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- AETOMAC 2 and the west German republic

1. The creation of the west German sovereign state undoubtedly will have an effect upon the Byelorussian emigration in that country. It is anticipated that one of the more pronounced changes will be the rise of AETOMAC 2, with German support, as a prominent political figure in the emigration, and as a natural consequence AETOMAC 1 will attempt to challenge the leadership now being enjoyed by AECAMBISTA 1. Because AETOMAC 1 needs time to consolidate forces, for the present this challenge will, in all probability, be limited to Germany, where AETOMAC 1 will be nurtured until such time when it can expand to neighboring countries.

2. It will be remembered that in 1943 AETOMAC 2 became chairman of AETOMAC 1 at the request of the German occupiers. AETOMAC 2 remained as chairman and leader of the German-sponsored government until September 1945 when he was forced to withdraw into Germany in the face of a pressing Soviet attack. When the Germans capitulated in May 1945, AETOMAC 2 called a plenary session of AETOMAC 1 near Wehrburg on September 23-24, 1945, for the purpose of terminating AETOMAC 1 as an active group. According to AETOMAC 2, the decision to terminate AETOMAC 1 was prompted by the Allied policy of repatriation. The proposal was adopted and AETOMAC 1 remained dormant until March 1948. At that time it made a brief, unsuccessful bid to wrest emigre control from AECAMBISTA 1. In the late summer of 1950, AETOMAC 2 emigrated to the Argentine.

3. According to [ ] the return of AETOMAC 2 to Germany two years later was undoubtedly negotiated by Professor Gerhardt von MENDE urged by [ ] although this supposition cannot be confirmed. It is almost a certainty, however, that von MENDE was personally acquainted with AETOMAC 2, since AETOMAC 2, upon his return to Germany, was given a minor position with the German government. The fact that AETOMAC 2 was given a position is of no consequence, but it did keep him in abeyance until such time when he could be projected upon the emigre scene with German sponsorship.

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