Begin

ZELLER

That was in the old regime.

MAX

In the old regime I was Third Secretary. Now I'm First Secretary.

CAPTAIN

(to MAX, knowingly)

How nice to have friends.

(to the others)

Would you gentlemen care to sit down?

ZELLER

We are here on business.

SCHREIBER

Captain von Trapp, a telegram was sent to you three days ago.

CAPTAIN

I have just received it.

MAX

Captain von Trapp has just returned from his honeymoon, sir.

SCHREIBER

Congratulations, Captain.

ZELLER

Let's get to the point.

SCHREIBER

(to ZELLER)

If you don't mind.

(to the CAPTAIN)

In our navy we hold you in very high regard. That explains why I am here.

CAPTAIN

That's very flattering, Admiral, but I've had no time to consider...

MARIA appears in the doorway, unseen by the others, carrying the festival program.

ZELLER

Your orders are to report immediately to the naval base at Bremerhaven.

MARIA

(with feigned innocence)

Immediately? Oh, I'm afraid that would be impossible for you, Georg.

CAPTAIN

Admiral, may I present my wife, the Baroness von Trapp – Admiral von Schreiber.

END