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Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

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General HEUSINGER of the Amt BLANK

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1. Speaking of the recent BONIN-KRASKE controversy in the Amt BLANK, [ ] said HEUSINGER's attitude in this affair is typical of him. As the immediate superior of both BONIN and KIELMANNSEGG-KRASKE and overall military planner in the Amt BLANK, it was HEUSINGER's duty to take a stand pro or con or use his influence to effect a compromise. Instead, HEUSINGER simply washed his hands of the whole affair and left it to BLANK to decide the issue which has not yet been settled. [ ] says that during the war HEUSINGER was well known for avoiding ticklish decisions, i. e., whether to agree with Hitler's views or to side with the general staff when the latter tried to convince Hitler of his wrong concept of the front situation.

2. I thought that these remarks by [ ] might be of interest in our attempt to understand HEUSINGER's peculiar attitude towards CAPOTE on the one hand and towards ZIPFER on the other.

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