

first proposed that Hoholt was none other than BA himself, an identification subsequently endorsed and elaborated by Edmund Stengel<sup>12</sup>.

Given this, it is something of a mystery that the original of D O I 161 has not occasioned more comment. In part, this can be put down to its modern archival context. When Paul Kehr alerted the scholarly world to its existence in 1931, the diploma was in the family archive of the Wittelsbachs in Munich<sup>13</sup>. And though the latter had been under the oversight of the Wittelsbacher Ausgleichsfonds (WAF) since 1923 and would be taken under the aegis of the Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv at its Geheimes Hausarchiv, formal approval from the Wittelsbachs was (and indeed still is) required for access to such materials. As a consequence, the diploma has been much less accessible than its counterparts in public hands. And since Kehr himself had nothing to say about the original (save noting its existence), matters were left as they were – and have been ever since. The Marburg Lichtbildarchiv was able to photograph the charter in January 1956, alongside another in the Geheimes Hausarchiv<sup>14</sup>. Thereafter, the charter's existence was duly noted in Irmgard Fees' invaluable catalogue of original royal charters, both in its print format and its subsequent online iteration<sup>15</sup>. An image (clearly from the Marburg Lichtbildarchiv) is to be found in the relevant entry of the MGH's online supplement to its diploma series (the *Diplomata-Ergänzungen*), though little by way of discussion is offered or noted – indeed, readers are simply pointed (rather unhelpfully, as we shall see) to Wolfgang Huschner's proposed identification of BA with Bruno of Cologne, an identification undertaken without reference to

12) Die Urkunden Konrad I., Heinrich I. und Otto I., hg. von Theodor SICKEL (MGH DD regum et imperatorum Germaniae 1, 1879–1884) p. 83, 102; STENGEL, Immunität (as n. 8) p. 147–149, 153–156. Cf. Theodor SICKEL, Beiträge zur Diplomatik VII., in: IDEM, Beiträge zur Diplomatik, 8 pts in 1 vol. (1975) p. 721f.

13) Die Urkunden Heinrichs III., hg. von Harry BRESSLAU / Paul KEHR (MGH DD regum et imperatorum Germaniae 5, 1931) p. XVI.

14) Marburg, Lichtbildarchiv älterer Originalurkunden (LBA), n. 3780, <http://lba.hist.uni-marburg.de/lba-cgi/kleioc/0010KLLBA/exec/showrecord/zugangsnummer/%223780%22> (accessed 08.09.2022). As the relevant „Karteikarte“ reveals, the photo was taken on the same occasion (presumably in Munich) as that of LBA 3781 (08.01.1956), a privilege of Innocent III for the Knights of St John, also in the Geheimes Hausarchiv.

15) Irmgard FEES, Abbildungsverzeichnis der original überlieferten fränkischen und deutschen Königs- und Kaiserurkunden von den Merowingern bis zu Heinrich VI. (elementa diplomatica 1, 1994) p. 36; EADEM, Abbildungsverzeichnis der europäischen Kaiser- und Königsurkunden, D O I. 161, <http://www.hgw-online.net/abbildungsverzeichnis/do-i-161> (accessed 27.08.2022).