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134. Undoubtedly one of the principal factors for a partial recognition of Subject's position with the Ministry of Interior was the success with which Subject had turned the Karl HASS situation, a constant CE liability, in his favor. This matter was given full treatment in KAPOK Italy 3957 and in Plan LABLAZE reports. While the situation cannot be said to have been resolved completely since HASS continues to reside in Italy, he now does so under the permission of [] and on condition that HASS does not continue his intelligence activity. The extent to which []'s unit has had to yield on this matter is well illustrated by the following memorandum dated 21 October 1954 which was prepared on a talk between [] and [] the matter.
135. [] has stated that HASS had applied to []'s unit for aid in being permitted to remain in Italy. []'s unit told him it would be impossible because the provision for expulsion had been requested by [] HASS then said he had come to Italy for FRANCH of the CIC to keep track of SIFAR. In this regard HASS showed a letter written by himself to FRANCH to ask his aid in helping HASS stay in Italy. []'s office objected to the Chief of CIC about the task given to HASS. The Chief of CIC denied such a task had been given but did not deny the existence of FRANCH which is probably a pseudonym. [] promised [] a copy of the letter from HASS to FRANCH.
136. In the light of the personal entreaties made to him [] felt he had to do the favor of permitting HASS's continuance in Italy, furthermore this situation of granting a favor in turn gave [] an implicit advantage and even a certain amount of control over []'s office.

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