIVIL SERVICE RANK THEY MAY HOLD, SHOULD IN FACT BE REGARDED AS CIVILIANS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR CATUSK SERVICE, BOTH OFFICIALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY, FROM 1946 TO 1967. DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME, THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING AND WORKING AS CIVILIANS MUCH LONGER THAN AS PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, UP TO AND INCLUDING THEIR WARTIME ACTIVITIES. IN OTHER WORDS WERE IDENTITY A /WHO CAN BE CONSIDERED A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER MORE THAN AN INTELLIGENCE CIVILIAN/ APPROVED AS PRESIDENT, THEN ALIAS WENDT, DESPITE CARRYING THE RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT. UTILITY STATED THAT THIS LINE OF REASONING HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

BY CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED PERSONS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE FOLLOWED THIS BY STATING THAT HE MIGHT REQUEST WOFAC TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR THIS VIEW WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR BY OUR AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE. HE WAS NOT ASKING THAT THIS ACTUALLY BE DONE AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT POSSIBLY IN THE COURSE OF COMING EVENTS SUCH A REQUEST MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING. [ ] POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENTS ON THIS AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT THE GERMAN STATION WOULD HANDLE SUCH A REQUEST IN WHATEVER MANNER MIGHT BE ADVISABLE IN THE FUTURE. UTILITY UNDERSTOOD.

5. UTILITY TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFER TO THE RECENT REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GENERAL ALBERT SCHNEZ [ ] ALIAS WENDT MADE REFERENCE TO THE ALLEGED NAZI PARTY AFFILIATION OF SCHNEZ AND WENT ON THE RECORD AS KNOWING SCHNEZ AS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND FOR THIRTY YEARS WHO HAD NO CLOSE TIES WITH THE NAZI MOVEMENT AND WHO CERTAINLY WAS NOT THE RECIPIENT<sup>0</sup> OF ANY SPECIAL DECORATION BY THE NAZI PARTY. UTILITY HEARTILY ENDORSED ALIAS WENDT'S RECOMMENDATION OF SCHNEZ AND ADDED THAT CATUSK HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN SEEING SCHNEZ'S CONTEMPLATED APPOINTMENT GO THROUGH AS LEADER OF NATO CENTRAL FORCES. IF APPROVED, THIS APPOINTMENT WOULD THEREBY ELIMINATE ONE OF THE POSSIBLE HINDRANCES TO THE SELECTION OF IDENTITY A FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF CATUSK. IN OTHER WORDS, IF SCHNEZ WERE DENIED THE NATO SLOT, IDENTITY A MIGHT BE ASSIGNED TO IT AND THEREFORE BE UNAVAILABLE FOR THE HEAD OF CATUSK.

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6. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, UTILITY ONCE AGAIN REITERATED THE OPEN DOOR POLICY FOR THE HEAD OF WOFAC LIAISON GROUP IN MUNICH AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE FREQUENT MEETINGS ON A PERSONAL BASIS AS WELL AS THE RESUMPTION, IN HIS WORDS, OF FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF HIS STAFF AND THOSE OF MUNICH BASE AND THE GERMAN STATION.

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