

chaplain, with others recognizing in his place as chancellor; Hoholt may simply have been doing the same¹⁵⁶. Further grounds for doubt, should we wish to find them, may be sought in Hoholt's title. In both cases, he is called *cancellarius* rather than *notarius*. As noted, the two terms are often synonymous, but only the latter carries unambiguous implications of charter production.

Nevertheless, Hoholt's appearances cannot be dismissed so swiftly. As chancellor, Bruno can be found in the recognition clauses of all draftsman-scribes of these years, but Hoholt's presence is unique to BA's œuvre. And though Bruno had begun appearing as archchaplain since 952 – a role which would become his exclusive purview upon promotion to Cologne in September 953 – he had yet to appear in this guise in any of BA's acts. Of the other figures who appear as recognitio-ners in Bruno's stead at this point, one was the future chancellor Liudolf, who was easing himself into the job, while the others (Wigfrid, Abraham, Enno, Haolt and Otpert) are all thought to be the scribes of the diplomas in question; it stands to reason that the same holds true of Hoholt¹⁵⁷. Indeed, if Bruno were BA, it is hard to explain why he should twice – and only twice – recognize in Hoholt's name, in terms which suggest a degree of distance between the chancellor (or rather, archchaplain) and the transaction: *Hoholt cancellarius advicem Brunonis archicapellani recognovi*. One suspects, therefore, that these diplomas were issued at a time when Bruno was absent from court or otherwise occupied. As one of Bruno's leading notaries, Hoholt (i.e. BA) now stood in for him. By April of this year, when BA is next attested – in a diploma surviving only in later cartulary copies – Bruno is back in his usual position as chancellor, recognizing on behalf of Ruotbert of Mainz¹⁵⁸. The identification of BA with Hoholt also better explains the close affiliations between this draftsman-scribe and the Magdeburg notaries of these years: while Bruno is not known to have spent any time at St Maurice, it is easy to imagine circumstances in which he might have recruited a skilled monk from his brother's foundation¹⁵⁹. Yet if BA was probably not Bruno, there is every reason

156) HUSCHNER, *Transalpine Kommunikation* (as n. 10) p. 154 f.

157) Liudolf: DD O I 149, 151, 152; Wigfrid: DD O I 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148 (though note Bruno in his „usual“ position in D O I 145); Abraham: D O I 150; Enno: D O I 154; Haolt: D O I 155; Otpert: DD O I 156, 158.

158) D O I 164.

159) On BA and Magdeburg: STENGEL, *Immunität* (as n. 27) p. 153 f.; JÄSCHKE, *Königskanzlei* (as n. 153) p. 298.