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1. GRCAMERA has been seen by me a total of three times since my arrival in Vienna: the first time on 6 November 1969 when in accordance with re-contact instructions I telephoned to introduce myself as [ ] successor he invited me to lunch at Sacher's (where he usually meets his contacts); on 11 February 1970 when he was my luncheon guest at the Kerzenstueberl; and on 15 May when I was his guest at Eckel's Restaurant. In each instance, arranging the rendezvous was something like negotiating an audience with a Chief of State, and the appointments usually were arrived at three or more weeks in advance after Subject had studied what appears to be an extremely crowded schedule of appointments while in Vienna and frequent brief trips away from the city. My next meeting, successfully negotiated on 1 June, will be held the evening of 24 June.

2. None of the above is intended in any sense as a reproach. Subject is indeed genuinely busy and was practically over-whelmed with work from late 1969 through April of this year because, in addition to the Austrian national elections on 1 March which understandably occupied his attention, Subject had a publisher's deadline to meet in April on a book which he confessed to me in November he had hardly commenced writing. Our three meetings have sufficed nonetheless to establish considerable rapport (I find him most engaging and he appears to enjoy the opportunity to talk) and my recent bantering allusion to the difficulties we have encountered in arriving at mutually compatible meeting dates brought assurances that he would be much more readily available henceforth -- without, however, tangible evidence of it so far.

3. Nothing we have discussed to date is really worth reporting, yet all of it has been of value in expanding my personal background on the personalities and beneath-the-surface aspects of the

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local scene. Subject, of course, knows everybody and lunches with some prominent local figure at the Sacher practically every week day he is in Vienna. One matter of potential interest is that he seems to consider Guenther Nenning a close friend although impatient with Nenning's political views, feeling that Nenning has done a "flip flop" from outspoken cold warrior opponent of the Soviet Union to something on the order of fellow traveller. He also knows Wilfried Daim and is one of the many who regard Daim's mental stability as open to doubt (Nenning and Daim were raised by me during one of our meetings in discussing the "Volksbegehren" to abolish Austrian military forces). Similarly, I am sure, he can and will provide insights regarding local personalities as I request them.

4. Subject outspokenly called for a return of the People's Party majority government in his writings prior to the national elections, and vituperatively lobbied against a People's Party -- Socialist Coalition Government. He is accordingly understandably rather unenthusiastic about the Socialist victory (although he is glad to see a Socialist minority government rather than a Socialist-dominated grand coalition). His objection to the grand coalition is that it is essentially undemocratic since no real opposition exists, and feels that 20 years of grand coalition governments resulted in rather far flung "feather bedding" on the beloved principle of "Proporz" by which patronage was shared roughly equally by creating Socialist deputies to People's Party chiefs or vice versa. Above all, though, Subject feels that the grand coalition system stultifies democratic government: in practice parliament simply confirmed legislation negotiated in committees to the mutual satisfaction of the two major parties. In common with other observers he is doubtful that the current minority government will survive the normal four year period, and looks for new elections in autumn '71 or spring '72, probably as a result of controversy over the 1972 budget.

5. Subject is deeply interested in the problems posed by democratic form of government in the modern world of instant communications, particularly a world sharply differentiated between affluent and poverty stricken countries. He is also interested in and disturbed by current much-discussed problems of expanding urban populations and pollution. He is fond of discoursing in philosophical vein on all such matters and has written various essays on these topics. He is certainly pro-West in his general viewpoint and his publication usually carries articles compatible with WOLIME guidance well before such guidance has reached us. His publication does not attempt to be militantly anti-Soviet, (or militantly anything) however, with occasional exception, but rather seeks to achieve a measured and intellectual tone. (An exception, of course, was the "exposure" of the newly appointed DIZTAG representative here as a former intelligence officer, which Subject apparently (judging by his remarks at the time) did on his own at the request of the GRENGULFs -- probably GRENGULF-17 personally. At our first meeting Subject somewhat ruefully asked me if I thought he had done the right thing to which I gave positive response. But the local attitude toward events in DIZTAG is a special situation: I think in general Subject is not interested in articles about the perfidies of the Communist system. His interest in the Sakharov letter appeared to be more with respect to the philosophical aspect of the incompatibility of a totalitarian political system with the modern technological world, which he sees as a different but related question to that of government by popular democracy in the modern technological world.)

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6. In sum, an almost automatic, self-starting WOLIME asset whose main value as an asset (as far as I have progressed, at least) lies in the insights into the local scene he appears quite ready to provide me on request. His preference for the People's Party has not I think seriously prejudiced his relations with the Socialists (this is after all Austria and Subject's publication is fairly influential). I intend to try to step up the frequency of our meetings and may in time find it possible to make more specific use of Subject, although review of the past record reflects about the same return as is described herein -- which is indeed more than sufficient grounds from my personal standpoint for continuing and even increasing the contact.

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