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TO RICHARDSON
FM MINTON COPY SMITH LANGENDORF

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RE YOUR LETTER OF 23 OCTOBER WHICH EVIDENTLY CROSSED WITH MY NOTE ATTACHED TO A COPY OF GERMAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE AMERICAN COUNCIL MEETING, BOTH LANGENDORF AND DEWITT SE NO ONE WHO WILL GIVE TROUBLE AMONG THOSE LISTED. IT IS TRUE THAT WENTZEL JAKSCH IS A SUDETEN LEADER WHO HAS BEEN A CRITIC OF RFE IN HIS OWN CIRCLE, BUT HE IS VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN MIXED GATHERINGS. HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF RFE IN THE PAST BUT NOT VIOLENTLY OR PUBLICLY. HE GRUMBLED A BIT TO BILL GRIFFITH PRIVATELY AT THE LAST SESSION OF THIS SAME GROUP IN WASHINGTON.

MORE POSITIVELY THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE FRIENDS OF RFE: BERGSTRASSER, BLUMENFELD, BRAUER, DOHRN, DORING, ERLER, VON GUTTENBERG (WHOM I INTERVIEWED IN BONN MONDAY: COPY OF TEXT IS BEING MAILED TO YOU AND MOOSE), JORDANS, KRAUSNICH OF COURSE, KUHN, MAJONICA OF COURSE, OLLENHAUER, SCHUTZ, WEHNER.

LANGENDORF SUGGESTS THAT IF YOU COULD COME TO BONN A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS HE COULD ARRANGE FOR YOU TO TALK TO MANY OF THE SPD DELEGATES TO THE MEETING INCLUDING HELMUT SCHMIDT. I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BECAUSE MY EXPERIENCE AT MEETINGS IS THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO GET PEOPLE ALONE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ACQUAINTED WITH THEM. DELGADO OR LEICH WOULD BE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON SUCH MEETING. ERNIE PLANS TO BE IN BONN ON NOVEMBER 7, SO IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW WHAT DAYS YOU CAN BE IN BONN THE FOLLOWING WEEK, HE CAN THEN SET UP SOME MEETINGS.

REGARDING THE OMISSION OF MY NAME, I HAVE CABLED KASTNER TO CHECK WITH CHRIS BY PHONE. HIS INVITATION WAS ORAL LAST SUMMER AND HE MUST HAVE SIMPLY OVERLOOKED ADDING MY NAME TO THE LIST. I HAVE OFFERED MARCIA OUR SERVICES BUT SO FAR SHE HAS NOT REQUESTED HELP.
REGARDS

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