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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISMISSAL OF DIRECTOR OF BERLIN LAND OFFICE  
FOR PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTION

REF BERLIN'S A-517

ON FEB 3 MAYOR ALBERTZ INFORMED ME AS CHAIRMAN DEPUTY  
COMMANDANT, THAT HE HAD LOST ALL CONFIDENCE IN HEINZ WIECHMANN,  
DIRECTOR SINCE 1953 OF THE BERLIN LAND OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION

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OF THE CONSTITUTION (LFV), AND THAT HE WISHED TO SUSPEND WIECHMANN  
FROM HIS DUTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ALBERTZ REFERRED TO THE AFFAIR OF THE "PENSION CLAUSEWITZ,"  
A WEST BERLIN BORDELLO THE OWNER OF WHICH WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED  
ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR THE EAST GERMANS (DETAILS IN REPAIR).  
THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE THAT  
PROMINENT WEST BERLIN AND FEDREP PERSONALITIES ARE INVOLVED.  
THE AFFAIR HAS RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS PLAY, PARTICULARLY IN WEST  
BERLIN TABLOIDS. ALBERTZ SAID THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE  
HE HAD DISCOVERED THAT WIECHMANN REPEATEDLY HAD WITHHELD FROM  
HIM INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WHICH HE SHOULD HAVE PASSED ON  
IMMEDIATELY. THESE REPORTS PERTAINED TO MEMBERS OF THE SENAT,  
INCLUDING ALBERTZ HIMSELF, AS WELL AS TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE  
LFB. ALBERTZ INFORMED THE ALLIES THAT THE SENAT WAS PREPARED  
TO DECIDE FORMALLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION ON FEB 9 TO RELIEVE  
WIECHMANN OF HIS OFFICE. HE FURTHER REQUESTED THAT WORD OF THE  
MEASURE INTENDED AGAINST WIECHMANN SHOULD NOT GET BACK TO HIM  
THROUGH THE ALLIES.

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SPECIFICALLY, ALBERTZ EXPLAINED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE BROTHEL CASE WIECHMANN HAD FLATLY DENIED SEVERAL TIMES, HAVING

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ANY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE "PENSION CLAUSEWITZ" AND TO PRESS STORIES ALLEGING THE INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH BERLIN AND FED GOVT OFFICIALS. THE SENAT HAD DISCOVERED, HOWEVER, THAT WIECHMANN POSSESSED THREE DIFFERENT INTELLIGENCE ITEMS IMPLICATING MAYOR ALBERTZ AND SENATOR THEUNER. CONFRONTED WITH THE SENAT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THESE REPORTS, WIECHMANN ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY HIS SUPPRESSION OF THEM ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS ONLY OBLIGED TO PASS ON INTELLIGENCE ON SECURITY MATTERS, AND THAT HE HAD DISCOUNTED THESE REPORTS AS FABRICATIONS OBTAINED FROM UNRELIABLE SOURCES. HE HAD NOT RPT NOT REGARDED THE REPORTS AS WORTH BOTHERING THE MAYOR ABOUT. ALBERTZ DID NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION AND MAINTAINS THAT WIECHMANN WAS BOUND BY ALLIED AS WELL AS SENAT INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM HIM IMMEDIATELY OF ANY INTELLIGENCE, INCLUDING UNEVALUATED AND UNRELIABLE MATERIAL, IMPLICATING MEMBERS OF THE BERLIN SENAT.

ALBERTZ SAID THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED, FURTHERMORE, THAT FOR A PERIOD OF ALMOST TWO YEARS WIECHMANN HAD KEPT FROM HIM AN INVESTIGATION REPORT PREPARED BY THE FED OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (BFV) WHICH CONTAINED SCATHING CRITICISM OF LfV OPERATIONS. AS A RESULT OF THE SUDDEN ARREST DURING THE

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WINTER OF 1962-1963 OF FOURTEEN LfV OPERATIVES IN EAST BERLIN, WIECHMANN HAD REQUESTED THE BFV TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER HIS MEN HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY A POSSIBLE EAST GERMAN AGENT IN THE BERLIN LfV. WHILE THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION FOUND NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF BETRAYAL, IT PRODUCED A LENGTHY REPORT LISTING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF SHORTCOMINGS AND ERRORS BY THE LfV LEADERSHIP WITH REGARD TO ORGANIZATION, TRAINING AND GUIDANCE. WHILE THIS REPORTAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT LfV OPERATIONS PER SE, ALBERTZ WAS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED THAT WIECHMANN, WHO HAD RECEIVED THE BFV REPORT IN MAY 1963, HAD NOT RPT NOT PASSED IT ON, EVEN THOUGH ALBERTZ AS HIS SUPERIOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LfV. AS IN THE ABOVE CASES, WIECHMANN MADE AVAILABLE THE BFV REPORT ONLY AFTER THE SENAT HAD MADE HIM AWARE OF ITS KNOWLEDGE OF IT AND HAD SPECIFICALLY DEMANDED THAT HE RELEASE IT TO ALBERTZ.

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AD MAYOR ALBERTZ  
ON URGENT BASIS  
FEB 9. I EMPHASIZED  
THE DEVELOPMENT WAS  
WIECHMANN OVER THE YEARS

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I TOLD MAYOR ALBERTZ THAT THE ALLIES WOULD CONSIDER HIS REQUEST ON AN URGENT BASIS BUT THAT I COULD NOT RPT NOT PROMISE A DECISION BY FEB 9. I EMPHASIZED THE ALLIED INTEREST INVOLVED AND SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WAS REGRETTABLE, NOTING THAT ALLIED RELATIONS WITH WIECHMANN OVER THE YEARS HAD BEEN QUITE SATISFACTORY.

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AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON FEB 5 THE DEPUTY COMMANDANTS AGREED THAT ALBERTZ' REQUEST TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ALLIES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLE IN THIS SECURITY FIELD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH WIECHMANN. IT WAS DECIDED TO INFORM ALBERTZ OF THIS DECISION AND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS TO HIM: (1) TO EMPHASIZE ALLIED REGRET OVER THE SITUATION IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT OVER MANY YEARS OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WIECHMANN HAD PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A HIGHLY COOPERATIVE AND VALUABLE OFFICIAL AND THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN SATISFIED WITH HIS MANAGEMENT OF THE LFV. THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZED AT THE SAME TIME THAT A RELATIONSHIP OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN #

(2) TO POINT OUT THAT IN VIEW OF THEIR BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN BERLIN AND OF THE TERMS OF THE ALLIED COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHING THE LFV (BK/L(51)57), RPT (BK/L(51)57), THE ALLIES CONSIDERED THE ISSUES AND CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS IN THEIR RAMIFICATIONS AS TO WARRANT THE CLOSE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF GOVMAYOR BRANDT. GP-3 CALHOUN  
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THE ALLIES WISHED TO BE ASSURED THAT THE GOVMAYOR WAS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION, INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE SECURITY FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE "PENSION CLAUSEWITZ" CASE AND THAT HE APPROVED THE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BY THE SENAT. THE ALLIES RESERVED THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH THE GOVMAYOR, IF THIS SEEMED INDICATED, AND TO WITHHOLD FINAL

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ACTION UNTIL THEY WERE SATISFIED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CASE.

I MET WITH ALBERTZ FEB 5 TO CONVEY TO HIM THE ABOVE POINTS, AS WELL AS TO POINT OUT ORALLY THE ALLIED CONCERN THAT A DECISION TO REMOVE WIECHMANN IMMEDIATELY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT BRING SERIOUS POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS RESULTING IN GREAT DAMAGE TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE CITY GOVT AND THUS ALSO TO THE POSITION OF BERLIN AND THE ALLIES. IF SUCH DRASTIC ACTION WERE TAKEN SO QUICKLY, PUBLIC OPINION MIGHT ASSUME THAT MAYOR ALBERTZ WAS INTERVENING PERSONALLY IN A CASE IN WHICH HE WAS INVOLVED HIMSELF. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WIDESPREAD AND UNPLEASANT PUBLICITY WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE. FURTHERMORE, THE ALLIES HAD AN IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN LEARNING HOW THE GOVMAYOR AND THE SENAT INTENDED TO SATISFY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT THE SECURITY OF BERLIN HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN COMPROMISED THROUGH POSSIBLE ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE "PENSION CLAUSEWITZ."

ALBERTZ TOOK NOTE OF THE ALLIED INTENTION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER

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WITH WIECHMANN, OBSERVING ONLY THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HE HIMSELF WOULD WANT TO SPEAK WITH WIECHMANN AGAIN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SENAT HAD NEVER COMPLAINED OFFICIALLY

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TO THE ALLIES ABOUT WIECHMANN IN THE PAST. NEVERTHELESS, DISSATISFACTION AND DOUBTS ABOUT WIECHMANN WENT BACK QUITE A FEW YEARS, ALBERTZ REMARKED, INCLUDING TWO SERIOUS CONFLICTS BETWEEN WIECHMANN AND THE LATE SENATOR LIPSCHITZ.

AS FOR THE GOVMAYOR'S PART IN THIS SITUATION, ALBERTZ SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH MATTERS HAD COME TO A HEAD AFTER BRANDT'S DEPARTURE

ON LEAVE, BRANDT WAS INFORMED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE SITUATION. THE MAYOR EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ALLIED WISH TO BE ASSURED OF BRANDT'S FULL FAMILIARITY WITH THE CASE AND HIS APPROVAL OF THE ACTION PROPOSED BY THE SENAT. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES POSED BY BRANDT'S LOCATION (IN BAVARIA), HE SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT OBTAIN A LETTER FROM THE GOVMAYOR GIVING HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE CASE AND SPECIFICALLY THE PROPOSED DISMISSAL OF WIECHMANN. I INDICATED THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION, BUT ADDED THAT THE COMMANDANTS MIGHT NONETHELESS WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER PERSONALLY WITH THE GOVMAYOR.

WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION WHICH MIGHT BE CREATED BY WIECHMANN'S IMMEDIATE REMOVAL, ALBERTZ SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS AND DANGERS WE FORESAW HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY HIMSELF AND THE SENAT. THE SENAT HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE

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IMPORTANCE OF REMOVING WIECHMANN FROM HIS POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WAS AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. ALBERTE ADDED THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING HIS OWN POSITION WAS SO LOW THAT HE WAS NOT RPT NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT SPECULATIONS IN THIS REGARD. AS TO THE QUESTION OF SATISFYING THE PUBLIC THAT THE SECURITY OF BERLIN HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN COMPROMISED THROUGH ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE

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BORDELLO, ALBERTZ EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT INVESTIGATIONS SO FAR HAD TURNED UP HAVING LITTLE TO INDICATE THAT ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN AND FROM THE "PENSION CLAUSEWITZ." HE AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE, FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, OF RELIEVING WIECHMANN OF HIS DUTIES IMMEDIATELY AND REITERATED THAT THE SENAT WAS PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION TERMINATING WIECHMANN'S SERVICES AT ITS FEB 9 MEETING AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR POSTPONING SUCH ACTION. REALIZING THAT THE ALLIES PROBABLY WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE READY TO AUTHORIZE THIS MEASURE BY THAT DATE, ALBERTZ PROPOSED SENDING WIECHMANN ON A FOUR-WEEK VACATION STARTING EARLY NEXT WEEK. DURING THIS PERIOD HIS DUPUTY WOULD SERVE AS ACTING HEAD OF THE LFV AS HE NORMALLY DID WHENEVER WIECHMANN WENT ON LEAVE. THIS DEVICE WOULD GIVE US AN EXTRA MONTH TO CONSIDER THE CASE AND ALSO,

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IF WE WISHED, TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE GOVMAYOR PERSONALLY UPON HIS RETURN FROM BAVARIA.

THE DEPUTY COMMANDANTS WILL MEET AGAIN FEB 6 TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION, AND ALBERTZ WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH ME FEB 8 TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. GP-3 CALHOUN

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