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CAWT-1

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1. On 17 March 1954 I met CAWT-1 at the home of [redacted] at the latter's invitation. CAWT-1 was in Bonn in connection with his discovery appeal for having participated in the assassination attempt of Hitler (high treason). I understand that the first time the Bundespräsident refused the appeal, but upon further evidence and pressure from the Federal Ministry of Interior BADKE has now decided to grant the appeal which would make CAWT-1 eligible to retirement pay. As far as I know, this affair has been settled or will be settled to CAWT-1's satisfaction.

2. At our meeting CAWT-1 gave me a brief outline of his background from which I gathered that he had been a first-class criminologist and this was confirmed by CASANJE with whom he had been associated for a long time. CAWT-1 only hinted about his activities for [redacted] and his present work under GIL cover. CAWT-1, who was to meet Dr. JHB of the BfV on 19 March, asked me about the prospects of employment at the BfV. I told him that the BfV was in need of experienced personnel, particularly in the CR Section, but expressed doubt that they could use a criminologist of his caliber. I also told him that at [redacted] personal request I had already recommended him to the BfV and would be glad to repeat my recommendation before he met Dr. JHB. Frankly, I was not greatly impressed by CAWT-1 who looked older than his age (57) and who was inclined to brag about his ability and about being able to handle any problem. I warned him that he might find GERKEN, whom he had already met and in whose section he might be employed, a rather difficult person to deal with since it was my impression that both GERKEN and CAWT-1 were distinct extroverts whose natures might easily clash. Again CAWT-1 made the sweeping statement that he was able to get along with anybody, which I rather doubt.

3. On 19 March, in the absence of JHB, I talked to GILBE, Vice-President of the BfV, who said he would be glad to see CAWT-1 and listen to his story. Before doing so, however, he called GERKEN in my presence and the latter counseled BADKE against employing CAWT-1 for being a braggart. I tried to minimize this allegation but, on the other hand, I could not go overboard in my recommendation of CAWT-1 without appearing as if I wished to plant a US penetration agent in the BfV. While I fully realize that CAWT-1 is a disposal case, it was actually up to him to sell himself to the BfV and he evidently failed to do so because he was turned down. As much as I would have liked to have helped a "friend" of [redacted] I am afraid I just could not ram CAWT-1 down the throat of the BfV.

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