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FROEHNER, MARIANNE
NORDWESTDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK
NEBENSTELLE HANNOVER
RUDOLF V. BINNINGER STR.
HANNOVER/Germany

HOETTL, Dr.
Alt Aussee
Salzkammergut

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Sender writes to acquaintance:

Unfortunately I didn't meet Hanno BADE in Hannover because he was away on business.

I contacted Mr. WERBKE, Hannover, who gives you the advise to apply to:

- 1. Mrs. Gerda v. USLAR
N.W.D.R. Hamburg
- 2. Dr. KOELSCH
UKW N.W.D.R. Hamburg

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I had a talk with him about the FROEHNER matter I already mentioned to you. If this film is to be shown here, tell Mr. FROEHNER to apply to Mr. WERBKE. -- Thanking you again for the nice time we had I promise to give you more news, and remain yours,

Marianne FROEHNER

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Stuttgart N
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HOETTL, Wilhelm Fr.
79 Alt Russee
Stmk.

Sender writes to acquaintance:

Communication date: 8 May 1951 Postmarked:
Previous Comments: 1/7 2217

My recent departure from Linz was here on me well,
coming back to the matter of the contract I inform you that I
discussed it here with Guenther at once. I just wait for a counter-
proposition and then hope we will come to an agreement. Guenther
didn't rent the second room here yet, he wants to help the "Nibelungen"
by reviving. I visited HUELLER yesterday who read the press-comments
with great interest I was promised our matter will be discussed
over weekend Northern Germany will be without doubt the best
market for your book. We didn't get the import-permit for the 250
"Fronts"..... I have here a telephone alreay, over which I can
speak without interference at any time. So, whenever you come to
Linz, let me know and we can speak over this telephone. I will write
you regularly and promise you that I will make every effort in this
matter. I will contact HUELLER today. You must know since I
left how deeply I am attached to the "Nibelungen".

FX's Note: Writer is a woman and probably a relative of the sender.

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Information on Will HOETTL extracted from XOR-1217

When during the following part of the conversation 35363 asked 2162 about his acquaintance with Hoettl, 2164 became very animated and elaborated on this theme in the following way. Since the time when both 2164 and Hoettl were in the prison camp at Freising they have been ardent enemies. 2164 calls Hoettl a traitor because he appeared as a witness against other Abwehr people at Freising. The two big men behind Hoettl are SCHICHT (soap) and Fritz Westen (lately killed by accident in Innsbruck while drunk) from whom Hoettl receives financial support. Schicht and Westen both owe a lot to Hoettl because he helped to save their fortunes during the war. All Abwehr agents were built into the Schicht factory in Hungary during the war. Schicht has a house at Semmering and Hoettl lived there. Schicht at present is traveling frequently to Buenos Aires, just like Burshi Westen, the brother of Fritz. Westen has factories also at Sili, Hungary and Milano, Italy.

fnu WESENMAYER, at German Embassy for Hungary and Croatia during the war was a former secretary of Westen's and his best friend (at present, at Lanzberg prison). Therefore anybody in Hungary who wanted something, had to go through Westen who in this way has amassed enormous riches. The three political powers in Hungary from 1944 on were:

- a. Wesenmayer
- b. Hoettl
- c. Winkelmann

To these three Westen was the "Hinterman" and backing power.

Schicht's wife, a very beautiful Hungarian, is living at LACH now. They own the Hutter-Lever factory - lots of British capital - and all agents had their headquarters there and filled camouflage positions.

Hoettl tried, after his release from prison, to contact 2164 and to work with him but 2164 refused because he despises Hoettl.

Another enemy of Hoettl is Josef Adolf (?) URBAN, a folks German at present at Linz with the Volksdeutsche Bewegung (chief Dr. Goldschmid). Before and during the war URBAN was a director of DDCG and travelled frequently to Ankara and Bucarest while his permanent residence was Budapest. Urban has always been the radical spirit while Hoettl was more ready for compromises. Urban escaped from the SS prison at Moosburg and 2164 suspects him to work for the Soviets, but perhaps at the same time also for the Americans. Urban has a girl friend who lives at Igls, near Innsbruck.

Urban works as a team with fnu Hanke, Linz and fnu Froehlich, who is the best of all three, the brain of the team. The "team" works together with the Germans in Munich and Stuttgart. They are very active and are still in the possession of all Abwehr data from the Abwehr Hqrts Vienna and Salzburg. They are also still in contact with Schellenberg, now in Stuttgart.

The second "team" consists of Hoettl and his best friend fnu Neunteufel, at present at Linz. But they are not very active because Hoettl is rejected everywhere, since the last two years. Hoettl was rejected by the Germans and so tried to build up an Hungarian political line with BIBO and Dr. NEY (former Lt. Col. condemned to death for having allegedly killed an American PW, three of his comrades were hanged, but Ney was pardoned). At the time when Hoettl tried to set up a political net into Hungary through Ney, the latter was backed by the Americans. But Hoettl, having done many dirty things in Hungary was rejected by the Hungarians within the movement. He is also impossible with the Volksdeutsch movement.

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PNN:

This is a fascinating report, tying Tilda BANYAS in with SCHEIDLER, GRIMMS, HOETTL, FOELDES-PAPP and an alleged HIS agent named SERENYI who now is supposedly Arrow Cross. Do you know Jozsef SOLTRA?

The case was started by DGM when a French l/o left a page of notes on his desk mentioning these personalities and misspelling most of them. John MEYER is very interested.

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CASE WAS DISCUSSED WITH J.M + D.D.J.

INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONTINUED BY LIC

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT BANYAS, Tilda Alleged HIS Personality in Salzburg	2. DATE SUBMITTED 10 February 1951 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. CIC 34120376 Ref. No. S-11435 TDK/mc
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

To determine whether or not SUBJECT is in contact with one Lieutenant SABO (or SZABO) of the AVH through one Mrs. (fnu) IRIS; to determine the identity of one Karl SEIFERT or SCHIFFER, also a "Herbert" and a "Heinz", all of whom are alleged associates of Mrs. IRIS, and to determine the identity of one (fnu) SERENYI, an alleged courier between SUBJECT and SABO (SZABO).

REFERENCES:

Disposition Form, G2, USFA, dated 2 October 1951, (Ref. No. CI/1452/51), Subject: "BANYAS Tilda", transmitted via Comment 2, Headquarters 430th CIC Detachment, dated 8 October 1951, (Opns. Case No. 2538), which makes reference to an attached informal report dated April 1951, wherein is contained information to the effect that SUBJECT had worked with (fnu) URBAN for the Americans and had allegedly said that she discontinued giving information to URBAN for personal reasons. When questioned, she finally admitted to be working for a Lieutenant (fnu) SABO of the Ministry of Interior in Budapest, an employee of the AVH. This lieutenant frequently travels to Salzburg, where he meets SUBJECT at the home of a certain Mrs. (fnu) IRIS, who maintains a dressmaking establishment and who is the wife of Karl SEIFERT or SCHIFFER, a German in the employ of URBAN. Sometimes, one (fnu) SERENYI is used as a courier between SUBJECT and SABO. Another courier is a certain "Herbert" who patronizes the Salon owned by Mrs. IRIS. Other associates of IRIS are a certain "Heinz" and a "M. URBAN." In Innsbruck, SUBJECT maintains contact with Dr. (fnu) RADANY, who also collaborates with URBAN. The Disposition Form states that URBAN, mentioned above, is undoubtedly identical with Josef Adolf URBAN, born 5 January 1897, a former Abwehr personality, neo-Nazi and peddler of false information and that SUBJECT is known to have been his mistress. Also, according to the Disposition Form (fnu) SERENYI, mentioned above, could be identical with Istvan SERENYI, Salzburg, Kuehnergasse 22.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS D. KELLY, S/A CIC 430th CIC Sub-Det "A" (S-2 E)	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT <i>Thomas D. Kelly</i>
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

1. SUBJECT is not known to Informants 3702, 3726-T, 3764 and 3777-T, or their sub-Sources, all of whom concern themselves with Hungarian personalities in the Salzburg area. (B-2)

2. On 23 November 1951, the files of IRO, Lehener Kaserne, Salzburg, contained no information concerning SUBJECT. (B-2)

3. It was established through various sources on 10 October 1951 that the "Wiener Modelle" also known as the "Iris" Shop, Salzburg, Franz Josefskai 9, a women's apparel shop, is owned and operated by one "Iris" SCHEIDLER, the wife of Arthur SCHEIDLER, a former Abwehr personality, who operates an auto parts import firm at the same address. (A-1)

4. According to information made available by the Salzburg police on 5 November 1951, SUBJECT is not registered as residing in Salzburg. Also, Josef Adolf URBAN, born 8 January 1907 is not registered in Salzburg. Iris SCHEIDLER nee JOCKA, born 14 November 1911, is Vienna, who operates a dressmaking establishment at Franz Josefskai 9, resides at Salzburg, Eichstrasse 42. Arthur SCHEIDLER, Iris' husband, also resides at Eichstrasse 42. A complete list of all occupants residing at Salzburg, Kuehberggasse 22 failed to disclose that one Istvan SERENYI is residing at that address. The above list did not disclose one Akosz SZABO (Agent's Note. See Par. 7 and File Check) to be residing at Kuehberggasse 22. The files do disclose one Jozsef SOLTRA, a Journalist, born 1 January 1911 (Agent's Note: Probably Jozsef SOLTRA) as residing at Kuehberggasse 22 (Agent's Note. See Par. 7 and File Check). Police information further disclosed that one Istvan SERENYI born 13 December 1917, Trencsenliz, Romania, who arrived in Salzburg during 1949, has resided at DP Camp Parsch since 21 November 1950. SERENYI is listed as an electrical technician. (Agent's Note: Arthur and Iris SCHEIDLER mentioned above are believed to be identical with Karl SEIFERT or SCHIFFER and Mrs. (fma) IRIS mentioned in reference Disposition Form.) (B-3)

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5. A telephone and letter intercept of the address and telephone of Iris SCHEIDLER was conducted for a period of sixty days during November and December 1951 and January 1952. This phase of the investigation failed to disclose any information that SCHEIDLER is connected with SUBJECT, Lieutenant SZABO (SABO), URBAN, SERENYI, or RADANY. Also, there was nothing established between SCHEIDLER and a "Heinz" or a "Herbert". The intercepts did confirm other information, previously obtained, that Arthur and Iris SCHEIDLER are engaged in the sale of women's apparel and the import of toys and auto parts into Austria.

6. The following information concerning Arthur and Iris SCHEIDLER, owners of the "Wiener Modelle", Salzburg, Franz Josefekai 9, was obtained from Informant 3791-T (Evaluation: "B"), who has known the family since 1945: (Information: 3)

Iris SCHEIDLER, divorced PRAXMARER nee JOOKL, married her present husband, Arthur SCHEIDLER during World War II, while he was an adjutant to General KALTENBRUNNER, Chief of the German SD for Austria. Her former husband, (fnu) PRAXMARER, was a well-known physician in Vienna and a member of the NSDAP. Arthur SCHEIDLER was taken prisoner at the end of World War II and held at Nuernburg, Germany until some time in 1948. He was a witness at the Nazis War Crimes trials. While Iris SCHEIDLER lived at Alt Gussee, she became acquainted with and gave information concerning Nazi Party members to several CIC personalities. Iris moved to Salzburg, Haunspergstrasse 54 and operated a concession at the OH Hotel. The indigenous manager of this US Officer's billete was one "Heinz" GRIMMS, a brother of Wilhelm "Willie" GRIMMS, a Communist journalist in Salzburg. "Willie" GRIMMS was known to have been an intelligence gatherer for the Communist Party and according to what Iris SCHEIDLER told Informant, he also furnished information to one Mr. (fnu) MELLON, 430th CIC. The go-between in the GRIMMS-MELLON complex was Iris SCHEIDLER. Informant does not know how Iris became acquainted with "Willie" GRIMMS except perhaps through his brother, "Heinz" GRIMMS, with whom she worked at the OH and with whom she was on very intimate terms. "Heinz" GRIMMS lost his job at the OH in 1948 or 1949, when he was sentenced

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by an Austrian Court to serve two years in prison for
blackmarket activities and forgery. After his release
(date unknown), Informant learned during a casual con-
versation with Iris that "Heinz" GRIMMS was employed by
IRO, Salzburg and that he is again involved in some
type of illegal activities. Informant does not believe
that Iris is in open relations with "Heinz" GRIMMS, be-
cause of the fear that her husband might become aware of
her activities while he was a War Crimes prisoner.
Whenever the subject of the GRIMMS brothers comes up,
Iris is usually more than anxious to change the con-
versation. Another personality with whom the SCHEIDLERS
are in close contact is "Herbert" (LNU) and his wife,
"Hilda". "Herbert" is a former SS member, who was a
subordinate of SCHEIDLER during World War II. He is an
Austrian citizen and about 38 years old. Hilda, about
35 years old, worked with Iris at the OH Hotel and later
worked for Iris when she opened the "Wiener Modelle"
on Franz Josefka during 1950. "Herbert" and "Hilda"
are not currently residing in Salzburg. He is employed
as a salesman for a tool and motor parts firm (name and
location unknown). Another personality with whom the
SCHEIDLERS were acquainted is Wilhelm "Willie" HOETTL,
a resident of Land Upper Austria who has been involved
in intelligence activities for the Americans. Until
1949 or perhaps 1950 the HOETTLs and the SCHEIDLERS
were close friends but according to Iris SCHEIDLER,
the two families have been on the "outs" for about two
years. According to Informant, the SCHEIDLERS, in
addition to managing the Wiener Modelle, are engaged
in importing toys and motor parts into Austria. Informant
could not elaborate on this import business. (Agent's
Note: Informant was questioned concerning other per-
sonalities mentioned in reference report and was not
able to give information concerning any connection
between Iris SCHEIDLER and SUBJECT, URBAN, SERENYI,
Lieutenant SZABO (SABO), RADANY or NEMETH.)

7. The following information concerning Istvan
SERENYI, born 13 December 1917, was submitted on 11
February 1952 by Informant 3702 (Evaluation: "B") who
received the information from various refugees in the
Salzburg area: (Information: 3)

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SERENYI, a journalist, came to Austria during 1949, prior to which time he had been imprisoned in Hungary for his journalistic activities during World War II. He was released and trained by KATPOL (Katona Politikai Osztaly - Military Political Department) and sent to Western Austria on a mission. SERENYI, with Karoly KARVALY, also a KATPOL Agent, turned themselves in to the Western authorities upon their arrival in Austria. It is not the general opinion among Hungarian DPs that SERENYI has had further contact with the HIS. On the contrary, SERENYI has joined an extreme right-wing organization consisting of former members of the Hungarian Nyilaskereszt (Arrow Cross Party), which is operating in Austria under the leadership of one former Hungarian General, Arpad HENNEY. SERENYI assumes a very active role in this organization and distributes the group's monthly bulletin, "Hidvertek", and other propaganda pamphlets. He is also employed by the US Army publication, Stars and Stripes, and operates the paper's delivery routes in Salzburg. SERENYI resides at Salzburg, Kuefberggasse 22, with one Joseph SOLTRA, an intelligence operative for an unknown intelligence group. Also residing at the same address and who is in close contact with SERENYI and SOLTRA is one Sandor HAHOTI, who uses the Munich published newspaper, Hungaria, as a cover for his intelligence activities and one Akos SZABO, an intelligence operative employed with one of the US intelligence organizations. (Agent's Note: Sandor HAHOTI has been under observation by Informant 3702 for a considerable period of time. Recent unconfirmed reports have mentioned HAHOTI as a person who is in nightly contact with Karoly FOELDES-PAPP, assistant chief of the Magyar Iroda (Hungarian Office) in Salzburg. Informant does not know SOLTRA but is aware of Akos SZABO's activities.)

8. According to the files at DP Camp Parsch and DP Camp Glaserbach, near Salzburg. Istvan SERENYI, mentioned above is not registered at either camp. (C-3)

FILE CHECK:

Other than reference Disposition Form the files of this Sub-Detachment contain no information concerning SUBJECT.

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AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 26 November 1951, (Ref. No. S-11924). Subject: "SZABO Akosz, Hungarian Refugee Residing in Salzburg", mentions Salzburg, Kuehberggasse 22 (stated in reference Disposition Form as the address of one Istvan SERENYI) as the address of one Akosz SZABO, a Hungarian refugee in the Salzburg area, who is engaged in a Hungarian resistance movement outside Hungary.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain the names of numerous personalities "SZABO", none of which can be identified as Lieutenant (fnu) SZABO mentioned in reference Disposition Form.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain information to the effect that one Istvan SERENYI, born 13 December 1917 at Trencsenteplic, Rumania was rejected for employment with USFA on 29 August 1949; no reason given. According to his statement upon application for employment he was a sport reporter and journalist since 1941. He left Hungary during 1948 and was interrogated by CIC, Linz, who sent him back to Hungary on a mission during July, 1948. He was arrested by the Hungarian Authorities during February 1949 and a short while later was sent to the "West" with instructions. (Agent's Note: SERENYI does not elaborate on the above "instructions" but rather states that he reported his activities to CIC upon his arrival in Salzburg.) According to the files SERENYI resided at DP Camp Glasenbach, near Salzburg.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 27 July 1949, (Ref. No. S-4929), Subject: "BAY Jozsef, Engineer, Radar Expert", mentions Istvan SERENYI, born 13 December 1917 in Trencin, CSR, as the sub-Source of information concerning a personality in Hungary desirous of escaping to the West.

An undated letter from an unknown person to CIC, Salzburg discloses that the wife of a former high ranking SD leader who worked with General KALTENBRUNNER is residing in Austria and owns 100,000 dollars in banknotes. The anonymous author asks CIC for a reward of 10 per cent to be deposited in Switzerland for his disclosure of the name, which he would accomplish if an agreement is reached. (Agent's Note: The letter does not disclose

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the name; however, a pencil note at the bottom of the letter, placed there by an unidentified CIC personality states that the woman mentioned above is Frau (fnu) SCHEIDLER, wife of (fnu) SCHEIDLER, KALTENERUNNER's Adjutant. The letter indicates that it may have been written shortly after World War II.)

Karoly KARVALY, born 28 March 1923 in Voerocsto, Hungary, probably identical to personality mentioned above, is mentioned as a possible HIS Agent in Austria. (Agent's Note: KARVALY immigrated to South America during the fall of 1951.)

Josef SOLTRA, born 1 January 1911, Visnye, Hungary, probably identical to personality mentioned above, was screened by MIS during the period 24 to 28 October 1949 as a Hungarian refugee. He was arrested by the British for lack of documents at Furstenfeld with one Victor MOLDOVAN, during August 1950, while both were engaged in one specific rat-line operation from Rumania via Hungary to Austria for CIC.

Sandor HAHOTI, born 12 April 1920 at Kapcsvar, Hungary, probably identical to personality mentioned above, is mentioned in numerous reports as a Hungarian personality who claimed, upon his arrival in Austria during 1949, that he had at his disposal a subversive organization composed of seven thousand men placed at strategic locations in Hungary which could be used as an intelligence network. He attempted, without results, to sell his plans to various US intelligence agencies. The files also contain information that HAHOTI has debriefed refugees stating that he was employed with the periodical, Hungaria, published in Munich.

General Arpađ HENNEY is mentioned in the files of this Sub-Detachment as the leader of the Hungarian Nyilas in Austria.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "C", dated 13 January 1950, (Ref. No. V-9710), Subject: "Possible False Information to be Sold to Allied Intelligence Agencies"; mentions one Josef URBAN as a member of a group of persons planning to draft a number of lengthy reports, containing false information to be submitted as "smoke" to Allied Intelligence Agencies.

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AGENT REPORT, CIC, Land Salzburg Detachment, dated 25 July 1945, (Ref. Case No. S-H-31, Subject: "Arthur REICHERT Kriminal Obersekretar, Kripo and Allgemeine SS Sturmcharfuhrer", mentions one Arthur SCHEIDLER as an SS Obersturmfuhrer and an Adjutant to General KALTENBRUNNER.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Upper Austria Section, dated 17 April 1947, (Ref. Case No. BI/3433, Subject: "SCHEIDLER Iris", contains the results of an interrogation of Iris SCHEIDLER nee JOCKL, born 14 November 1911 in Vienna, concerning an allegation to the effect that she utilized the funds of the Reichssicherheitsamt for her personal use and that several million Marks, foreign currency and gold, stored in Mrs. SCHEIDLER's apartment have now disappeared. The interrogation failed to show SCHEIDLER involved in the above allegation. Also, in the report it is brought out that Iris SCHEIDLER is an acquaintance of Willie HOETTL, probably identical to Wilhelm HOETTL, mentioned above.

Numerous other reports this Sub-Detachment mention Arthur SCHEIDLER, husband of Iris SCHEIDLER, as an SD leader, who was the Adjutant of General KALTENBRUNNER, head of the SD in Austria and the Balkans.

The files of this Sub-Detachment mention one Wolfgang GRIMMS, born 10 June 1914 in Vienna, a brother of Wilhelm GRIMMS, who is a KPOe member and an editor of the Salzburg Tagblatt, Communist sponsored newspaper. The files mention Wolfgang as a former employee of 538th Ordnance Tank Maintenance Unit, and the Oesterreichischer Hof, who served a jail sentence for blackmarketing of sugar. Wolfgang GRIMMS is believed to be identical with "Heinz" GRIMMS mentioned above.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain voluminous information identifying Wilhelm GRIMMS, mentioned above, as a KPOe member, a Salzburger Tagblatt editor, an opportunist informant of CIC, who has been of considerable concern to this Sub-Detachment.

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Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL is mentioned in numerous reports this Sub-Detachment as a personality residing in Land Upper Austria, who is involved in extensive intelligence activities for almost anyone who is willing to purchase his findings.

Monthly Situation Report, 1 August to 31 August 1950, from CIC, Sub-Detachment "B" to AC of S, G2, USFA, dated 31 August 1950, mentions one Josef URBAN, a former Obersturmbannfuhrer, as one of the best workers of Dr. Adolf SLAVIK, a leading figure in the Austrian National League.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "C", dated 3 October 1949, (Ref. SOI-V-8116), Subject: "Organization for False Information", mentions one Joszi URBAN as the Chief source of false information for a group of individuals engaged in supplying false information concerning KPOs and the Soviets to whomever will buy the information. URBAN is employed with a US intelligence Agency in EUCOM according to the report.

Josef URBAN, born 7 October 1901, a German National, last known address, Vienna, was dropped as an Informant by US Intelligence Agencies in the US Zone of Germany and Austria on 1 April 1950 for ineptitude.

Disposition Form, G2 Opns, dated 20 September 1950, Subject: "Milos SWOBODA", mentions one Josef Adolf URBAN (many aliases - none given) as an Intelligence personality in contact with one Milos SWOBODA, who has furnished information to numerous intelligence Agencies and who has been in contact with Wilhelm HOETTL.

Karoly FOELDES-PAPP is mentioned in the files of this Sub-Detachment as the assistant Chief of the Magyar Iroda (Hungarian Office) in Salzburg and who, prior to obtaining the above position, wrote two compromising letters to Hungary and who had certain papers brought from Hungary through Italian Diplomatic Channels. He was a protestant church leader in Hungary prior to his coming to Austria during 1951.

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AGENT'S NOTES:

Up to this time, the Undersigned has not been able to locate SUBJECT without questioning the SCHEIDLERS or other personalities who may be involved. Informant 3791-T has been instructed to keep in contact with Iris SCHEIDLER to identify, if possible, other personalities mentioned in reference Disposition Form and to obtain any other information which may "shed" light on the alleged HIS activities. Also an attempt to definitely locate Istvan SERENYI and establish the extent of his activities for future questioning is in progress. It has not as yet been fully established whether or not Istvan SERENYI, mentioned above, is identical with (fnu) SERENYI referred to in reference Disposition Form. The investigation of the activities alleged in reference report is continuing, and it is hoped all persons can be identified without directly questioning anyone concerned until the proper time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It would appear from the report attached to reference Disposition Form and from investigation so far concluded, that the Source of the information was not too well informed or he could have better identified "Mrs. Iris", the wife of "Karl SEIFERT or SCHIFFER". Also, the above report is dated April 1951 and it is possible that the Source may have developed or learned further information, therefore, it is recommended that either the Source be recontacted to furnish more information or that he be made available to the Agent charged with conducting the investigation.

Also, reference Disposition Form states that URBAN, mentioned in attached report, is undoubtedly identical with Josef Adolf URBAN, born 8 January 1897, former Abwehr personality, neo-Nazi and peddler of false information. SUBJECT is known to have been his mistress. From the above statements, it would appear that the office of origin of reference Disposition Form is in possession

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430th CIC Sub-Det "A" (Salz)

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BANYAS, Tilda
Alleged HIS Personality in Salzburg:

CIC Salzburg
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of information concerning SUBJECT and URBAN that is not in the files of this Sub-Detachment. Therefore, it is recommended that information which may be known concerning SUBJECT and URBAN be forwarded to assist in further investigation.

APPROVED:

JAMES E. MILLER
Major, MPC
Commanding

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Entry: Hoettl

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DETACHMENT 35

XOD-73

18 March 1952


SUBJECT: BREMEN - Dr. Georg GYSSLING and Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

TO: Files

1. Attached hereto is OCG intercept L/P 25161, which reproduces the contents of a letter from HOETTL to Dr. Georg GYSSLING, now resident at Bad Reichenhall, Rosingstalg 1. From the letter it is possible to deduce that HOETTL and GYSSLING have known each other for some time and that they are collaborating in an attempt to get control of the SD money which according to HOETTL's statement to 201 on 16 January 1952 is controlled by Ferdinand BARSBER, a former SS personality now resident in Mallorca.

2. Dr. Georg GYSSLING was German Consul General in Los Angeles during the Nazi period and was exchanged after the outbreak of war between Germany and the United States. During the war he worked in the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin. He lives at the present time with his mistress, Maria KLIMM, on whom considerable material is available and has social connections with a number of persons in Salzburg and Oberbayern who have contact with Americans. His daughter, Angelica Maria, is an American citizen born to his American wife from whom he is now divorced. From 3 July 1950 to 7 March 1952, Angela GYSSLING was employed as a stenographer by 7669 HIS Detachment, working especially in the translation section which functions under Detachment 35. In this capacity she was used operationally in Elko/1 and typed the stencils of the questionnaires sent out ostensibly from the Nibelungenverlag. On 8 March 1952 she was secretly married to Lt Colonel Lawrence McNALLY, who has just finished an assignment with USFA Air Section (Intelligence) and is now on his way with his bride to an assignment in the US. It is known that on 9 March 1952 Angela and McNALLY called on Georg GYSSLING and announced their marriage; they conversed for about a half hour and then departed on their honeymoon. Angela always maintained that she did not get along well with her father, and Georg has always expressed a certain hostility toward her. It may be relevant to note that during the war Angela lived in the Salzkammergut apart from her father and there is no evidence that her version of relations between herself and her father is incorrect. The danger nevertheless exists that GYSSLING may somehow learn from his daughter the truth of Elko/1 and will pass the information on to HOETTL.

3. Following is information on Angelica Maria GYSSLING which was taken from a Form 57 accomplished 26 October 1949:



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4. A statement by Angela GYSSLING enclosed in her Form 57 indicates that at the time of her birth her father was vice-consul in New York City and that he was transferred to Los Angeles as Consul in 1933. After receiving her passport in 1947, she was repatriated to the US, where she landed on 27 April 1947.

5. Files of the Austrian police contain considerable information on Maria KLEINE nee SPRENGEL widowed ZSIDLER, born 1 June 1905 in Potsdam. Her first husband, Dr. Gerhard ZSIDLER, whose personal records have been lost but who was a resident of Lodin bei Beckeritz in Mecklenburg, was shot to death under mysterious circumstances on 30 May 1950 in Lodin. His wife was present at the death and apparently because of family influence the circumstances were never investigated. ZSIDLER's death certificate does not show cause of death, but Maria stated to the Austrian police in 1950 that he had committed suicide. The Austrian police attempted in 1950 to learn from the East German police more concerning the affair, but were unsuccessful. Maria KLEINE's second husband, Werner KLEINE, born 6 October 1907 in Lippstadt, Westphalen, was shot to death at Ruine Wildenstein near Bad Ischl on 1 October 1946 while walking in company with his father. Austrian police investigation established that Maria KLEINE was in Salzburg, where she resided at Muenchsberg 18 at the time of the murder. The murderer was never identified. The Austrian police reports raise some suspicion against a certain man with a doctorate residing in Maxglan who was alleged to be in possibly intimate contact with Maria, but this man was never identified by name and the investigation was inconclusive. Maria KLEINE has told friends that her first friend was a medical doctor who operated a sanitarium in Silesia and that her second husband was a construction engineer who had much to do with the building of the Autobahn. Her present friends in Reichenhall and Salzburg include a number of upper-class Silesians.

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March 20, 1952 (P/23656)

SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

Time : March 1952
Received: March 20, 1952

RR 1

1. Reference is made to report, same subject, dated March 4, 1952 (P/23612).
2. Apparently the battle started by Erich KERNMAYR against Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL has found further followers.

Mrs. Liesl MAITENBRUNNER (probably of Linz), wife of a
Nuremberg-executed former chief of Sicherheitshauptamt
Dr. Ernst MAITENBRUNNER informs her friends that when last
seeing her husband, he advised her to approach Dr. HÖTTL for
help. When she did so, HÖTTL was evasive and did not give her
any support. According to her further statement, HÖTTL also
endeavored, using Dr. Emil TONDEL as intermediary, to receive
a valuable stamp collection (former property of her husband's)
from her, pretending that he would sell it. She, however,
declined. She further alleges that HÖTTL without doubt had
large large sums of AL EMBLACHER's and former SD accounts in
Switzerland. Branding HÖTTL a 'criminal' Frau Liesl MAITENBRUNNER
predicts HÖTTL's scandalous ending in the near future.

3. Erich KERNMAYR informed RR 1 that he some time ago had been
interrogated by CIC (probably unident. subdetachment) on HÖTTL,
and that he has been asked for HÖTTL's collaborators during the
time of his intelligence work for the US. KERNMAYR claims that
he has declined giving such information and that he did refer
respective interrogators to HÖTTL directly. KERNMAYR alleges
that during such conversation he found out that HÖTTL was
suspected of direct and indirect collaboration with Soviet
intelligence (he claims not to know, whether such concerns Dr.
Ludwig JEDLIČKA or other persons). HÖTTL, according to KERNMAYR,
had personally guaranteed the reliability of his then collabo-
rators.

KERNMAYR further spreads the information that HÖTTL during
his activity received 3,000 dollars monthly from the US and
that his intermediary to US intelligence at such time was Lt. Col.
LUCID (then of Linz), who has since fallen in disgrace and
had been released from intelligence affairs because of

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'düsterer Geldgeschichten' (shady money affairs).

Comment: The battue against Dr. H. TIL has a very noticeable personal background. KERNMAYR's statement regarding 'Lieutenant Colonel LUCID' is completely off the track, nevertheless it will be believed by a good number of his brown-pink playboys and will thereby not only damage Mr. LUCID's reputation personally, but that of the United States.

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Mr. Simon Dipl.-Ing.,
3 Pacherstrasse
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SUBJECT: HOSTILE

(Special request of Det.35)

Reader writer to editor:

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Best regards, also to your wife,

yours

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P.S. The protocol, of which a copy is attached, was written by an SS-Obersturmbannführer who has been in prison. His name is known to me.

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Chief [] Frankfurt
Attn: [] PGB
Chief [] Vienna

16 May 1952

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Mr. Wilhelm HBTTL

Attached is a copy of a report by () on a request by
Willi HBTTL to () for assistance in con-
verting Deutsche Marks to Austrian Schillings. () had
previously handed you a preliminary memorandum on this subject.

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1-Fran
2-Wash
2-Vien 2/ 1 attach
2-Salg ✓

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HOETTL, Dr.
Wilhelm

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1 Feb 53

Name: HOETTL, Dr.
Vorname: (First name) Wilhelm
Deckname: (Alias) Walter Hagen

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Geburtsdatum: (date of birth) 19 Mar 1915

Geburtsort: (Place of birth) Vienna

Letzter Wohnort: (last residence) Alt-Aussee 69
district Gmunden
Upper Austria

Begründung d.
Unzuverlässigkeit:
(Reason for unreliability)

For some time known in the Federal Republic
and Austria to be an information swindler.
His reports comprise facts as well as lies
and false information.

Vorgänge bei: (Information at) []

Aufgenommen in Warnliste:
(Place on the Warning List) 1 Feb 53

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Informal mem from POB

*file with Hoettl
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24 March 1953

SUBJECT: HOETTL

U/M met HOETTL last Sunday (22 March) in SALZBURG, at Willi's request, and learned that HOETTL had just returned from a visit to INNSBRUCK, where, according to Willi, he visited LAHOUSEN and FECHNER. U/M states he makes it a principle not to question HOETTL, and therefore did not know exactly when HOETTL had been there, but believed HOETTL had visited LAHOUSEN concerning the current publication of "Die Unsichtbare Front" in Die Stern (the latest effort of Juergen Thorwald).

U/M also learned that OSTER had visited HOETTL in ALT AUSEE sometime in the recent past, in response to the letters HOETTL wrote to Amt BLANK. From the disparaging way in which HOETTL spoke about OSTER, U/M surmises that OSTER told HOETTL the Blank Office would not consider any further dealings with him.

HOETTL briefed U/M in detail regarding his statements to S/A RINGER, and, as expected, informed U/M that he (HOETTL) was now again persona grata with US intelligence authorities.

U/M assured me he had most explicitly informed HOETTL that the German Organization would not accept him, at least at this time (U/M states he flattered HOETTL by giving as a reason the legend that HOETTL is politically too big a figure at the moment --meaning the object of too much concern in intelligence circles -- to be considered now.)

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Sender writes to acquit intance:

Thanks for the letter, and since the matter is of great importance to you I will answer you at once. Of course, I want to see also all to clear up this insidious slander of Dr. HANSEN once and for good and I think I am in a position to do so because I am one of the few people alive who knows the true reasons why the incriminating material against Marshall TUCHATSCHEWSKI was handed over to the Russians. The man who effected that with HAYBRICH, by direct order from HITLER, i.e. the former SS-Gruppenfuehrer Hermann HUBER, executed in Belgrade in 1946, told me all details already during war. HAYBRICH's successor, Dr. [unclear], also got informed by HUBER about this scheme, but so confidentially, and told me of it, too. At that time I was employed at the German Foreign News Service in the job of a so-called "Daily Historian". In this capacity I was able to get information about incidents which normally I would never have heard from. Therefore I believe, I will be able to help you to tear apart this web of lies.... For this purpose I could need HANSEN's book of which I know only excerpts. If no German edition exists I must be furnished these parts in it concerning the TUCHATSCHEWSKI matter in German so I may state my attitude point by point. I have sent my book to you by Miss FRAHNE in the meantime and you will see from it what statements I can make in this matter, maybe still more and interesting things, as written under the TUCHATSCHEWSKI chapter therein. Even persons, like CHURCHILL, commented highly on my book, which has stopped any actions by certain emigrant circles no matter how disagreeable some of the chapters of my book are for them. Give my best regards to Ambassador Dr. ALTENBURG especially important mail send via Miss FRAHNE as heretofore.

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FREEDOM - Considerations re Arrest or Temporary Detention of Willi HOETTL

Lt Col V. W. Hobson
G2 Opns

Everett O'Neal

18 Mar 53

1. Per our conversations over the course of the last few days, we are presenting herewith a summary of our views on the proposed short-term arrest or detention of Willi HOETTL. As you have been advised this organization will make available for the interrogation of Subject Mr. William Johnson, who is well acquainted with Subject's machinations and connections. We do, however, believe that Subject should be placed under restraint for at least a 48 hour period, if not for a somewhat longer period, because:

a. Subject is a skilled, former German intelligence operator who has been in contact with various allied agencies in Austria since the war, primarily in a more or less successful attempt to peddle spurious information. This well known fabricator is very adept at lying and evasion and we deem it very unlikely that a "straight story" will be obtained from him by a friendly, uncontrolled interrogation (polite questioning). We have the distinct impression that Subject did not tell all he knows, or the entire truth about what he did tell in the 8 Mar 53 interrogation (S-16996). His story of his relations with TIB is a case in point:

- (1) Subject is not employed by TIB, according to statement of top indigenous officials.
- (2) Regarding Subject's connections with TIB, TIB maintains connections to HOETTL only as a counter intelligence measure in order to keep some track of his activities. It is definitely not through BORN as claimed by HOETTL.

b. An evaluation of the records of the FREEDOM case, plus information which has recently come to light regarding the activities of Subject and PONGER relative to TIB give good reason to believe that it is possible that Subject has acted as a witting agent of PONGER. We cite:

- (1) Kurt PONGER's efforts to return HOETTL to the good graces of CIC through Peter MILLER.
- (2) Kurt PONGER's attempts to secure employment for HOETTL with TIB.
- (3) It is strongly suspected that HOETTL attempted to use his connections with former German intelligence officers to assist PONGER in establishing contacts with officials connected with TIB, BVF and the German Police agency.

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c. Subject has information in his possession which constitutes a possible security threat to USFA and also possibly OARSUR:

- (1) Subject has extensive records of his correspondence with CIC during the period when he was employed by them. These records could constitute a source of embarrassment to the Command and should be retrieved. It is extremely unlikely that Subject will volunteer their return unless some slight show of pressure is made.
- (2) Subject has knowledge of the personnel and activities of TTB which could be embarrassing to US authorities.
- (3) It is also deemed highly possible that Subject has in his possession documents of the former German intelligence service which should rightfully have been turned over to US authorities at the end of WW II.

2. Recommendations for Handling. There is admittedly some danger that Subject will attempt to give unfavorable publicity to US Forces because of his arrest. This we think could be minimized by careful consideration and by firm handling of Subject. There should be no question in Subject's mind that he is under restraint but at the same time the conditions under which he is restrained should be good. Another point which should deter him from publicizing his arrest and which can be pointed out to him during the interrogation itself, is that any publicity would quite likely redound to his discredit because:

a. Either he has worked wittingly for a Soviet agent which would finish his intelligence peddling career in the West, or

b. He has been taken in by a Soviet agent which we do not believe the fox old fabricator would ever like to admit.

In case Subject does publicize his arrest, it is believed that USFA should simply put out a statement that Subject was called in for questioning on the PONGER/VERBIR case. However, it is deemed unlikely that Subject will wish to publicize his detention and probably an agreement can be reached whereby neither side will publicize this particular aspect of the case.

Everett O'Neal

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Attention: []
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Willi Hoettl's Address Book

Ref: ()

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9 April 1953

Chief [] Vienna
Attention: []
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Debriefing of Wilhelm Hoettl

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1. Attached in one copy only is German transcript of the second hour of Hoettl's interrogation in the German language. As you have been advised, G-2 is not going to process the rest of the tapes on this recording with the exception of the period when Frank Bierick reviewed with Hoettl the [] context. G-2 requested that you return the attached along with the transcripts given you of the first hour of interrogation. Col. Leixen is pressing us for return of the third party letters which made reference to the Hoettl/Ponger relations which were taken to Vienna by [] and the homework done by Hoettl to which a letter to Baron Mast was appended.

2. A further development in the Hoettl case has come to light. One Rafael Hualla, a reporter in Linz and a casual informant of CIC, has indicated to CIC Linz (S/A Brill) that one Tongel, fnu, a former partner of Hoettl in the Hibelungen Verlag did furnish information on Hoettl. Tongel allegedly has a residence in Alt Aussee and works from Monday until Thursday weekly at the Vienna Slaughter House St Marx (sic). CIC intends to follow up this lead. We told them we had no objection.

3. Another lead furnished by Hualla is that one Dr. Wuehrer, a former associate of Hoettl in the SS, has accused Hoettl of working with the KPOs. Wuehrer is currently the manager of the Linz coal firm PABISCH.

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Lina
Tel: 29 02 10

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Wien
Tel: 8 3 10 12

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(Special request of CIC).

1) That time he tried to take up connections to HHO. He always had a two-front policy. When things got hot, he withdrew to Huala's staff in Alt Aussee, from where he contacted HHO. He got arrested when the Americans marched in, and then came to Nurnberg. In Nurnberg he attacked the Americans severely. His living standard was high in Alt Aussee, where he stayed at Huala's villa. He had married 23 years in Nurnberg and when he returned to Alt Aussee the Austrian authorities wanted to arrest him on the strength of the US law since he had been a high-ranking SS officer, but he never was picked up. Huala was the real initiator of the discussions in Nurnberg, leaving her close contacts to Erich Kuchel who also was present in Nurnberg, later a German separatist newspaper. As you'll know, Erich Kuchel established the Nurnberger publishing house in Linz. The present proprietors are related to his wife. The publishing house is in financial difficulties. The following also happened: Erich Kuchel was also an inmate of Mauthausen but the Nazis there didn't associate with him on account of his attitude in Nurnberg, although he asserted, he had acted under pressure and still was an ardent Nazi. After his release from Mauthausen and his return to Alt Aussee the people there noticed that he still was living as before his arrest. He even managed to get opened a private high school there to have his son attend it. Provided you know the story of Karl Kuchel's gold depot, people still say in Alt Aussee that Erich Kuchel had a lot to do with it, because his high living standard makes it reasonable to believe he has a secret hiding place of valuables during that time. Some circles even assert it is suspected he is receiving money from the Russians, too, before his arrest he was living extremely expensively.

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Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL--
Intelligence Activity and Connections.
A Follow-up Report on the Alleged
Mountain Shoe Manufacturer, Alois RENNER. #/

Concerning the official report from here dated 7 May 1953, []

With the report of 15 September 53 the office #720 reports the following concerning the alleged mountain shoe manufacturer, Alois RENNER:

"Alois GAISWINKLER, born 13 January 1922, in Altaussee, Bezirk Liezen, illegitimate son of Maria GAISWINKLER, apprentice cobbler, Roman Catholic, married, wife Helga nee BEITLICH, provider for wife and one child, resident of Altaussee 69. Bezirk Liezen, has been previously sentenced as follows:

1. 10 RM or 24 hours, in Bad Aussee.
2. In Leoben 4 months arrest.

Content: In the Aussee area there is no mountain shoe manufacturer named Alois RENNER. There is a cobbler apprentice, Alois GAISWINKLER, who is called Lois RENNER because his stepfather had the common name "RENNER". would have been correctly named RENNER ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Johann AMON. He died in 1952. He was only a small cobbler and did not even practice his trade any longer in his last years.

GAISWINKLER is known as a wild one, is seldom among other people, and one usually meets him alone. Outside of this he is an industrious worker and has a good reputation. It is known that he is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ connected with Dr. HOETTL who was also a witness at his wedding. It couldn't be ascertained if or to which party GAISWINKLER belongs. It is presumed that he is a left socialist. GAISWINKLER didn't return home until after the war. No one knows whether he deserted or not. He is not related to the former Nationalrat GAISWINKLER and has nothing to do with him."

There are no other official traces here.

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT HOETTL, Wilhelm Contact: Theodor von Albert and Rudiger Lippman Land Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria	2. DATE SUBMITTED 7 April 1953 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. HO-01766 S-17322 RER/mdf
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 1 April 1953 this Agent interviewed Theodor von Albert in the German language at his residence Neufanggasse 3, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria concerning his contact with WILHELM HOETTL, well-known intelligence operative, and received the following information:

a. Albert, born 9 October 1922 in Planegg, Bavaria, Germany, Austrian citizen, is a newspaper man by profession. Albert first met SUBJECT in March or April 1952. At that time SUBJECT appeared in Albert's apartment, introduced himself, and stated that someone had given him Albert's name as a possible source of information concerning the publication Interreport Ost in Vienna, Austria, with which Albert had been connected until January 1951.

b. During subsequent meetings between Albert and SUBJECT, the latter asked if Albert could provide him with background material on Yugoslavia since SUBJECT was allegedly working at that time on a new book dealing with World War II intelligence matters in the Balkan countries. During one of these conversations, HOETTL disclosed to Albert that he had excellent contacts with Allan Dulles, the US representative in Switzerland during World War II, and Colonel Bill Donovan, a member of the OSS. SUBJECT further stated that he was entrusted to work for a West German intelligence service and that his specific field of activities was to gather political and economic information about the Southeastern European countries. He asked Albert if he would like to help him in that endeavor. Albert agreed because SUBJECT promised him that he would assist Albert to establish connections with West German newspapers where Albert could publish his newspaper articles.

c. At the beginning of their contact, SUBJECT often came to Salzburg and obtained verbal information from Albert. Later, the information was submitted in written reports which were forwarded to SUBJECT via one Baron Heinrich Mast, Linz, Land Upper Austria. On one of his later visits, SUBJECT disclosed to Albert that he was the Austrian representative of the so called "Amt Blank" (office Blank), an intelligence organization sponsored by the Bonn government in Germany. SUBJECT also stated at that time that Mast was his deputy.

d. Albert stated that he obtained the information which he submitted to SUBJECT from various local East German refugees, newspaper analysis and from confidential sources, whose identity Albert could not disclose at the present time. Albert also occasionally traded information with one Josef Angerer, a local Austrian state Police official. Albert added that he must inform his superiors in the "Amt Blank" about his interview with this Agent and that on the same time he (Albert) would

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT ROLF E. BINGER, S/A GIC 45001 GIC Sub-Div 2 (Salzburg)	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT [Signature] 00051 200
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ask permission to disclose his sources to the Americans. For the information submitted to SUBJECT, Albert received a monthly payment of approximately 1500 schillings, expenses included.

e. In the fall of 1952, Albert was contacted by two members of the "Amt Blank" Intelligence Service in Munich, Germany, one Schulz, first name unknown; and one Merk (or Mark), first name unknown. They told him that SUBJECT had been eliminated from the "Amt Blank" and that Albert could continue to work for the above-mentioned intelligence organization or stay with SUBJECT. Since Albert, in the meantime, had received information to the effect that SUBJECT was extremely unreliable and was forwarding information which Albert submitted to SUBJECT to various other agencies including the Austrian State Police and the Austrian Ministry of Interior, he decided to accept the offer to continue his activities for the "Amt Blank" intelligence service.

f. Albert claimed that even after officially discontinuing his contact with SUBJECT, he still corresponded with him because he was interested in finding out more about SUBJECT's activities. By doing so he also fulfilled a request of the "Amt Blank", which was desirous of obtaining information about SUBJECT's activities.

g. Concerning SUBJECT's activities, Albert stated that, according to his information, SUBJECT had been in contact with the "Amt Blank" since the end of 1951. He was removed from that organization in October 1952, allegedly at the request of the Americans. Upon dismissal, SUBJECT received an unknown sum of money as final payment. SUBJECT and his friend, Mast, who also was eliminated from the above-mentioned intelligence organization, then started a "revenge campaign" against the "Amt Blank" and its individual members and denounced them to various other intelligence agencies, to Austrian Police agencies, and to the so called "Amt Gehlen" (Office Gehlen), a West German intelligence organization, which was allegedly sponsored by the Americans. During that period, SUBJECT wrote letters to Albert telling him that pretty soon he would be in the "driver's seat" again because of his connections to the previously mentioned American intelligence personalities. According to rumors, SUBJECT allegedly has contact with a Swiss intelligence agency and also with the French intelligence. SUBJECT has also attempted to gain employment in the Gehlen intelligence service and allegedly SUBJECT has established contact with the Gehlen intelligence service. It is rumored, however, that the Gehlen Service has maintained contact with SUBJECT only in order to obtain information concerning the latter's activities.

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h. When asked about his knowledge concerning the relations between Kurt Ponger and SUBJECT, Albert stated that at the end of August 1952 Angerer showed Albert a report from the Austrian Ministry of the Interior in which the name of Kurt Ponger was mentioned in connection with an alleged Communist newspaper group, and asked Albert if he could furnish any information concerning the matter. Albert then, as a matter of routine, asked SUBJECT if he knew anything about the persons mentioned in the above cited report, among them Kurt Ponger. SUBJECT answered that he knew about Ponger; that he was very much interested in knowing about any other information the Austrian State Police might have about that person; and that upon receipt of that information, he (SUBJECT) would be in a position to provide additional information. Albert then again contacted Angerer and told him that if he (Albert) could obtain more information concerning Ponger from the State Police, SUBJECT could possibly obtain additional information concerning the matter. During the following weeks SUBJECT, on several occasions, asked Albert if he had obtained the desired information from the State Police. After several weeks Albert received the requested information concerning Ponger from the State Police. When Albert gave SUBJECT the information, the latter mentioned that he had known Ponger from the time that he (SUBJECT) was imprisoned in the War Crimes Prison in Nuremberg, Germany, where Ponger functioned as an interrogator. SUBJECT then gave Albert verbal information concerning Ponger, which included a statement that in his (SUBJECT's) opinion, Ponger did not have any contacts with the Soviets. Some time later SUBJECT disclosed to Albert that he was in business contact with Ponger and his partners, Otto Verber and Walter Lauber, and that the Central European Press and Literary Agency in Vienna, which was managed by Ponger, provided picture material for SUBJECT's book and his numerous newspaper articles. Aside from the above cited occasions, SUBJECT never mentioned Ponger, Verber or Lauber again to Albert, with the exception of a letter from HOETTL sent to Albert, dated 16 January 1953, in which SUBJECT stated that in regard to the Ponger-Verber espionage case, he knew the people and that it seemed impossible to him that they were suspected of being Soviet agents. He further mentioned that if Angerer had any specific questions to ask him about Ponger or Verber, SUBJECT would gladly be at his disposal, but that he would prefer that his name not be mentioned, since he did not want to be known as an acquaintance of these people. SUBJECT finally mentioned that he trusted Ponger and Verber and that he could not believe former OSS officers were Soviet spies.

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Agent's Notes: On 3 April 1953, the files of 430th CIC Sub-Detachment A

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were examined by this Agent concerning the personalities and organizations mentioned in this report, and were found to contain the following information:

The Interreport Ost is mentioned in numerous reports as a publication printed in Vienna, which serves as a cover for the collection of intelligence information destined for the French and Austrian Intelligence Service.

The Central European Press and Literary Agency, Vienna, is listed as an enterprise managed by Kurt Ponger.

Kurt Ponger, Walter Lauber, and Otto Verber are mentioned as US citizens who were arrested by US authorities in Vienna in January 1953. Ponger and Verber were charged with espionage on behalf of the Soviets.

Heinrich von Mast, born 26 August 1897, is listed as a TIB employee as of 30 August 1949.

Theodor von Albert, born 9 October 1922, residing on Weifanggasse, Salzburg, is mentioned in numerous reports as a former collaborator of Armand Felner in the publication, Interreport Ost.

Attention is invited to the fact that during a previous interrogation by this Agent, HOETTL had stated that he had been questioned concerning Ponger by Mast on behalf of the Austrian State Police, and not by Albert, as mentioned in this report.

When this Agent first contacted Albert, he immediately stated that he knew that this Agent would question him concerning HOETTL. When asked to state the reasons for his assumption, Albert stated that on 26 March 1953, he had been informed by his "superiors" in the Amt Blank Intelligence organization that HOETTL had been apprehended by CIC.

On 1 April 1953, this Agent interviewed Rudiger Lipman in the German language in the CIC offices at 5 Hellbrunnerstrasse, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, concerning his contact with Willi HOETTL, well-known

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intelligence operative, and received the following information:

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a. Lippman, born 9 January 1929 in Buenauburg, near Tetschen-Bodenbach, Bohemia, CSR, attended elementary school and high school from 1935 to 1944 in Tetschen-Bodenbach, CSR. In January 1945, the school was closed and Lippman was forced to discontinue his studies. In 1946, Lippman took his final high school examination in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, which enabled him to attend the Commercial Academy in Salzburg from 1947 to 1951. Lippman stated that he had been employed as follows:

- Sep 1946-Oct 1946: Firm Fritzer, Bad Reichenhall, Germany
- Jan 1947-Aug 1947: Firm Josef Schwarz' Sohn, Freilassing, Germany
- Sep 1951 to present date: USFA Quartermaster, Camp Truscott

b. In 1948, one Drasko Vidio, a Yugoslav currently residing in the United States, gave Lippman a letter to mail to one Elisabeth Franke, Runfortstrasse 49, Munich, Germany. Subsequently, Lippman became acquainted with Franke, who told him that during World War II she had been employed as a secretary by SUBJECT. She told Lippman that SUBJECT was engaged in writing books, including Die Geheime Front (The Secret Front), and that she was sending SUBJECT articles and material for these books.

c. SUBJECT of the Nibelungen Verlag, a publishing company in Linz, Land Upper Austria, sent approximately two letters every month to Lippman's address in Salzburg, c/o Martin Lang (Lippman's uncle), Franz Josefstrasse 35, Salzburg. The envelopes contained letters, which Lippman carried across the Austro-German border and mailed in Germany. Lippman remembered mailing letters to the following persons and companies:

- Dr. Rolf, first name unknown, or Dr. Roeder, first name unknown, Ruedigerstrasse, Munich, Germany
- Hjalmar Schaht, Jr, Munich, Germany
- Minister Lukeschek, first name unknown, Bundeshaus, Bonn, Germany
- General Westphal, first name unknown, Ruhr district, Germany
- Charlottsche Buchhandlung, address unknown
- Various bookstores throughout Germany, addresses unknown

d. Lippman stated that he met SUBJECT three or four times at the Hotel zum Hirschen, Salzburg, but could not remember the dates, and that he visited SUBJECT in August 1951 and June 1952 at latter's home in Alt

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Aussee, Land Styria, Austria. SUBJECT made arrangements for the Nibelungen Verlag to pay Lippman fifty schillings per month and postal expenses for mailing the above-mentioned letters from Germany, while Lippman was attending school in Salzburg. SUBJECT also promised Lippman help in obtaining employment upon his graduation from the Commercial Academy. On 24 March 1953, Lippman received the last letter from SUBJECT, which he mailed in Germany.

e. When asked about SUBJECT's acquaintances, Lippman stated that when he was attending school in Salzburg, he told SUBJECT that he needed a certain book of philosophy for his studies, and SUBJECT recommended that Lippman should contact Dr. Anton Boehm, a lawyer in Salzburg, one of SUBJECT's friends. Sometime in 1952, Lippman was notified by SUBJECT that a man would meet Lippman in Manusplatz, Salzburg, and give him something to mail. Lippman met this person, who introduced himself as Baron Harry Mast, and introduced his companion as Albert, first name unknown to Lippman. Albert asked Lippman to mail letters for him to his sister in Germany, to which Lippman consented. Since that time, Lippman has frequently taken letters over the border for Albert and mailed the letters in Germany. Lippman stated that most of the letters were addressed to Dusa Kazimir, address unknown, Karlsruhe, Germany.

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Agent's Notes: On 3 April 1953, the files of 430th CIC Sub-Detachment A were examined by this Agent concerning the personalities and firms mentioned in this report, and were found to contain the following information:

Drasco Vidic, born 12 May 1921, is listed as a former Informant of 430th CIC Sub-Detachment A, who was dropped without prejudice on 20 February 1950.

Anton Boehm, residing at Neutorstrasse 192, Salzburg, is listed as a TIB employee as of 7 September 1949.

On 3 April 1953, the files of 450th CIC Sub-Detachment A were examined by this Agent concerning SUBJECT and were found to contain the following information:

Wilhelm HOETTL, born 19 March 1915 in Vienna, residing at Alt Aussee 70, Land Styria, Austria, is mentioned in numerous reports.

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as a former CIC Informant, who was dropped on 1 December 1949. HOETTL is also mentioned in numerous reports as an intelligence operative employed by various intelligence agencies.

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15 May 1953

From: EDER Lois
13 Losensteinerstrasse
Linz

To: RUEHLER Hans Dr.
35 a Beethovenstrasse
Frankfurt/Main/Germany

Date of Communication: 17 March 1953

German

INFORMATION: HOETTL

Sender writes to acquaintance:

I can notify you that my article "Furchtlose Stimmen" was unanimously banned by the Allied Council in Vienna. Consequently we have to continue working in some other form which has been already arranged. The initiator of the ban, submitted by the French is the former SD Obersturmbannfuehrer Dr. HOETTL who has some voice with the French.

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From: HOEYTL Wilhelm Dr.
Alt-Aussee
Stmk.

TO: FRANKE Elisabeth
Telegraphenam
postlagernd
Muenchen/Germany

Date of communication: 18 March 1953

Sender writes to acquaintance:

I have received your letter of 12 March and also the in it announced "thick" letter, if you meant Von LUTZ.
Your belongings deposited at the freight hauler will be taken over by MAND. I have already sent Edith the necessary authorization of power of my mother in law so the action can start. MAND will bring you personally as much as possible, respectively have it sent to you by direct freighting, and lend you all the money which he'll balance with you later. I'll call up the Slovak in Salzburg; I have found his telephone number. The letter for DRASKO I'll send you for your information and for forwarding it. I am sceptical about the arrangement. The man he named, Prof. DOBRETZBERGER, was the organizer of the KP list for the elections here and is absolutely a Russian follower. And what can be said of NIEMOLLER you'll know yourself. On principle the entire matter may not be so bad but if started with such wrong persons it is doomed to end a failure. I am prepared to lend my counsel but I must know that it is an anti-Communist matter for sure. Closer information gives you my letter.
Concerning the Ukrainian matter we'll act as already described. It isn't so pressing any longer but I request a comprehensive report about the fight of Ukrainians against the Russians. I'll let you have my detailed program yet. I won't be able to write the last chapters of the second book till summer therefore it suffices if I get material by May or June. Until then I can discuss the entire matter with the gentlemen personally.
Did you arrange to have me send the newspaper "Bruecke zum Westen"? It interests me very much and I'll write SCHEINER to get me all past and future copies. Have you contact to SCHEINER? May I ask in this connection whether you called up the telephone number HERSHEL gave to KOFO? That would be of interest. Thanks for settling the KAI matter. I'll meet Rolf on Saturday and send the loan. Give my thanks to KAI, too.

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1) WOISETSCHLAEGER, Mr.
c/o Nibelungenverlag
Linz
Tel: # unknown

2) EDER, Mr.
13 Losensteinerstrasse
Linz
Tel: # 258419

Date of Communication: 21 April 1953

Observation started: 16:23

Total time: 3¹

German

INFORMATION: EDER

- 1) Could you take for me a manuscript along to Germany? Which places will you visit on your trips?
- 2) Duesseldorf, Frankfurt, Bonn and Wiesbaden.
- 1) I had considered Stuttgart, because publishers meet there.
- 2) I'll come to see you.
- 1) Alright.

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1) EDER, Mr.
13 Lousensteinerstrasse
Linz
Tel: 258419

2) KOWARSIK, Mr.
5 Dautstrasse
Linz
Tel: 259818

Date of Communication: 27 April 1953

Observation started: 20:59

Total time: 5'

INFORMATION: EDER - HOETTL

- 1) A conference took place today but I didn't go to see Harry. I had no witness on hand.
- 2) At what time was it held ?
 - 1) At 18:00, with Willy. He told me to attend.
 - 2) I met BITTNER in the street. He says he read the article. I am sorry for Harry. The publishing house is going to pieces. He must be down and out.
- 1) He ought to have been poor long ago, but he must have received aid from somebody. RECHBERGER was asking whether you could accompany him to Steyr tomorrow. It concerns an inquiry for tractors.
- 2) I am busy.
 - 1) How about day after tomorrow ?
 - 2) Perhaps. I can't say yet.
- 1) Do you have positive information about the other matter that I could forward to Vienna ?
 - 2) It will take some time yet.
- 1) I won't be here tomorrow. I am taking the mentioned trip. I'll call you up when I return tomorrow night.
- 2) I am staying home tomorrow.
 - 1) It isn't GREIL. Personally I think it is Erich. I received a tip in this connection from Italy.
 - 2) I don't believe it.

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106 Altmanster
O.Ou.

Dr. Anton BOEHM
Haus Dempewolf
73 Klogterstrasse
Koeln/Rhein
Germany

28 April 1953

German

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INFORMATION: HOETTL
KERNMAYR
HEININGER

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Sender writes to friend:

I am glad that HOETTL is again at liberty. I was always certain that he did not, in any manner, work for the Russians or the East. I resent that the whole gang of his employees and leeches, such as MAST, KOVAREK, EDER, SCHOTT, and especially KERNMAYR turned completely against him when he was arrested. This all was topped by the article in the last number of the "Spiegel" which, I am willing to bet my head on, was written with all details by Erich KERNMAYR. It is said he received 2000 DM for the article. KOVAREK, the swine, stated that it was I, who wrote the article, while he himself admitted in a conversation with Dr. TONGEL that he had met KERNMAYR a few days before in Salzburg.

When I complained about the article towards the SPOs functionaries known to me and said that KERNMAYR was the author they said that the article was written by an acquaintance of KERNMAYR, a former SS war-correspondent, Erich PFLEIFFER. He is now an editor of the "Linzer Tagblatt" and wrote the article after information received from Luis EDER. This would fit in, since it is an open secret in Linz, that EDER is now running a German intelligence service operated out of Munich and Bonn. KERNMAYR touches the subject in his article but it is not true that EDER works now with HOETTL; in the contrary, EDER and KOVAREK, etc., are great enemies of HOETTL and operate apparently on their own. KERNMAYR spent a few hours during the Easter holidays in Gmundon and also visited me. He knew by then already of HOETTL's arrest and told me that KOVAREK had written him about it. I have the following theory: when I met KERNMAYR a few months ago, he was very much afraid that difficulties could be made against him in either a political way or thru the police by the well-known Nazi-hater SP Minister of Interior and former emigrant HOECHNER. He was then worrying what he could do about it. It is feasible that his Austrian SP connections and especially Dr. Pi (Note: probably Dr. PITTERMANN, member of the Austrian parliament), who

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always favors him, came to his aid. I can imagine that Erich is serving in Germany the same purpose he was filling here. He is without any scruples and the political line of the "Spiegel" as well as his influential position with the "Soldatenzeitung" seems to indicate that. He sells anybody to the next one. In Graz he works with the "Action-STRACIOWITZ" and here and in Germany he works to the other side. In any case, when I told him in the face of his connections with Dr. Fi he was very uncertain and did not deny it. The more as the SP side, knowing my contrary opinion towards him never gives me a clear answer. The conversation with KERNMAYR showed also that he has in the press-section of the Bonn-Government as well as in the "Amt BLANK" a man who is supplying him with information. Actually then he is well informed and not without danger since he apparently found some assistance thru the SPD. He also mentioned that he is in touch with the former Propagandaleiter FISCHER from Graz who is now employed in Bonn at the Anti-Communist Office of Dr. TAUBERT. I inform you of all this because I believe it is always good to be well informed about people without scruples who are willing to sell their friend for thirty pieces of silver. In any case it would be advisable that you and Bonn would keep an eye on him.

It can be taken for a fact that my newspaper "Das Signal" was responsible to a large degree to gain 200 000 votes for the SPOe at the election. This is confirmed from several letters of SPOe district and county-offices; from Schwarz, Tirol, I received a letter that they gained 4000 votes of VDU people for the SPOe....

Re : HITZINGER.

I was notified that my contract with the VOEST was cancelled. I complained at once and KRANER AMPTER and Dr. KOREP took up the matter immediately with WALDBRUNNER, acting under orders from Dr. SCHANZF. KOREP was ordered by WALDBRUNNER to straighten it out with HITZINGER. I wrote an 8-page letter to KOREP in his capacity as chairman of the local party wherein I stated my position, clearly. WALDBRUNNER said verbally: "I know that complaints about HITZINGER are gaining; you could drop HITZINGER but I have nobody who would comply with the wishes of the party as fully as he does. This only for your personal information.... HITZINGER doesn't mind the present let-down of the business at the VOEST since he hopes he can switch officially towards the East. His deals to England and in Austria for his own firms are simply phantastic. It is impossible to estimate the huge amounts of bribes and commission-fees from foreign countries which end in his own pocket...."

Foreign Minister GRUBER's position has been weakened considerably, mainly from the own OeVP side. He now plays with the idea of changing to the SPOe should a break occur in the present coalition. I would appreciate if you could use your newspaper (Note: "Rheinischer Merkur") and your connections to treat him rather reserved and cool during his forthcoming visit to Bonn. He is in any respect an opportunist without any scruples and anti-German to the core.

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1) EDER, Lois, Mr.
13 Losensteinerstrasse
Linz
Tel: # 258419

2) WOISETSCHLAEGER, Mr.
Linz
Tel: # not given

Date of Communication: 7 May 1953

Observation started: 08:23

Total time: 2'

INFORMATION: "EDER"

- 1) Do you have a German passport?
- 2) Yes.
- 1) Then you don't need a visa, only a permit. You get that at the police.
- 2) My passport is different from yours. I have a passport as Reichs German. I heard the Americans issue the permits because they must check on the trips to out there.
- 1) No. You don't need anything coming back since you are a German citizen.
- 2) In that case I won't send the manuscript to Germany.
- 1) We can leave either Monday or Tuesday.
- 2) Rather Monday.
- 1) Alright.
- 2) On Friday I am going to Vienna.

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- 1) EDER, Lois
13 Losensteinerstrasse
Linz
Tel: 258419
- 2) A man
Linz
Tel. # not given

Date of Communication: 8 May 1953

Observation started: 16:39

Total time: 40

INFORMATION "EDER"

- 2) Lothar sent me a letter concerning the LINEMAYR affair. He is surprised. He missed the article.
- 1) It would be nice if it were that way.
- 2) I know he has other reasons now. That time the "Spiegel" reporter surprised him. He is by no means the author of it.
- 1) I am making inquiries until I find out. A second defamation is planned.
- 2) It really is a shame, in your case, too. It's similar to the case Kurt RIES, etc.
- 1) In my case it resulted in terrible consequences.

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15 May 1953

1) EDER, Lois, Mr.
13 Losensteinerstrasse
Linz
Tel: # 258419

2) WOISETSCHLAGER, Mr.
Linz
Tel: # not given

Date of Communication: 11 May 1953

Communication started: 13:25

Total time: 3'

INFORMATION: EDER

- 1) Everything ready?
- 2) Yes.
- 1) Only the triptik is still outstanding. I'll get it either at 17:00 today or at 08:00 tomorrow.
- 2) That's not so bad.
- 1) But I wanted to leave at 05:00 tomorrow morning so we could arrive in Munich at 13:00. I have applied to the Touring-Club only today.
- 2) My passport and residential-permit are valid for one year.
- 1) I advise you to bring a pillow to sit on. My roller is provided with good springs.
- 2) How will I be informed what time we leave?
- 1) I'll call you up.
- 2) I have an appointment with PISTORIUS for 16:00. I won't be home till 19:00.
- 1) Carry only light luggage.
- 2) I won't have more than the manuscript and a box of cakes. I have to discuss business with you yet. Did you contact MILLER?
- 1) Yes. He can't remember the biography either. I told him he must get it as quickly as possible. Well, shouldn't I call again, we'll meet at 08:00 tomorrow morning.

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT HOETTL, Wilhelm Dr. Interrogation of Dr. Karl Winkler	2. DATE SUBMITTED 25 May 1953 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. S-17866 RER/mo
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 20 February 1953 this Agent attempted to contact Dr. Karl Winkler at his Salzburg office, located at Markus Sittikus Strasse 15. Winkler's secretary, name unknown, informed this Agent that Winkler was still maintaining his office in Salzburg, in his capacity as Austrian representative of the Buderus Iron Works in Wetzlar, US Zone Germany, but that Winkler's permanent residence was the above-mentioned factory in Wetzlar, where he worked in the export department. She further stated that Winkler came to Salzburg about once a month, and that she would tell him to contact this Agent as soon as he arrived in Salzburg. (LEAD)

Agent's Notes: Despite the fact that Winkler has been in Salzburg on at least three occasions during the period 20 February to 10 May 1953 he has never contacted this Agent.

On 20 February 1953 the files of 430th CIC Sub-Detachment A were examined by this Agent concerning Dr. Karl Winkler and were found to contain the following information:

Dr. Karl Winkler, residing at Markus Sittikus Strasse 15, Salzburg is mentioned in numerous references as a well-known intelligence personality; former German counterintelligence operative; and one-time US Intelligence operator.

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HOETTL, Wilhelm, Dr.
Alleged Connections with the US
Land Styria, Alt Aussee, Austria

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28 January 1954

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 25 January 1954, Informant 3848 reported to this Agent that the Austrian State Police, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, had received the following information from a confidential informant: Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, born 19 March 1915 in Vienna, Austria, residing in Alt Aussee, Land Styria, Austria, stated to informant that he had been prohibited entry into Germany from Austria as an undesirable. SUBJECT stated that he wrote a letter of complaint to the Commanding General of the US Sector of Germany, and the ban was lifted about three months later. SUBJECT stated that Allan Dulles, the brother of the US Secretary of State, and Senator McCarthy intervened for him, since he had some connections with them. (C-3)

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 13 May 1953, the following information concerning Luis Eder and his alleged affiliations with the Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung was received from Informant 5010 during the course of a routine liaison meeting:

Luis Eder, aka Lois Eder, aka Luis Eder, born 17 February 1920, St Florian, Land Linz, Upper Austria, Austrian citizen, married, agnostic, currently resides at Losensteinerstrasse 13, Linz, c/o Obermaier. Subsequent to his last gainful employment as a traveling salesman for the Ferdinand Ruter Wholesale Candy Firm, Weingartshofstrasse 26, Linz, Upper Austria, from 19 June 1950 to 3 April 1952, Eder received unemployment compensation of approximately 1,000 ANS (Austrian National Schillings) per month until 15 November 1952. On or about that date Eder informed the Liaison Officer that he was now employed as an independent writer and had no intention of seeking another position. Eder also mentioned that he was currently taking a course in Munich but failed to mention the exact nature or purpose of the course. Eder is current editor of Die Stimme der Furchtlosen, formerly known as Wir Furchtlosen, a periodical published by the Friedrich Nietzsche Publishing House in Munich and printed by the Welsermehl Printing House in Wels, Upper Austria. Distribution of this periodical in Austria was outlawed by decision of the Executive Committee of the Allied Control Council on 10 March 1953. Eder left Austria enroute to Munich twice in March and twice in April 1953. Eder also visited Italy for a short vacation in April, ostensibly in order to obviate the necessity of having the Italian currency which represented the proceeds netted from the sale of Die Furchtlose Stimme cleared through the Austrian National Bank. Informant believes that the actual purpose of Eder's trip to Italy was to effect liaison with some of the intelligence contacts of Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl, for whom he is allegedly working. Eder's known acquaintances and close associates include Dr. Otto Schott, born 1 August 1916 in Vienna, residing Dirghoferstrasse 4, Linz, co-owner with Hoettl's wife of the Nobelungenverlag, located at Bethlehemstrasse 68, Linz; Erich Kerassayr, born 27 February 1906, Graz, journalist and editor of Die Soldatenzeitung, currently residing at Ort 84, Grunden, Upper Austria; Lt. Colonel Franz Faillipp, presently residing at W 35 Tiergartenstrasse, Berlin.

Informant further stated that Eder "entertains" considerably and that the bulk of his "social" contacts consists of former German Army officers, who are Austrian, former Nazis and members of the Upper Austria Artists' Association. To the best of Informant's knowledge Eder has received no German nationals at his home since 23 March 1953 -- the date surveillance of Eder's home was initiated by Source. Eder employs a private secretary, Margarete Lehmann, nee Wipplinger, born 2 January 1919 in Linz, Upper Austria. Lehmann's husband, Werner Lehmann, born 22 August 1911 in Pocerania, Germany is a construction engineer and German national. Lehmann, who was formerly employed by

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the United Austrian Iron and Steel Works, Linz, has resided in Semeta, Switzerland, since April 1952. When Eder is not in Linz, his mail is delivered to his secretary. That Eder is not in financial straits is indicated by the fact that in March 1953 he purchased a Model L-9T motorscooter for the sum of 9000 ANS. The motorscooter was registered with the Linz Federal Police on 4 April 1953 and assigned the license number L.22.244. Eder has ostensibly severed his connections with the Social Revolutionary Workers' Federation of Austria (an ultra-right organization composed of convinced Nazis) for opportunistic reasons and is currently wooing the Socialist Party through which he hopes to obtain a suitable apartment for his family. Eder's family resides at St. Pankraz, Upper Austria. (B-3)

Agents' Notes: Although Informant 5010 combed the records of police agencies to which he has access, he was unable to find any information concerning SUBJECT Institute.

On 6 April 1953, Alois Eder requested an interview with a representative of this Sub-Detachment during the course of which the following information was obtained:

Eder stated that he had used his former position as a traveling salesman for the Ferdinand Huber Wholesale Candy Firm, Weingartenhofstrasse 20, Linz, as a cover to canvass the Soviet Zone of Austria and to obtain military intelligence information for the German Intelligence Agency "Amt fuer Verfassungsschutz" (Office for the Protection of the Constitution). During this phase of Eder's intelligence activity he had employed as a Source Dr. Gerhard Lehner, Vienna XII, Ruckergasse 71, a 26-year-old newspaper man who was currently unemployed. On 1 April 1953 Eder had posted a letter to Lehner in which he stated that Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl had been arrested by the Americans and in which he requested that Lehner attempt to ascertain how closely Hoettl had been associated with Kurt Ponger and Otto Verber, who had recently been arrested for transmitting intelligence information to the Soviets. Eder expressed his fear that the letter may have been intercepted by the Soviets. Eder further stated that since he had been warned by his control agent in Munich not to visit the Soviet Zone again, he suspected that Hoettl may have compromised some of his (Eder's) sources to the Soviets. (F-6)

Agents' Notes: The general tenor of Eder's remarks indicated that he is fully aware that his control agent, the representative of the Amt fuer Verfassungsschutz, is actually a cutout for a U.S. intelligence agency. The possibility is

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posed that Eder requested the interview with this Sub-Detachment because he believed that his association with Hoettl might be used as the basis for his own arrest and that he exploited this opportunity to clear his own record by informing a U.S. intelligence agency concerning his suspicion regarding Hoettl's possible Soviet ties.

Civil Censorship Group coverage, postal and telephonic, which was maintained on Eder's place of residence from 17 March 1953 to 13 May 1953, revealed information appended to each copy of this A/R as Exhibit I.

On 1 April 1953, records of the Krankenkasse (Health Insurance Office), Linz, Upper Austria, were examined concerning Alois Eder and the following information was revealed:

Eder was employed at Hofmann and Co., Kirchdorf, Upper Austria, from 16 September 1947 to 17 July 1948; at Melzer and Co., Linz, from 1 August 1948 to 21 May 1949; at Verband der Unabhaengigen (League of Independents), Linz, from 1 June 1949 to 15 February 1950; and with Ferdinand Huber, Linz, from 19 June 1950 to 3 April 1952. (B-2)

On 1 April 1953, the records of the Passamt (Passport Office), Linz, Upper Austria, were examined relative to Alois Eder, born 17 February 1919, and revealed the following information:

Alois Eder, born 17 February 1919 in St. Florian, Upper Austria, residing at 13 Losensteinerstrasse, Linz, was issued Austrian Passport No. SA 748882, on 16 March 1952, valid for all countries of Europe until 6 December 1956. The record further revealed that Eder was issued birth certificate No. 640 by the parish office at St. Florian, Upper Austria, and certificate of Austrian Citizenship No. SPBN 01-11/4-1951, 5664, by the Linz Magistrate on 3 December 1951. The record shows that Eder was issued Identity Card No. 2/32322/47 on 10 July 1947 by the Kirchdorf District Pass Office. (B-2)

On 1 April 1953, records of the Arbeitsamt (Labor Office), Linz, Upper Austria, were examined concerning Alois Eder, 13 Losensteinerstrasse, and the following information was revealed:

Alois Eder, born 17 February 1919 in St. Florian, Upper Austria, Austrian citizen, married since 1943, was a member of the German Army from 1938 until 21 June 1942. From 18 June 1943 until 29 August 1949 he was employed as a sales agent by Melzer and Company, a bakery firm. From 1 June 1949 until 15 February

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1950 he was an employee of the Upper Austrian section of the League of Independents (a neo-Nazi political organization). From 24 May 1950 until 18 June 1950, he was listed as being unemployed. From 19 June 1950 until 3 April 1952, he was listed as an employee and agent of Huber and Company, candy factory, Weingartshofstrasse, Linz. From 11 April 1952 until 14 November 1952, he was registered as being unemployed. (B-2)

On 6 May 1953, the name files of 430th CIC, Sub-Detachment "B", were examined concerning Alois Eder, aka Lois Eder, aka Luis Eder, and the following information was revealed:

A/R L/26681, dated 8 August 1952 (evaluation C-6), Subject: "HOETTL, Wilhelm, Dr., Forming Alleged Anti-Communist Movement in Austria"; Eder is mentioned as having accompanied Hoettl on a trip to Germany where he visited and discussed politics with former SS General Felix Steiner. Eder is further mentioned as the former Provincial Secretary of the VdU (Verband der Unabhangigen - League of Independents) for Upper Austria, who was allegedly removed from his position because of his Russophile attitude and friendship with Soviet officers and Dr. Adolf Slavik, leader of the NL (Nationale Liga - National League).

A/R L/26666, dated 4 August 1952 (evaluation F-6), Subject: "Austrians Submit Political Information to German Newspaper"; Alois Eder accompanied by Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl recently visited former SS General Felix Steiner in Munich, Germany. Eder allegedly gave Steiner a situation report dealing with the present political situation in Austria.

A/R L/25448, dated 25 February 1952 (evaluation B-C-3), Subject: "Wir Furchtlosen", describes that periodical as an anti-Western, pro-Nazi publication, owned and edited by Alois Eder. Eder is described as allegedly planning a trip to Germany early in 1952 to check on the German Army, its methods of recruiting, and his (Eder's) possibility of joining the German Army. Eder was also interested in the financial advantages of emigrating to Germany.

A/R L/24634, dated 28 December 1951 (evaluation B-3), Subject: "SAOs - Sozialrevolutionarer Arbeiterbund Oesterreichs (Revolutionary Socialist Workers' Federation)", lists Alois Eder as one of the original leaders of Subject organization and as one of the local organizers of the VdU and the NL.

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A/R I/23586, dated 17 September 1951 (evaluation B-2), Subject: "Identity of KP'Co Members in the City of Linz", lists Alois Eder, born 17 February 1919 in St. Florian, as an alleged member of the KP'Co (Kommunistische Partei Oesterreichs - Communist Party of Austria).

A/R L/23319, dated 30 July 1951 (evaluation B-C-3), Subject: "Nationale Liga, National League, Upper Austria Progress Report", describes Alois Eder, residing Linz, Hegrellweg 21, as a former VdU functionary in Upper Austria and SS Obersturmfuehrer as having made anti-American speeches in Muehlviertel (Soviet Zone of Upper Austria).

MOIC, L/18738, dated 26 April 1950 (unevaluated), Subject: "Meeting of the VdU on 13 April in the Herbachsiedlung in Urfahr; MOIC L/16417, dated 6 October 1949 (evaluation B-2), Subject: "VdU - Meeting 5 October 1949"; MOIC L/16115, dated 19 September 1949 (evaluation B-2), Subject: "VdU - Meeting 15 September 1949; MOIC L/15696 (no date, no evaluation), Subject: "VdU - Meeting 12 August 1949" confirm Alois Eder as a functionary and speaker of the VdU.

MOIC, L/18564, dated 11 April 1950 (no evaluation), Subject: "VdU - Alleged Terror Organization, Re: Investigation", lists Alois Eder as attending a meeting of Subject organization on 10 November 1949.

MOIC, L/18164, dated 9 March 1950 (unevaluated), Subject: "VdU - Split in Ranks, Re: Progress Report No. 1", describes Alois Eder as being dismissed from the VdU.

MOIC, L/17927, dated 23 February 1950 (evaluation C-2), Subject: "VdU - Split in Ranks, Re: Investigation", lists Alois Eder as being a member of the "Spider" movement and as having many differences of opinion with Gustav Neumann, Upper Austrian chairman of the VdU, and as having been ousted from the VdU because of his participation in the "Spider" movement.

Memo - Camp Marcus W. Orr, Salzburg, Austria, APO 541, US Army, Subject: "Discharges from June 22nd through 29th of June 1947", TO: G-2 Z.C.A., Attn: Major Alexander, lists Eder as having been transferred from that internment camp to the custody of the Salzburg police on 24 June 1947.

Security Arrest Report: Eder, Alois, arrested 18 May 1946, SS Obersturmfuehrer since 30 January 1945, Automatic Arrest per USFA Int Dir 6/Section IV, transferred to Camp Maurico L. Tylor.

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A/R L/26434, dated 17 September 1952, Subject: "EDER, Lois, Linz, Losensteinerstrasse 13", chronicled Eder's activities from birth to 17 September 1952. (Thirteen copies of A/R L/26434 were transferred to requesting agency on 7 April 1953.)

Agents' Notes: On 11 May 1953, the name files of 430th CIC, Sub-Detachment "B", were examined concerning all personalities mentioned in this report other than Lois Eder and the following pertinent information was revealed:

There are numerous references on file that mention Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl as a well-known German intelligence agent.

There are numerous references on file that list Erich Kornmayer, born 27 February 1906, as an employee of the German newspaper "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung, writer, journalist, and active in Austrian political deals.

There are numerous references on file that list Dr. Josef Dobretsberger, born 28 February 1903, as chairman of the Democratic Union.

There are numerous references on file that list Dr. Gerhard Lehner, Vienna XII, Ruckergasse 71, as a military intelligence source for Lois Eder.

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Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl, former SS officer who was prominent in German espionage in the Balkans during World War II, has been detained by U.S. authorities in Austria in connection with his association with Curt F. Ponger and Otto Verber, American citizens arrested last January in Vienna who are now awaiting trial in Washington, D.C. on charges of espionage for the Soviet Union. Hoettl first came in contact with Ponger at Nuremberg during the War Crime trials, where Hoettl appeared as a witness and Ponger was employed as an interrogator. After Ponger left government service in 1948, he moved to Vienna, where he collected money under the U.S. Bill of Rights for ostensible studies and simultaneously operated a photographic news agency in partnership with his brother-in-law Otto Verber. From 1948 until his arrest Ponger frequently visited Hoettl in Alt Aussee, Austria.

Hoettl is known to have travelled through Western Germany in the company of Ponger and Walter Lauber, a U.S. citizen who was questioned in connection with the arrest of Ponger and Verber, attempting to arrange contact with officials of the West German government.

Hoettl is the author of a book on wartime German espionage entitled Die geheime Front (The Secret Front). Curt Ponger acted as agent in arranging the publication of this book in Switzerland.

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