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503 arrived from Austria February 25 having left Vienna about 18. 503 for several years acquainted with HOTTEL one of Viennese SS chiefs who knew vaguely that 503 had direct contacts with Americans Switzerland. Prior 503's recent departure from Vienna for Switzerland Hottel informed him that KALTENBRUNNER chief of SD wanted to see him. Kaltenbrunner informed 503 that he and Himmler most anxious to end war and as first step were contemplating liquidation of "war mongers" within Nazi party especially BORMANN. Himmler and Kaltenbrunner were most anxious to establish contact with British and Americans and asked 503 to make effort in this direction on his trip to Switzerland and contemplated sending here high SS official to speak on their behalf provided contact could be established. 503 on own initiative suggested that Alfred POTOCKI brother of former Polish Minister to Washington should be permitted to go to Switzerland with him as he felt Potocki had first class contacts with British. Hottel arranged for immediate exit visa for Potocki and his mother. Potocki expected proceed first to Liechtenstein where he has not yet arrived. While 503 is rather lightweight consider above approach interesting as sign of increasing disintegration within Nazi party and as indication antics of Himmler to prepare alibis, According, 503 Himmler now organizing defense on eastern front and largely in command of this theatre of war.

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Referring my 609 London 748 Paris 611 Caserta 431.
From 110.

Further conversations with 503 indicate that his SD contacts and information have more importance than I originally believed. Information received from other good sources tends to bear out indications brought by 503 that Himmler Kaltenbrunner and certain other high SS officials might not go along with die-hard fanatics and might try to gain some immunity by serving as "Uebergangs" regime between Hitler and occupation forces. They might possibly prefer this to joining Hitler Bormann et al. in German reduct. Please note particularly significant statement my 609 attributed to Kaltenbrunner that Himmler anxious to liquidate "war mongers such as Bormann."

Naturally persons of Himmler Kaltenbrunner type can gain no immunity from us but as long as they believe this is possible it might give us opportunity to drive a wedge in SD and thus reduce effectiveness of German reduct plans. This seems to be a matter well worth handling by clandestine methods as I feel one need have no scruples in double-crossing types such as Himmler Kaltenbrunner et al. Through indirect channels we are arranging to have HOTTEL come to Swiss frontier where trusted intermediary will see him.

It would be most interesting to know if you have any other clues bearing on this situation.

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LUMBY 839

503 recently had contact with Obersturmfuehrer HOETTEL who intimate friend Kaltenbrunner and operates. Vienna. Previously represented Kaltenbrunner in Hungary to supervise activities Vessenmayer. Recently given task by Kaltenbrunner of establishing contact with opposition groups in Austria. Alleges that within SS there is socalled Austrian opposition represented by Kaltenbrunner, NEUBAER, himself and others, and that they have been responsible for saving many people from SS.persecution, including Count BERCHERM, and AMSTER, of Abwehr. MAROGNIA, chief of Abwehr in Vienna, participated July 20 and executed. HOETTEL also claims he responsible for transfer of SEITZ from concentration camp Silesia to Bavaria, and hopes shortly to free Seitz.

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Report B-2084. See my 703 Snafu 516 Lummy 839 following conversation reported in this message. HOETTEL made second trip here from Vienna and on this occasion we arranged put our 502 in contact with him. Hoettel who I am convinced is righthand man of KALTENBRUNNER gave following picture of situation Vienna:

Within ranks of Austrian SS the majority, who mostly Austrian nationals, desires liquidate Party and arrange orderly transfer of administration to Western Powers. This plan involves elimination of SS elements favoring continuation of war, particularly BORMANN supporters and a number of the Gauleiters.

This viewpoint was also confirmed to us by 503 who has also been here again and who saw Kaltenbrunner between Hoettel's first and second trip and who advised us that second trip was at Kaltenbrunner's special request. According to Hoettel Kaltenbrunner had entrusted him with task of establishing contact with Austrian opposition circles with view of supporting anti-Communist elements. Because of his Catholicism and fact his father Social Democratic school reformer Hoettel deemed qualified for this task which facilitated by anti-Communist leaning of Austrian workers. Hoettel claimed contact with anti-Nazi worker leaders Steiermark, Wiener Neustadt and Vienna and also with Catholic opposition groups and cited name of Catholic leader RUDOLPH as opposition leader. (From 110. This name checks with K-28 report). Claimed he knew other leaders only under their cover names. Hoettel promised return here with certain opposition leaders and hinted even at possibility of bringing out SEITZ as well as representatives of workers and Catholic opposition.

This program was subject of discussion in Salzburg attended by Kaltenbrunner, NEUBACHER, GLAISE HORSTENAU,

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NEUSTAEDTER-STUERMER, and Hoettel upon latter's return to Austria after second trip.

Regarding general situation Hoettel declared Nazis expected wave of Anti-Communism in Balkan area, that in Rumania Iron Guard strengthened and present party of Maniu opposed to Communism. Similar developments in Jugoslavia. He gave these developments as reason why at present time in spite of unfavorable situation on East and West Fronts SS divisions among them Leibstandarte remained on PLATTEN-SEE front while von WEICHS'S army in Croatia remained there and relatively inactive. He said Alpine reduit would be finished and stocked in about 3 months, that STEYRWERKE is already underground and producing particularly such defensive weapons as Panzerfäuste. It is intended that Wehrmanht units as well as SS be taken into reduit including families of fighting men.

As regards situation within Nazi party Hoettel stated that split between West and East oriented persons becoming more apparent. LEY and Argeitsfront plus Bormann and many Gauleiters go with latter. Kaltenbrunner and his followers belong to western oriented group. He predicted sort of TAU-ROGGEN movement with the uncovering of Western front and march toward East leaving government of Germany to Western Allies while continuing to fight as free-corps bands.

From l10. The above is well within range of possibility. As you know there are other indications that certain SS elements are trying to save their skins by turning to West, dropping their attacks against local anti-Nazi movements or even favoring them and preparing to follow line which will obviate necessity of their joining die-hards in last ditch struggle in reduit.

Elements of similarity in movements of von EPP in Bavaria, Kaltenbrunner in Austria and our contacts in Italy are striking. It seems to me that these trends offer possibility of checkmating any effective organization of German reduit. Interesting question is whether Himmler is pulling strings behind these varying movements and possibly preparing himself to desert the die-hards.

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From 109 to 110.

Well acquainted persons here state that a Karl HOETTEL teacher and Social Democrat was for some time prior to 1934 member of the Vienna Board of Education but had no children. Believe of interest in view Hoettel's claim to be son of Social Democratic School reformer.

Referring your 758(9). Latest information on Karl Hoettel dated 1941 described him as wholly reliable but not very courageous anti-Nazi living at GIESSAUFGASSE number 10, 5th district Vienna. Present age would be about 60.

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LUMMY Snafu 1314 Watch 1932 Poppy 5762.

To Caserta information Bern Washington Paris:

1. Regarding London Caserta 1277(4). Not sent elsewhere.
2. Further inquiry regarding HOETTL indicates he was one of SS group wishing separate Austria control under Austrian SS.
3. This is more extreme view than source attributes to so-called METTERNICH group of KALTENBRUNNER who is said to desire control Austria and Bavaria within greater Germany. Austrian Gauleiters said to oppose this centralization wishing rule own GAUS individually.
4. HOETTL said to be under influence of TRISCA or TRISCHKA, deputy of Gauleiter Vienna, and of Meckel or Mickel, former police attaché Budapest and VOLKSSTURM referent Vienna, both fanatical Nazis. No further traces of either here.
5. Trisca reported by some to be ambitious sly thinks self most important figure in Austria. Said to have been Kultur Attaché at Budapest and man powerful RSHA representative in Hungary. Said to have direct relations with Himmler and to be important member of Kaltenbrunner's Vienna circle.
6. No further confirmation of above which is view of single well-placed source.
7. Control.

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LUMMY Snafu 1380 Watch 2107 Poppy 6077

Saint information Saint Washington and Paris. ~~XXXX~~
Regarding our Caserta 1314(4), Bern 710(7), Washington
1932(4), Paris 5762(4) and Paris pouch FFX 002-2803C of
27 March.

1. Further information just available indicates
need for caution in dealing with HOETTL.

2. Source quoted in above cable stresses Hoettl long
identified with extremist S^S clique and that Kalten-
brunner and Mueller unlikely genuinely favor understand-
ing with Western Powers.

3. Kaltenbrunner could hardly approach Western
Powers especially through man like Hoettl without news
reaching Schellenger and thus Himmler soon, considering
SCHEELGAULEITER SALZBURG and ROESENERSSUPF under him both
Himmler men and personal foes of Kaltenbrunner.

4. Source thinks it probable Himmler using Kalten-
brunner and Hoettl in hope of embroiling Western Powers
with Russians since negotiations likely to become known.
Hoettl known to have been in close touch summer 1944
with Hungarian and Slovak circles in contact with
Russia.

5. Source's opinion on other subjects has been found
generally reliable.

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CONCLUSIONS.

April 17-1945

1. I believe that in their different ways both H. and W. are important contacts, well worth developing.

H. is, of course, dangerous. He is a Nazi and an admitted associate of such men as Glaise-Horstenaus and Meindl. He is a fanatical anti-Russian and, for this reason, we can not very well collaborate with him - at least not without informing the Sussians. But I see no reason why we should not use him in the furtherance of interests common both to the United Nations and to him and his associates, namely, the hastening of the end of resistance in Austria by the disruption of the Réduit. I feel that we should make full use of the Nachrichten-dienst which he is organizing, of the propaganda services which he is setting up, and of the material which he can supply for this propaganda. I fully concur with him that psychological warfare must play a tremendously important rôle in combatting the Réduit. Further, I feel that we should encourage him in his attempts to create opposition groups within the Réduit. Although it is impossible to have any real sympathy for a man of his type, he nevertheless made a favourable impression on me. I believe he is sincere and to be trusted, provided we give him a certain measure of confidence. There is considerable evidence of his good will in his rescuing of such men as Seitz and Messner, and in his bringing out a man like W. There is also W.'s opinion of him, and G.'s trust of him as reported by W.

To avoid any accusation that we are working with a Nazi reactionary and a fanatical anti-Russian, I believe that we should keep our contact with him as indirect as possible. A., L., and possibly Grimm should be the people to deal with him, if and when he comes out again (and he expects to do so very shortly). I might possibly see him again but not alone and only in the capacity of an interested observer at his discussions with A. and Co. In such a capacity, I can always give him the encouragement he seeks without committing us in any way to any direct form of collaboration.

In this connection, it is amusing that H. told me that upon his return to Germany, he would have to show his Nazi masters something for his visit here. He stated that he would like to say that he had managed to obtain contacts with the Americans and had discovered from them that their divergencies with the Russians were very real. I told him that if he made any such reports, there was no question of my ever seeing him again, nor I imagine, of any collaboration with the Austrian group here. A., who was present, fully confirmed this. H. then asked me if I could provide him with any material to pass on his Nazi masters - something less harmful, such as reports of difficulties we were having with

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the German population in occupied Germany. As a matter of amusement, I asked him why he did not go back and report the truth, to which he answered that his Nazi masters were only concerned to receive information which pleased them. This question of supplying him with material for his Nazi masters should, I feel, be further discussed.

Interesting is the fact that H. never hinted to me that he wanted any return from us for his services. I think, however, he takes it for granted that we will take into account his present services when judging his past activities. Furthermore, I believe that he hopes that he and his associates will be able to play a political rôle in the future Austria as a result of his present activities. To make our position clear on these points, I told him that no man need fear for his security, provided he was not guilty of any war crime, and further, that the future of any political group in Austria depended not on us, but on the Austrian people. He seemed quite satisfied with this.

Both A. and Grimm confirmed my own impression that H. is a sincere man whom we can most usefully use, but with whom we should in no way collaborate. He also made a favourable impression on Pater Schmidt.

2. W. is an entirely different person. I am convinced that he has always been a violent anti-Nazi and that he and his associates have done their "Austrian best" to fight Nazism. The people he represents are somewhat reactionary and his strong anti-Russian feelings are embarrassing. However, he strikes me as important, being our first really sound contact with what is an obviously important political grouping in Austria. His plans for the political future of his country strike me as sound, and I believe that he too can help in the internal disruption of the R duit. The impression he made on me was altogether favourable, and I see numerous ways in which we can use him, such as obtaining from him reports on political trends inside Austria, white and black lists, advice in various Austrian questions. I strongly advise further talks with him during his stay in Switzerland, and I, myself, plan to see him again today.
3. Both H. and G. are also important for the positions which they hold and their consequent powers and authority. They are friends, and powerful friends, in the enemy's camp, and can be used as such. A contact with G. would be most interesting, but I understand there is little chance of his coming here.
4. Meindl is, I believe, a "bad egg". But here again his position makes him important, and H. is quite convinced that he would actively work for the opposition if given the least encouragement. For this reason, I advised that H. should bring him

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out here. If and when he comes, I do not think that we should see him. Grimm strikes me as the ideal person to deal with him.

5. I did not like Westen, and he struck me as definitely dangerous, owing to his indiscretions (which led to the Swiss arresting him and H. and pushing them over the frontier) and to his "love of the bottle". I see no object in having anything more to do with him, unless he is an indispensable link in H.'s chain of contacts between the Réduit and here.
6. I think there is a danger of regarding H. and W. as representatives of any one political grouping in Austria. The associates whom they listed include representatives of such a variety of political schools that they defy labelling as a group.
7. Pater Schmidt told me that he was going to put W. into contact with his British friends. In these circumstances, I think it would be well if we were to warn the British beforehand of what this whole affair is about, and the part we have played in it.

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THE REDUIT.

H. states that the Réduit is to be taken very seriously. It is too late now to prevent it, and he is convinced that it will be put into effect. W. on the other hand, believes that in Switzerland we take the Réduit too seriously, arguing that it will contain so many unreliable elements that it can never hold out for long.

Both H. and W. are convinced that the original Nazi plans for the Réduit have been entirely upset by the rapid military developments.

According to H., the original plan was that only "reliable" SS and police troops and party leaders would go into the Réduit. This plan has now been given up. Instead, a strong military Réduit has been planned with many Wehrmacht units as well. Particularly the troops in North Italy and Croatia are to go in, although it is doubtful if the former will ever get there. On the other hand, General Löhr's men from Croatia are fairly certain to get there. Their morale is good. They lack material, but not much will be needed in the mountains. Certain other groups from the Balkans (Mihailowitch) with strong anti-Bolshevist tendencies may also go in. It is, however, difficult at the moment to say who is going in, as this will largely depend on military developments.

In all cases, there is no longer any question of organizing and controlling those who are to go in. Consequently, it is certain that a large number of unreliable elements will get in. Both H. and W. repeatedly stresses this, W. adding that the control of reliable elements has become increasingly difficult, as all but the most important archives are now being destroyed by retreating Nazi services.

The rapid military developments are also responsible for lack of preparations within the Réduit, where individual Gauleiters are feverishly trying to organize their respective territories as best they can. Food supplies are not well organized, nor are radio services.

The local populace is being left within the Réduit, although lists of "unreliables" are being drawn up.

Once the Réduit is established, the valleys giving entrance to it will be blown up, so that the forces inside will be completely cut off from the outside world. In such circumstances, and with their families around the, they are likely to resist any attack, unless their fighting morale is undermined by clever propaganda.

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High Wehrmacht

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High Wehrmacht officers destined for the Réduit include:

Keitel.
Schöner.
Kesselring.
Model.
Löhr.
Rendulic.

The last two are potential oppositionals.

The Réduit Gauleiters are:

Aigruber	(Upper Austria)
Hofer	(Tirol)
Uiberreiter	(Styria)
Gieseler	(Bavaria)
Schael	(Salzburg)
Raener	(Carinthia)

While the first four are radical fanatics, Schael and Raener are much more reasonable.

Considerable defence preparations are noticeable in the Berchtesgaden region. A number of Bavarian Alpine troops have recently arrived in the Salzburg neighborhood.

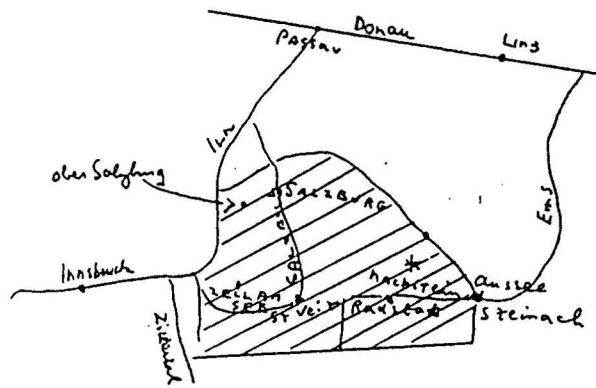
H. has personally seen King Leopold of the Belgians near Salzburg. When passing through Salzburg on his way to Switzerland, he was informed by the police there that Petain was on his way from Sigmaringen to Salzburg.

H. gives the following boundaries of the Réduit:

Ennsthal, Murthal, Obdachersattel, Bleiburg, Kalgenfurt, Villach, Gailthal, Cortina, Bolzano, Stilfserjoch, Pfrunds, Galtür, Swiss frontier, Kempten, Frissen, Tölz, Rosenheim, Salzburg, Wels, Linz.

In his opinion, there is a second inner Réduit up against the Swiss frontier and extending to a line going from the Oetz-taler Alps to the Inn Valley.

W., on the other hand, places the inner Réduit differently, as shown on the attached sketch.



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THE BALKANS.

According to H., there exist anti-Bolshevist national groups throughout the Balkans, particularly in:

Albania
Macedonia
Greece
Rumania
Bulgaria
Hungary

H. is quite convinced that the western Allies have made contact with and are even encouraging these groups because of their anti-Bolshevist tendencies. W. tells the same story; thus, he claims to have spoken freely with the head of the American mission attached to Mihailowitch, a man called Mac.Dowell, with whom he claims to have been on the best of terms.

According to H., these groups are still controlled by the Nazis, who organized them. They are well armed, the Germans having handed over their arms to them when withdrawing. However, they lack munitions.

The Nazis still have radio contacts with all of these groups, who will act the moment they receive the word to do so from the Nazis.

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THE DEFENCE OF VIENNA.

Vienna's defence, according to H., was comparatively weak because the Germans had not anticipated that the Russians would reach it so soon.

When the German offensive in Hungary failed, the Germans were forced to go over from the offensive to the defensive. The resulting chaos was such that there was no possibility of holding the Russian drive to the south.

The German troops employed in Vienna's defence comprised:

1. The 5th Panzer Army.

Theoretically, this included the following five Panzer divisions:

Leibstandarbe Adolf Hitler,
Reichsstandarbe,
Hitlerjugend,
Totenkopf,
Hermann Goering,

In fact, their real strength amounted to a maximum of two divisions.

2. About two and one half divisions, comprising 25,000 men, in Vienna itself.
3. About another two and one half divisions, comprising 25,000 men, in the surroundings of Vienna.

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WEREWOLF ORGANIZATION.

This organization is based upon the SS Jagddivision Brandenburg and other SS Jagdverbände.

The overall chief of the organization is a man called Prutzmann. The military chief is Scorцени (the man who rescued Mussolini). His second-in-command for south eastern Europe is Major Benes. According to W., Scorцени has under his command about 100,000 SS and "reliable" Wehrmacht men, including Generals, who come from the Aschaffenburg and Thuringia districts. Hitler has ordered Scorцени to take these 100,000 men with him into the Réduit.

The political direction is, presently, under the Foreign Office. It comprises the following persons:

South East Europe.

Croatia)	Neubacher, who is presently
Serbia)	in Kitzbuehl.
Hungary	Vesenmeyer.
Greece)	
Bulgaria)	Altenburg.
Rumania)	

Under the political direction stand the various exiled governments, one member of which is the "Werewolf" man. Thus Horia Sima is the Werewolf man for Rumania, Kovacs for Hungary. Other political leaders include;

Belgium:	Degrelle.
France:	De Brinon.
Holland:	Mussert.
Eastern territories:	Vlassow.

After the Réduit collapses, the SD and AST are to be dissolved. They may, however, carry on underground in occupied Germany with no central headquarters (Schellenberg is head of the SD and AST. In the Foreign Section there are more AST people).

When the SD and AST are dissolved, the underground Werewolf organization will take over. No decision has yet been taken as to where its central headquarters should be located. This is one of the most worrying problems facing the Nazis today.

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According to H., the Werewolf should be taken seriously. It has been systematically organized for the past two years. There are concealed depots of arms, explosives, medicaments, etc. There is also an ample supply of funds.

In H.'s opinion, the future of the organization will depend largely on the political and economic situations prevailing after the war. If these are good, the organization is likely to disrupt quickly. On the other hand, if there is much political unrest and economic discontent, it will thrive.

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Valais, den 30. August 1945.

Sehr geehrter Herr Doktor !

Ich freue mich aus Ihrem w. Schreiben vom 27. ds. zu entnehmen, dass es Ihnen soweit gut geht. Ich glaube, dass Alois einen Brief von Ihnen erhalten hat, jedenfalls habe schon vor einiger Zeit gehört, dass Sie in Freising sind und habe diese Nachricht auch Fritz weiter gegeben. Dieser konnte bisher noch keine Einreisebewilligung weder für die Schweiz noch für Lichtenstein bekommen.

Er war die ganze Zeit in Lech A.A. hatte aber meines Wissens, bis vor etwa 3 Wochen, noch keine direkte Nachricht von Ihnen erhalten. Er ist nun vor etwa 14 Tagen aufgebrochen und wollte versuchen seinen Bruder in Millstatt und auch Ihre Familie in Alt-Ausse zu erreichen. Einen Erfolg seiner Reise habe bisher noch nicht erfahren, da er bis gestern noch nicht zurück war. Ich habe ihm übrigens, aus dem Päckchen, über seinen Wunsch einen Teil zugestellt und er hat mir auch den Empfang bestätigt, meines Wissens wollte er das nach Alt-Ausse mitnehmen.

Von Ihrem Graf Alfred gegenüber geäußerten Wunsch bezüglich Alois höre das erste von Ihnen. Ersterer war längere Zeit in Vulpera und ist erst seit etwa 14 Tagen wieder hier. Habe ihm Ihren Brief übergeben, er sagte mir aber keine frühere Nachricht erhalten zu haben. Sollte er mir einen Brief für Sie übergeben, so werde denselben sofort an Sie weiter gehen lassen.

Seine Umwandlung in Fr. war bisher nicht möglich und daran dürfte sich auch sobald nichts ändern. untersuchte Exemplare wurden mit 90 % Sicherheit als unecht erklärt und ich habe es abgelehnt irgend etwas damit zu unternehmen. Auch Alois hat meines Wissens keinerlei weitere Schritte diesbezüglich unternommen.

Kisten mit Lebensmitteln habe seinerzeit von Zürich bekommen und auch an Fritz weiter geleitet. Ich hoffe, dass Sie diese meinen.

Die Adresse von Onkel August ist Clinique La Lignière in Gland (Vaud). Jene von Alois war noch richtig, sodass ich Ihren Brief weiter leiten konnte, doch höre ich, dass er Mitte ~~des/des~~ September hofft nach Oesterreich reisen zu können, vielleicht ist es ihm dann möglich, ausser mit Fritz, auch mit Ihnen zusammen zu kommen.

Mit den besten Grüßen

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Sicher Herr Höll!

Zuständig der Erhalt Ihres Schreibens
vom 27. VIII. und habe mich gleich
so weit gute Nachrichten von Ihnen zu
erhalten. Ich bedauere dass Ihre hier
möglichen Anweisungen der Requisition
betreffend nicht mehr zum Tragen gekommen
sind, da sie gerade durch die Ereignisse
überholt waren, hingegen bedauere ich
nicht dass Ihre hier gemachten Vorbereitungen
zur Vertiefung der Bediensteten
Vorbereitungen bleiben da dieses gottlob
nicht mehr zu ändern kam. Ich werde
gerne Ihren Wunsch unterstützen und
den genannten Herrn der amerikanischen
und österreichischen Stellen mitteilen
Sie bei den geplanten Kundgebungen
Ihrer Aktionen hier in Kontakt waren.

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von Ihnen beiseite, und B-Simmer hat
sich schon das öfters nach Ihnen erkundigt.
Mit allen guten Wünschen für die
Zukunft und besten Grüßen

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Reinhold

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26 October 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: 110, DB92,

From: [] Re HÖTTL

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Yesterday an acquaintance from Freising, Bavaria, reliability untested, told me the following:

One Albert HÖTTL (Dr.), an Austrian 36 years old, has been working in Freising for the American intelligence center on such things as Ciano's diary, etc. He claimed to be working for Dulles and Leslie. Some time ago he left Freising, but he is believed to be still with the Third Army, working with CIC.

In July Hötfl asked my friend to take to Switzerland a letter addressed to Count POTOCKI, which my friend did. At the end of August Hötfl asked him to take another letter addressed to Alfred PREUSS in Liechtenstein. My friend in the meantime had learned that Hötfl was an SS and refused to take the letter, asking why Hötfl did not send it via the Americans. Hötfl replied that he did not wish it to be seen by the Americans.

Recently one Franz ROTHEN, an Austrian, 45-48, formerly a diplomat in the Balkans, (home address Altausee, Austria), knowing that my friend was coming to Switzerland asked him to communicate with Dulles and Leslie and have them get into communication with Hötfl, as Hötfl wanted to go to South America.

Rothen said that Hötfl had corresponded, in addition to Preuss and Count Alfred Potocki, c/o Prince Liechtenstein, Vaduz, with the following person:

Prince Alois Auersperg
Chalet Gentian
Villars sur Ollon.

Hötfl's wife, Frau Doktor Alfred Hötfl, lives at Altausee, Puchen 61.

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October 31, 1945

BX-465 (Enclosure).

To: Saint, Germany
From: DBI
Subject: HOETTL.

The attached photostats are the enclosures referred to in Paragraph 3 of the above pouch.

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October 31, 1945

BX - 465

To: Saint, Germany
From: DBI
Subject: HOETTL.

1. A colleague in J1 reports that a friend in Germany whose reliability he has not tested told him that Alfred HOETTL (presumably identical with Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL) was working in Freising, Bavaria, for l10 and LESLIE of the American Intelligence Services on such things as the Ciano Diary, etc. He states that HOETTL left Freising some time ago and is believed to be attached now to the CIC, Third Army. In July, HOETTL asked him to deliver a letter to Count Alfred POTOCKI in Switzerland and our informant agreed. At the end of August HOETTL asked him to take another letter to Alfred PREUSS in Liechtenstein. In the meanwhile, however, our informant had learned of HOETTL's connection with the SS and refused. He suggested that HOETTL send the letter through the Americans to which HOETTL replied that he did not wish to have the letter seen by the Americans.

2. Recently, Franz ROTHEN, a former Austrian diplomat residing at Altaussee, Austria, asked our informant who was planning to come to Switzerland if he would see l10 and Leslie and ask them to contact HOETTL who was eager to go to South America. ROTHEN disclosed that in addition to PREUSS and POTOCKI (care of Prince LIECHTENSTEIN, Vaduz), HOETTL had also communicated with Prince Alois AUERSPERG, Chalet Gentian, Villars sur Ollon. He also reported that Frau Doktor Alfred HOETTL lives at Altaussee, Puchen 61.

3. Herewith photostats of two letters from AUERSPERG and PREUSS addressed to HOETTL that our informant has been asked to deliver to him in Germany. We have requested him to do so and to continue to act as a letter drop until we have your comments.

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MEMORANDUM

1 Nov 1945

TO: DB 1

FROM: [REDACTED]

Re: HOETTL

I delivered copies of my memo of Oct. 26th to LESLIE who showed it to llo. llo's suggestion was to send the memo to Major LEWIS at Wiesbaden, and I understand that you will comply with this request.

The two original letters I handed you yesterday were found by my Swiss friend at his home in Switzerland when he returned there recently from Freising. They were destined for HOETTL, the one from Preuss came from Vaduz, and the one from Auersperg came from Villars. Please return the originals to me so that he can take them to Freising when he next returns there. I understand that you are in accord with this step.

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BACKGROUND
OF
DR. WILHELM HOETTL

5 August 1949

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DISCRIPTION OF DR. WILHELM HOETTL

@ HUTTL, DR.
MEYER, DR.
MEIR, DR.
WILHELM, DR.
HOELTL, DR. WILLI

Nationality: German

Born : 1908 (PF 602,139 LETAY & GOETZ)
1913 (SHAEF CARD # 37813)
19 March 1925 (.)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1944 he was described as being well built, his height varied from the sources as 5'9", 5'10" and 1.75m. Hair light brown, parted on left; light complexion, grey eyes and a full face with strong features.

After his capture in 1945, his height was reported as 1.79m, hair dark, complexion sall~~ow~~, and was of slender build.

He is married and has 2 children. His wife was expecting a 3rd in 1945.

TEMPERAMENT

Hoetttl had made a good impression with sources and was believed to be trustworthy and sincere. This observation was made when a source believed him to be cooperating with the allies to save his own skin.

Hoetttl's enemy VEESENMAYER judged him as a fanatic Nazi, an narrow minded radical who would leave nothing undone in order to achieve his goal, no matter what it might be. He attacked every project with a logic-fight mind, unswaying and making no concessions.

VEESENMAYER hated Hoetttl for a period of years and made these statements during interrogation so perhaps in some respects it is not a fair observation. What he said must be considered in the light of their unpleasant relationship.

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MILITARY RECORD OF DR. WILHELM HOETTL

Between 1940 and 1945, Hoettl engaged in intelligence work in Bulgaria as the Balkan expert in Gruppe VI E of the RSHA. While employed at the S.D. Leitabschnitt, he took many journeys into the country by car and managed to collaborate with several good Bulgarian specialists.

In 1941, Hoettl was Leiter of Referat VI in Vienna. During December of that year, he became involved in disciplinary troubles and dismissed from his post by his successor Gerhardt MULLER@MANDEL. One source says Hoettl had been working too closely with Jewish agents and was dishonest in money matters. Hoettl claims that he was dismissed because HEYDRICH saw that he failed to adopt the Nazi party policy toward Jews. Hoettl's political views were unpopular with Berlin as he supported the moderate National Socialists who on an understanding with him, made a break with the Arrow Cross Party while Berlin supported the latter.

With this break and dismissal from the S.D., Hoettl was inducted as a Private and war reporter with SS regiment Prinz Eugen in Belgrade.

In 1943, Hoettl was rehabilitated to Amt VI and posted to the high position of SS Sturmbannfuehrer in Berlin, possibly as HANKE'S successor. He was appointed advisor to VEESENMAYER and to the Hoehere SS und Polizeifuehrer WINKELMANN. He was also the liaison between the Chef der Sicherheitspolizei and VEESENMAYER.

During this year he was an important member of the Italian section and head of the Croation Section of Amt VI RSHA. He was also instrumental in getting Count CIANO'S Diary.

He had no longer any direct influence on the intelligence work of the Referat for Bulgaria, but nevertheless as the Gruppenleiter's deputy, he was informed of the current events so he could follow developments closely.

He again came close to being dismissed. This time he chose to differ with VEESENMAYER on a matter of policy and was retained only because HIMMLER disagreed with VON RIBBENTROP on recalling him.

In 1944, he was reported to have been at the sabotage branch of Amt VI in Berlin. He had the opportunity to observe material on Jap intelligence activities in the Caucasus, in Turkey and in Germany.

In 1945 his rank was reported as Obersturmbannfuehrer.

He was reported as the S.D. chief in Rome in the "Cloister Affair."

In the early months of 1945, he organized extensive W/T networks throughout southeast Europe consisting of 5 major stations and about 30 agents not including minor feeders. His HQ was in the South Tyrol.

He was captured by the U.S. army at his home in Altausee, Austria about 21 May 1945.

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POLITICAL VIEWS OF DR. WILHELM HOETTL

During the war years, Hoettl's political views were unpopular with Berlin. He supported the moderate National Socialists like Count PALFEY and BAKY, who on an understanding with Hoettl, made a break with the Arrow Cross Party of SZALASI while Berlin supported the latter.

HOETTL'S opponent VEESENMAYER claimed Hoettl did everything in his power to prevent SZALASI and his Arrow Cross Party from gaining accession in Hungary. Hoettl, himself, says he was the avowed opponent of SZALASI. SZALASI was in the "Pfeilkreuzler" movement which had the goal of assimilation of the various racial elements in Hungary into a nationalistic homogeneous people.

Hoettl worked for KALTENBRUNNER and HIMMLER and had their protection at all times. He was influential in Hungarian policy making because of his backing. VEESENMAYER alleged Hoettl's chief concern was the small group of National Socialists in Budapest with whom he associated.

There is no mention of just what this official policy was; to HIMMLER he was reliable, to von RIBBENTROP he definitely was not. It appears that von RIBBENTROP represented the official policy and that Hoettl's disagreement found him shelter only through his official position with HIMMLER and KALTENBRUNNER.

Hoettl made contact with the OWI in 19 April 1945 in Switzerland. He claimed to represent the moderate Nazi group of Austrian conservative circles including the Catholic church, legitimists, the more moderate Nazis, and General GLAISE-HORSTENAU of the Separatist movement to whom he looked as his leader. But Hoettl could not be considered representative of a political group in Austria; these associates defy labelling as a group.

Source LESLIE believed that the motive of Hoettl and his circle was not merely to save their own skins, but also to play a political role in the future of Austria. Hoettl feared Russian imperialism and wanted to link Austria to western democratic ideas against the Russians. He particularly wanted strengthening of anti-Russian leaders in a socialism movement.

Hoettl, after his capture, said he was a devout and active Catholic and joined the NSDAP on 13 March 1938 because he thought National Socialism would save Austria from Bolshevism. He later became convinced that the only salvation from Bolshevism was in a free and independent Austria with a strong alliance and support from Western nations. He favored support of the Catholic church but because it had monarchist leanings, he feared a monarchist controversy.

He was considered a political expert on Bulgarian affairs, but source does not reflect Hoettl's own personal views.

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CHRONOLOGICAL DATA OF KNOWN MISSIONS OF DR. WILHELM HOETTL

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- 1937 He was Professor of Philosophy at Vienna and engaged in intelligence activities.
- 1938 Traveled extensively throughout Bulgaria to cities as Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, Varna, etc., being engaged in intelligence activities for the S.D. Leitabschnitt in Vienna.
- 1939 In Bratislava: met VEESENMAYER to whom he would later be an advisor.
- 1941 During the summer, Hoettl met Veessenmayer at Agram, Croatia.
- 1942 Hoettl in Belgrade as a war reporter for SS regiment Prinz Eugen.
- 1943 Berlin: Rehabilitated to Amt VI.
- 1943 Belgrade; mission unknown.
- 1943 Rome: a secret trip in August.
- 1943 Zagreb: September, mission unknown.
- 1944 Berlin: January, mission unknown.
- 1944 Budapest: 19 March, Veessenmayer claims he first met Hoettl.
- 1944 Prague: February, mission unknown.
- 1945 Rome: Hoettl mentioned as chief in the "Cloister Affair."
- 1945 South Tyrol, controlled radio facilities.
- 1945 Switzerland: 9 April, contacts U.S. intelligence.
- 1945 Altausee, Austria: 21 May, at home where he was captured.
- 1945 Freising: 25 May, hospitalized.
- 1948 Vienna: 10 October, last residence.

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SOURCE DOCUMENTS
ON
DR. WILHELM HOETTL

1. 21 August 1944 ..XX-593
2. not dtd*PF 602,139 LETAY & GOETZ
3. 12 April 1945 ...* "D'ETAT" AMEMBASSY
4. 1945XX-5882
5. not dtd* "D'ETAT" Report B-2551 from 110
6. 17 April 1945 ...*MEMO from Mr. LESLIE for MR. MAYER
7. 19 April 1945 ...*MEMO
8. 21 May 1945*EXTRACT THIRD ARMY SCI DETACHMENT
9. 25 May 1945* "D'ETAT" AMLEGATION BERN SPEARHEAD
10. 1 June 45*Copy of SHAEF card # 37813
11. 5 July 45*Interrogation of VESSENMAYER. HQ Interrogation Center
APO 655
12. 7 July 45*MFIU 3 HDH
13. 19 July 45*XX-8114 Interrogation of SEGNA, WALTER DR.
14. 27 August 1945 ..* HQ THIRD ARMY INTERROGATION SECTION APO 403
15. 30 August 1945 ..XX-010-818 ()
16. 21 December 1945 XX-10268 Subject: HOETTL
17. 25 October 1948 []
18. 1 December 1948 []

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Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention: []
Chief () Vienna

29 March 1950

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Erich KERNMAYER

1. Attached is a report on Erich KERNMAYER provided by [] from the [] in Graz, together with an extract of a supplementary note written by [] the []. The reports are forwarded because, as right hand man to Willi HOETTL, KERNMAYER is of CI interest.
2. At our request, [] questioned S/A Zigmund C. YANECKO of the CIC Gmunden Field Office (usually located at St. Gilgen), who has recently been submitting intelligence reports with KERNMAYER indicated as source. YANECKO claims to have met KERNMAYER when he was first assigned to Gmunden prior to the severance of HOETTL's organization from CIC. Since the dropping of HOETTL and KERNMAYER, YANECKO has maintained a casual, friendly relationship with KERNMAYER, who drops by the office occasionally and reports gratuitously bits of information which YANECKO is in the habit of papering in the usual fashion. No money changes hands and no special favors are done for KERNMAYER in return for this information.

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By: SCH Date: 4/16/2001

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MEMO FOR FILE

8 December, 1949

Willi HOETTL

Two projects run by CIC over a long period of time through HOETTL were discontinued on 1 September, 1949. After ascertaining that the files of ODDI contained all the personal and operation information which was available on these ~~two~~ operations, [] abstracted from the files a number of documents which he conjectured to be of further ~~value~~ CE value to our organization.

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To

Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles

Washington, D.C.

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Chief, Foreign Division M

25 April 1950

Chief () Vienna

Attention: []

Extract from Der Abend

1. We are attaching two copies of an extract from Der Abend for 15 April 1950.

2. For your information.

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Newspaper article (2 copies)

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Extract from

Der Abend, 15 April 1950

"Von Canaval zu Molden

"Gestern berichteten wir von der Flucht des Herrn Dr. Gustav A. Canaval, Chefredakteurs der 'Salzburger Nachrichten,' aus dem Gerichtssaal. Wir wiesen auf den hochpolitischen Charakter dieses forensischen Zwischenfalles hin. Es geht um die Frage der SS - Publizistik, die sich der Komplizenschaft gewisser Blätter erfreut. Das aber ist nicht allein die Frage der 'Salzburger Nachrichten,' gegen deren neofaschistische Tendenzen Protestkundgebungen von Vertretern aller drei demokratischen Parteien vorliegen. Man kann nicht von Canaval sprechen, ohne zugleich Molden zu erwähnen,

"Auch Ernst Molden, Chef der von der Familie Dulles erhaltenen 'Presse,' gibt seit vielen Wochen dem Adjutanten Kaltenbrunnners, Wilhelm Hoettl, alias Walter Hagen, publizistische Gastfreundschaft. Das ist verständlich, wenn man die Familieninteressen des Hauses Dulles kennt. Hoettl ist (oder zumindest war) ein Protektionskind von Alan Dulles, des Schwiegervaters des jungen Molden. So verdanken wir die wiedererstandene SS-Literatur zumindest teilweise, dem rollenden Dollar.

"Wir aber haben Berufsvertretungen, deren Aufgabe es waere, fuer die demokratische Sauberkeit unserer Presse Sorge zu tragen. Was tut die Gewerkschaft der Journalisten oder der Zeitungsherausgeberverband dagegen, dass schwerstbelastete SS-Funktionaere, die von oesterreichischen Gerichten verfolgt sind oder auf auslaendischen Kriegsverbrecherlisten figurieren, unter angenommenem Namen in einem Teil der oesterreichischen Presse Unterschlupf gefunden haben?

"Welche abgrundtiefe Heuchelei ist es, sich ueber die 'Diskreditierung Oesterreichs' durch diejenigen zu beklagen, die auf die neo-faschistische Vererbung des oeffentlichen Lebens in Oesterreich fuerfuehrten Jahre nach der Befreiung mahnend und warnend hinweisen! Wer diskreditiert Oesterreich, wenn nicht diejenigen, die den Skorzany-Journalismus teils durch ihre Mitarbeiter, teils durch ihre Chefredakteure pflegen? Ueber dieses Schandkapitel des oesterreichischen 'Wiederaufbaus' wird noch manches zu sagen sein."

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Betr.: VERBINDUNG HÖTTL-OFFCZAREK

Zeit des Vorgangs: Zweite Maiwoche 1950

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Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL hatte in der zweiten Maiwoche in LINZ eine längere Unterredung mit Dr. Emmerich OFFCZAREK.

Anmerkung: In der Originalmeldung von HH 1 wird Dr. OFFCZAREK als "bekannter Nachrichtemann" bezeichnet; es heisst über ihn wörtlich: "Dr. OFFCZAREK leitet für Österreich die sogenannte TIB (Technical Information Branch), die dem deutschen Nachrichtengeneral GEHLEN (früher "Fremde Heere Ost") untersteht, dessen Vorgesetzter wiederum der USA-General HANDY in FRANKFURT sein soll."

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Die Unterredung zwischen Dr. HÖTTL und Dr. OFFCZAREK wurde durch den aus der laufenden Berichterstattung bekannten Dr. Otto SCHOTT, den Geschäftsführer des Nibelungen-Verlags in LINZ, an dem Dr. HÖTTL durch seine Frau zu 60 % beteiligt ist, vermittelt. Dr. HÖTTL hatte sich bis in die jüngste Zeit noch sehr abfällig über Dr. OFFCZAREK geäußert, den er einmal als den "dümmsten Nachrichtemann Mitteleuropas" bezeichnete. Dr. SCHOTT war, wie es scheint, sehr bemüht, den Gegensatz zwischen HÖTTL und OFFCZAREK auszugleichen. Die drei Genannten sind Jahrgangskollegen der Universität Wien und haben das Österreichische Institut für Geschichtswissenschaft, das von Prof. Dr. Heinrich SRBIK geleitet wurde, besucht; sie sind schon aus dieser Zeit sehr eng bekannt.

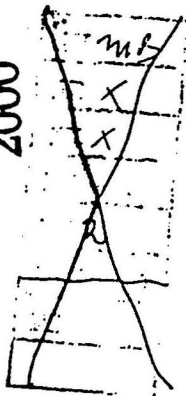
Auch HH 1 ist darüber informiert, dass Dr. Otto SCHOTT zur Nachrichtengruppe OFFCZAREKs gehört und von diesem ein

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Honorar erhält; eine Zeit lang war Dr.OFFCZAREK sogar in dem von Dr.SCHOTT geleiteten "Bücherdienst Speck", aus dem der Nibelungen-Verlag entstanden ist, zu Tarnungszwecken angestellt. Nach einer Äusserung Dr.SCHOTTS seien die Geldmittel OFFCZAREKS in den letzten Monaten schwach gewesen; jetzt habe er aber neue beträchtliche Mittel erhalten, mit dem Auftrag, seinen Apparat auszubauen.

Ob Dr.HÜTTL darüber informiert ist, dass sein Geschäftsführer Dr.SCHOTT in den Diensten OFFCZAREKS steht, ist hier nicht bekannt.

In diesem Zusammenhang wird auch nochmals darauf hingewiesen, dass Dr.SCHOTT sich, offenbar im Auftrag Dr.OFFCZAREKS, angeblich mit Erfolg bemüht hat Dr.HÜTTLs Verdacht zu entkräften, dass ^{FR}WESSELY ein AVO-Agent sei und ihn, Dr.HÜTTL, im Auftrag der Sowjets in Alt-Aussee bespitzelt.

(Siehe dazu die Meldung "Verbindung WESSELY-JEDLIKA-SCHOTT" vom 1.5.1950 - P/01397 - C.)

Dr.WESSELYs Frau war vorige Woche legal mit ihrem ungarischen Pass, den sie neben ihrem österreichischen besitzt, in BUDAPEST. Sie ist bereits wieder zurückgekehrt. Die Meldung von dieser Reise ist authentisch; die Quelle der Information ist die Schwester Dr.Kurt WESSELYs, Frau v. SEEWALD-

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Chief (), Vienna

7 June 1950

Chief () []

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Request for Two Books

1. () [] has requested us to procure a copy of the following book for him, "Die Geheime Front" by Walter HAGEN, published by the Nibelungen Verlag in Lins. () is also anxious to know HAGEN's true identity if it is possible for you to learn this. The name HAGEN is a pseudonym.

2. We should appreciate having two copies of this book, one for () and one for ourselves, if it is possible for you to obtain them.

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TO: WASHF CITE: []

1. RUSSIANS IN AUSTRIA THROUGH SLAVIK, EX-CHIEF HITLER JUGEND, PENETRATING NAZI CIRCLES. SLAVIK CONTACTS INCLUDE WILHELM HOTTL, FORMER S.D., RESIDENT BAD AUSSE, WHO HAS SMALL STAFF EIGHT OR 10 TRUSTED PERSONS. AT END WAR HOTTL IN CONTACT ALLAN DULLES AND THROUGH THIS RELATIONSHIP SAVED LARGE S.D. FUNDS WHICH NOW PERMIT HIM LUXURIOUS LIFE.

2. ABOVE FROM () WHO STATES () RELIABLE BUT DESIRES COMMENT ON INFO.

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1. INFO SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT AND WELL KNOWN HERE. SLAVIK CONTACT WITH HOTTL NOT KNOWN BUT LIKELY. SPECIFIC NATURE CONTACT WOULD BE OF INTEREST.
2. TRUE THAT HOTTL IN CONTACT DULLES AT END WAR BUT FUNDS DID NOT COME FROM DULLES.
3. FOR YOUR INFO ONLY: HOTTL, NOTORIOUS FABRICATOR INTELLIGENCE, EMPLOYED BY CIC UNTIL LATE '49 WHEN RELEASED. PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED. CAN YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER () HAS SPECIFIC INTEREST HOTTL?

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Chief Foreign Division "M"
Attn: ()
Chief (), Vienna

28 November 1951

Raimund STRANGL and Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

1. Forwarded herewith are documents given to (

stated that they had been found ()
() search of STRANGL's residence,
() after STRANGL was arrested in
Wiener Neustadt. () opined that the reports might be of
interest to () and mentioned the possibility that the reports
of which the documents are carbon copies might have been prepared
for () or () intelligence. He added that these documents
were only a part of the material found in STRANGL's apartment.

2. A glance through the documents will reveal that they are a
portion of a permanent file of reports and correspondence kept in
chronological form by STRANGL. Though each report occupies only a
portion of a page, they are typed in sequence with several on each
page, so that the originals could be cut apart and handled separately.
Mixed with the reports are letters of a certain "Sehr geehrter Herr
Doktor", who is almost certainly Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL. These letters,
of which () has permitted us to have twenty-three, are curious
of the most amusing order and contain here and there a grain of
operationally interesting material. They have been separated from
the other reports and are clipped in chronological order. We commend
them to the attention of () whose experience in the
problem of Stranglism is extensive.

3. Some of the conclusions to be drawn from the letters can be
summarized here:

a. As early as June 1951 HOETTL had steady employment or at
least a steady contact with some intelligence agency. STRANGL sent
HOETTL sheaves of reports which HOETTL undertook to rewrite and
market. Both men were aware of the dangers of multiple dissemination,
since on 26 June STRANGL cautioned HOETTL that "die Berichte sind
nicht exklusiv." This caution is repeated later, and on 12 July
1951 he remarks "since you are rewriting the report I am somewhat less
anxious". Again on 31 July he congratulates HOETTL on his
"Redaktion", and on 21 August says "you have the biggest job since
you must always paraphrase (umstilisieren) the reports". STRANGL

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admitted to HOETTL that he was passing his reports to other customers and never seriously pretended that he worked exclusively for any service.

b. At Hoettl's instigation STRANGL took up a contact with a man named "Sepp", presumably Josef MASCHER, but as far as he told HOETTL, this contact was not rewarding. On 12 July he reported that Sepp was selling to the Stapo, reselling the same reports elsewhere, and finally giving them every Saturday to a "Mysterious X", together with a travel diary. Some of his reports concerned the Burgenland.

c. Both STRANGL and HOETTL used newspapers a great deal in their work, and sent each other bundles of newspapers, presumably to use in preparing reports.

d. HOETTL, at the instigation of some unidentified person, asked STRANGL to acquire Hungarian information, suggesting phony reports on border crossers. On 14 August ~~MASCHER~~ remarked that STRANGL such border reports could not be sold because the customers had access to the non-coded broadcasts of the Hungarian police. He proposed instead actual debriefing of refugees, but not through the Austrian gendarmerie.

e. HOETTL asked STRANGL to report on something referred to as "BH", which may stand for Bundesheer (Federal Army). STRANGL on 3 September turned in a short report on REGELE, LIEBITZKY, NEUGEBAUR, Matthias GRUBER, Generalmajor BORNEMANN, etc.

f. HOETTL was in touch with a group referred to as the Hamburg Shop (Hamburger Firma). On 19 September STRANGL sent twelve reports with the suggestion that HOETTL might use them in his dealings with this group. One suspects that Zipper and the Berlin Base may be able between them to clarify the identity of the group.

g. STRANGL attempted to get assistance for a journalist friend from HOETTL, and asked on 14 August that HOETTL send his friend some (Soviet?) army newspapers. One might guess from Gruesome knowledge of STRANGL's activity that the journalist in question is William Gerald BISHOP.

h. HOETTL's pay to STRANGL was only a fraction of STRANGL's income, amounting to 1000 AS per month with some additional payment to cover expenses. On one occasion (13 September) relations involving money became slightly strained, but HOETTL evidently came through with the sum demanded.

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1. In September STRANGL was informing his contacts in () that he was not in the good graces of the () He gave the same story to () and one recalls that this was partly confirmed by a () contact of ().

4. () motive in giving the documents to () is obscure, since it is difficult to tell whether () is aware of the identity of the sehr geehrter Herr Doktor, or of Sepp. When the opportunity arises () will thank () for the gift and remark that the documents fully confirm all our previous conclusions concerning STRANGL, though on the other hand () may be getting copies of HOETTL's reports directly in Alt Aussee.

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18 February 1952

Chief () Salzburg
Attn: []
Chief, EE

Wilhelm HOETTL's approach to []

Reference: []

1. Further discussions here lead us to feel action as proposed in Para 3, [] may be somewhat premature. A well documented case of []'s use of unacceptable ex-RSHA types such as HOETTL could very well give us sufficient leverage to resolve any ZIPPER- differences which might arise in the future, to our advantage.
2. [] proposes discussing this case with you on his coming field trip. It is suggested no action be taken pending this discussion.

cc: Vienna []

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9 April 1952

Chief, EE

Chief () Frankfurt

Hoettl, Wilhelm)

Ref: []

1. Attached hereto are [] which were sent to FOB for study and perusal in connection with the [] -Hoettl relationship.

2. We have previously mentioned in [] memoranda that he does maintain close contact with Hoettl primarily to collect Austrian internal political information. [] has repeatedly told me he is highly skeptical of Hoettl's OB information and does not pass it on to the Blank Office. He considers Hoettl's political information bona-fide, however, and to the best of my knowledge it is receiving distribution in the Chancellory of the West German Government.

3. [] claims he pays Hoettl only for political information and not for the OB. Hoettl has been trying hard, [] alleges, to establish a chain working into Trieste, Rome, the Vatican and North Africa, but [] is highly skeptical of this deal and so far has not "bought" this plan from Hoettl. Hoettl is also another one of []'S numerous sources on ZIPPER activities. For awhile, [] believed HOETTL to be an agent of ZIPPER with the express purpose of misleading him; however, in recent months, Hoettl apparently has proven his relationship to [] as being bona-fide.

4. I note in paragraph 7 of [] a comment that the material Hoettl sends [] as being of little value. It states "we felt and feel now that if this is at all representative of [] take, he is a long way from becoming a figure in the []". My only comment is that as time goes on [] is becoming more and more solidly entrenched in the [] and since this report was written he has added eleven more people to his staff, his budget has increased, he is obtaining permanent offices in a commercial building in Frankfurt and he recently received a note of commendation — handwritten by the Federal Chancellor praising his reporting on the Austrian and French political scenes — the information for his Austrian report coming principally from Hoettl! I might add to this that [] has a weekly courier to and from Munich and I seriously doubt whether he sends any highly sensitive material through the mail. Let us not be misled as to []'s information gathering capabilities and his "sales promotion" ability, they are his strong points.

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5. () considers Hoettl as an uncouth and characterless individual. As previously mentioned, he believes his OB to be "inflated" and containing a mixture of overt and semi-overt information. He steadfastly maintains, however, that Hoettl has ability and does get bona-fide internal political information which, over a period of months, has proven to be true. By carefully sifting Hoettl's information, () claims he can salvage some first rate information. Hoettl receives 600.00 DMs monthly for his political information.

6. We will keep further tabs on the Hoettl-() relationship and would be interested in any information POB can supply in this connection.

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The following is a summary of all the material on the [] -HOETTL relationship. Some of this undoubtedly duplicates items from the Austrian desk. ZIPPER has nothing to add to this collection, although it does have a dossier on Baron Harry Mast.

1. SALZ ([]) 6 January 1952

Hoettl approached [] in late December saying he was establishing a Mediterranean IS net for [] and asking [] to be head of it for Near East and Italy. Hoettl introduced Baron Harry Mast as his chief of staff and claimed he was cooperating with a fnu Langer and a Otto (lmu)(possibly USAGE).

Hoettl said [] previously worked with Seppings but current plan independent. Said ZIPPER doomed because of UTILITY's mistakes and excessive ambition.

Hoettl provisionally coded [] as L606 and suggested that he start immediately sending reports by courier from Rome to Bolzano where Hoettl's courier would take over. Hoettl does not know [] how living and working in Austria

Hoettl asserts he is being processed under true name for German citizenship.

Comment by []: Considering Hoettl's habits he is probably building organization without full [] knowledge and will offer apparatus gambling that [] will accept because he wishes to strengthen his hand vs. UTILITY. Doubt active USAGE-HOETTL collaboration.

If [] -HOETTL connection undesirable or offer not firm, believe we must neutralize Hoettl to safeguard [] from future molesting. [] glad to attempt this since it would do away with irksome paper mill.

2. [] 9 January 1952 (ref: [])

POB info reasonably conclusive Hoettl working for [])

ZIPPER asserts it has sufficient penetration [] -HOETTL connection through Gerhard Schacht.

USAGE also knows much re: Hoettl activities via Anton Boehm

([] , 17 Nov 1950) Dr. Anton Boehm reported to ([]) that Hoettl met with fnu Roeber in Munich on the interest of ([]) group in ZIPPER.

3. [] 10 January 1952 []

States that POB independently arrived at conclusion that Hoettl was ([]) agent.

[] think that ([]) has penetrated Hoettl whom he thinks is [] agent. (*)

] Rather

(*) Copy of analysis of reports and photostats of rpts. themselves filed in RI under ([])

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3. (continued)

Tie-in with Baron Mast unclear. "Whether ZIPPER is employing Mast to penetrate Hoettl- () or vice versa is a question we cannot now answer." ZIPPER reluctant to give info, this "might indicate that ZIPPER is indeed aware of Mast's connection with Hoettl, and is loathe to inform us that Mast is being used to penetrate (), an activity for which we would certainly balk footing the bill."

4. WASH () 11 January 1952

Connection () -HOETTL considered undesirable.

5. () 9 April 1952

For complete document see attachment.

6. () 16 April 1952 ()

... () also reported that they have now definitely shelved Hoettl and he has informed his Munich chief, Schacht, to cease paying him any more money. He still thinks Hoettl's political reports to be bona-fide but claims that Hoettl has too many dubious contacts and friends to make future work with him dangerous from a security standpoint.

7. () 2 April 1952 ()

() also related he was recently visited by Hoettl. He claims he is paying Hoettl only for certain reports on internal Austrian political matters; he considers Hoettl's OB reports worthless (*) and possibly inflated or fabricated. He believes Hoettl procures bona-fide Austrian intelligence but that is as far as it goes. Hoettl recently asked for funds to go to North Africa where, he claims, he has many potential sources including a "cousin" of the Bey of Tunis. () said he wouldn't buy it and will continue to exercise caution in his dealings with Hoettl. Hoettl also tried to build a "chain" of agents extending into Italy, the Vatican, and Trieste recently but () alleges he is not interested.

(*) Our reports section gave about the same evaluation to the OB material which was included in the () material in ()

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8. [] , 16 May 1952 ([])

POB acquired ([]) IS material through local CIC office as follows:

Material was turned over to Region IV CIC by unwitting letter drop of Schacht.

POB informed CIC we had legitimate interest in material since Schacht occupies POB requisitioned house, and unclarified status Schacht to ZIPPER

Material consisted of low IAFB Hungarian and Austrian reports; letters involving Koettl establishing a press evaluation group in Austria connected with Scheid in Bonn; Report alleging possible RIS penetration of ZIPPER operation in Austria.

9. []) 18 May 1952

We long aware of POB collection and attempting get full take. Photograph reports and return to Schacht.

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Hottel file

16 May 1952

Chief Frankfurt
Attn: [] POB
Chief [] Vienna

Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

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

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NOTE FOR HOETTL FILE

13 June 1952

Report about HEINZ and HOETTL coming from Detachment 35 files, () -

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NOTE FOR HOETTL FILE

()
14 July 1952

In conference with [] [] [] and Gen. H. Von MELLENTHIN, () stated the following concerning the GIS and its various component organizations -

Chancellor ADENAUER had decided that the Amt fuer Verfassungsschutz, which ^{is} under the direction of JOHN (fou); will be responsible for internal security matters within Western Germany. () organization, on the other hand, will be responsible for continuing intelligence operations in foreign countries. It was decided at this time that Col. HEINZ should so organize his group that it can be entirely incorporated within the () organization with HEINZ assuming the title of section chief. (There follows () description of HEINZ' past and his faults) Many of HEINZ' subordinates are former SS or SD people. For example, SS Major HOETTL, in Austria, is in contact with HEINZ; within HEINZ' intelligence circle HOETTL is responsible for South Eastern Europe, Italy and North Africa. Because the operations of HOETTL require considerable financial support, HEINZ receives () subsidies in addition to the 50,000 DM which he obtains from the West German Government.

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COMPANY "B"
533rd MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE BATTALION
APO 174, US Army

17 July 1952

SUBJECT : Report of Dr Fink

TO : Commanding Officer
Hq, 533rd MIS Bn
APO 541, US Army

1. As per verbal instructions Maj Starr the following report compiled by Dr Fink, Co B, 533rd MIS Bn is forwarded for your information. This report is being rendered by Dr Fink purely on a personal basis to clarify his part in the MAST association and not an official report of this organization.

2. The Report which is an enclosure reads as follows:

a. Monday noon, 14 Jul 52, I told Baron MAST that I was going to SALZBURG. He said that he too was going there the following day to attend a conference with some men of the Intelligence Service of the "Office BLANK" and that he would like me to meet them should I still be in SALZBURG on Tuesday. He gave me a telephone number by which I could contact him there. He wanted me to meet these people, especially his chief, Dr HOETTL, so that I could form an opinion about the people he was working with.

b. On Tuesday, 15 Jul 52, at 1400 hours I called up MAST, met him at the Cafe Tomassoli and related to him what I had been told by Major ~~FLATLEY~~ the previous day. Meeting with a flat denial on every count, I demanded to see his credentials which would identify him as a member of an organization belonging to the "Office [redacted]". He himself unable to produce any such proof, attempted to put me in touch with his chief, Dr HOETTL, who, he said, was in a better position to convince me beyond any doubt that their organization was connected with the "Office [redacted]". A meeting with Dr HOETTL was arranged by phone, for 1700 hours at the Hotel Hirsch in SALZBURG. MAST came along and introduced me to Dr HOETTL. I conveyed to HOETTL and MAST the regards sent by Major FLATLEY, but neither of them had ever heard of the name before, MAST saying that he never had dealings of any sort with a US officer, HOETTL admitting that he might know the Major, but certainly not under this name. With regard to their intelligence organization he outlined that their group here in Austria as well as the one in MUNICH, belonged to the intelligence organization built up and headed by a former ~~Major~~ (phon spell) in BOEN, which, after the ratification of the treaty, would be the official Intelligence Service of the new German Army. Of course, he added, changes in the leading personnel may occur, since the selection of the man in charge will be subject to approval by the Bundestag (parliament). At present there exists a liaison between Chancellor ADENAUER's office and ~~Major~~ ~~FLATLEY~~ through a former major, OSTER, officially connected with the Chancellor's office and thereby giving the organization a semi-official status. Dr HOETTL is leaving ~~for Germany~~ and will bring back proof that the Organization ~~is an official~~ organization of the German Government, which will have a special status under the terms of the Treaty. Furthermore he intends to approach ~~Major~~ ~~FLATLEY~~, who, he said, ~~is a member~~ of Intelligence ~~Service~~ and obtain a certificate from him, stating that the ~~Organization~~ was a bonafide agency of the German Government and ~~connected~~ with the respective US authorities.

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c. Dr HOETTL then expanded on a man by the name of ~~BERN-~~
~~MAIER~~ who at present is an agent of the Gmunden CIG and who is dissem-
inating false report about HOETTL and his activities in Austria. Accord-
ing to HOETTL, the purpose of these intrigues on the part of ~~BERNMAIER~~,
who is inordinately ambitious with regards to politics, is to undermine
HOETTL's position and, simultaneously, strengthen his own with the US
authorities, with a view to being persona grata in case a political
position of importance be offered him.

d. Dr HOETTL promised me to get in touch with me immediately
after his return from Germany.

e. This is a completely unbiased report of my conversation with
Dr HOETTL.

s/ Dr E. O. Fink
t/ Dr D. O. FINK

3. Nothing follows.

s/ Victor Tuliszewski
t/ VICTOR TULISZEWSKI
Major Arty
Commanding

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17 July 1952

Subject: The New German Intelligence Service Contacts With
G-2 Linz

(see report 30 June 1952)

Source: Baron Mast

Information regarding "Group Hottl" at G-2 in Linz is as follows:

The former German Officer Baron Finck who was awarded the Knights' Cross, works for G-2 in Linz. Baron Finck had previously spoken to Baron Mast, wishing to collaborate with him in Linz. Mast in turn conferred with Dr. Hottl who concurred. He also received approval from "Bonn" with the information that the "Bonn" office in Munich was already collaborating with G-2 in Munich.

Thereupon the "Group Hottl" transmitted some data regarding Finck which information was entirely satisfactory to the G-2 Office at Linz.

On Monday 14 July however, there appeared in the office of Baron Finck in Linz/Binderwiesl, a major from G-2/Salzburg, introducing himself as "Mr. Brown". He demanded that Herr Finck inform him as to who Baron Mast and his collaborators were. Baron Finck did not comply but told "Mr. Brown" that Baron Mast and associates were not agents but rather representatives of an official service (command). "Mr. Brown" returned to Salzburg without the desired information while Baron Finck discussed the matter with his superior officer, also a major. The major complimented Baron Finck on his handling of the incident and departed for Salzburg the same day (Monday afternoon) to have the matter clarified.

Upon arrival at Headquarters G-2/Salzburg the officer was informed that the members of the "Hottl Group" were political swindlers; that Hottl and party would pass themselves off as members of the new Intelligence Service of Bonn and that furthermore it was not true that [redacted] was or would be Chief of German Secret Service.

With this information the major left G-2/Linz and returned to his office. Hottl and Mast learned of the outcome of the parley and were naturally very dejected and embittered.

P.S. Baron Mast believes that the hostile attitude of the Americans toward Hottl-Mast is due to false accusations of several

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P.S. Baron Mast believes that the hostile attitude of the Americans toward Hottl^Mast is due to false accusations of several co-workers of General von Geelen (ex-T.I.B.)

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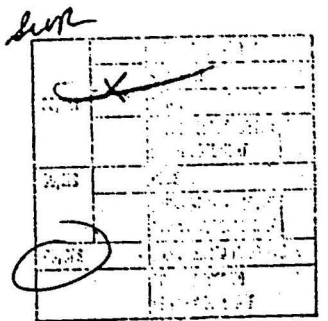
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was submitted on 10 June 1952 by Informant 6030, who in turn had obtained it during the course of a conversation on 7 June 1952 with Dr. Hans Freyborn, Lawyer and Salzburg Landtag Deputy for the VdU (Verband der Unabhangigen - Union of Independents). (Evaluation: Source "C"; Information: "6")

(Dr) (fmu) ~~Offtscharer~~ and ~~Baron Harry Mast~~ work together with Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl. Both Mast and Offtscharer are working in Salzburg, Austria, for the West German Intelligence Agency Blank. Freyborn professed to give as much aid as possible to the aforementioned individuals. Freyborn allegedly stated that the people working for the West German Intelligence Agencies Blank and/or Gehlen are well taken care of, both financially and otherwise, as compared to the poor treatment the Americans accord their agents. Freyborn pointed out Hoettl as the best example to prove his point.

~~Arthur Scheidler~~, former member of the SS and Adjutant to Gestapo (Secret State Police) Chief Ernst Kaltenbrunner, is presently residing in Salzburg with his wife, ~~Iris Scheidler~~. For many years Hoettl was the lover of Iris Scheidler and both she and her husband are now affiliated with Hoettl. Arthur Scheidler now works together with Hoettl for the Blank Intelligence Agency. Iris Scheidler operates a ladies' wear shop under the name of Iris, Salzburg, Franz Josef-ska 9.

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Additional German Intelligence operatives, allegedly working with Hoettl for the Blank Agency include a former German Army captain (fmu) ~~Walner~~, presently residing in Salzburg; ~~Rupert Mandel~~, a former captain in the SS, a member of the SD in Rome, Italy and later the SD in Zagreb, Yugoslavia and ~~Baron (fmu) ~~Ofth~~~~ ~~Bolschwing~~ (German phonetic) from Altmuenster, Upper Austria who works in the area of St. Wolfgang and Strobl in the Salzkammergut area of Austria.

FILE CHECK:

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous reports concerning the intelligence activities of Hoettl.

SCI, L/18634, dtd 17 April 1950, Subj: Hoettl, Wilhelm Dr., mentions Dr. (fmu) ~~Offtscharer~~ as an alleged employee of an American Intelligence Agency, who circulated a rumor that Hoettl maintains contact with the Russians. The same report alleges that Dr. Kurt Wessely, of Alt-Ansee is a double agent working for TIB in Linz (Harry Mast) and for a communist intelligence group in the Tyrol.

A/R, L/24131, dtd 10 January 1952, Subj: Reinartz, Michael - Meeting in Gmunden, states that ~~Phil van Tongel~~ told the interviewing agent that he (Tongel) is a knowing informant of a certain Baron Harry Mast, Bethlehemstrasse 1, Linz, believed to be an intelligence operative for an American Intelligence

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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Numerous references to the executed Gestapo leader Ernst Kaltenbrunner.

Numerous references to Arthur and Iris Scheidler are contained in the files of this Sub-Detachment. Iris Scheidler is also mentioned as the personal friend of Hoettl.

Captain (fmu) Malner is probably identical with: Malner, Herbert, who is operating an intelligence network in Salzburg, for the purpose of obtaining information on Rumania, which is in turn forwarded to Captain Waldmann in Frankfurt, according to MOIC, S-2513, dated 6 August 1948, Subj: Technical Intelligence Branch, JUCOM, operations in Austria; and Herbert Dohnal alias Malner, residing in Salzburg/Glasenbach, Schiesstandstrasse 98, who met Margarete Grosschopf, who was accompanied by Heinz Oster, in Freilassing, Germany, as reported in A/R, S-13271, dtd 8 April 1952, Subj: Grosschopf, Margarete - Contact of Various Intelligence Agents.

Rupert Mandel is possibly identical with former SS Captain (fmu) Mandl, allegedly employed by CIC Salzburg and an alleged leader of the neo-Nazi movement in Austria, as reported in A/R, V-26839, dtd 2 January 1952, Subj: Israeli Intelligence.

In Agent Report, V-20918, dtd 4 May 1951, Subj: Nitsche, Karl, it is reported that one Johannes Lebisschak, an Austrian teacher and director of Austrian-Soviet cultural affairs, possessed background data on Bolschwing (fmu), alias Goller, Gohla. It was unknown whether Lebisschak actually maintained contact with him or merely recorded his background data.

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1. FYI INFO RECEIVED FROM [] THAT SUBJECT WROTE DR. AGOSTINI HE SEEMED TO BE WORKING FOR "RECONSTITUTED GERMAN SERVICE", WISHES ARRANGE LIAISON CONTACTS BETWEEN GERMANS AND ITALIANS. STATED WILL ARRIVE HOME EARLY SEPTEMBER WITH "DIRECTOR" GERMAN SERVICE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ITALIS, ESPECIALLY ALSO WITH NEO-FASCIST GROUPS. "DIRECTOR" TO HAVE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE.
2. SUBJECT ASKED AGOSTINI MAIL TWO LETTERS FOR HIM IN ITALY, ONE TO DR. OTTO GRIEGER, BOLZANO, ADDRESSED "DEAR UGO", POSSIBLY INTENDED FOR ULDARIGO CAPUTO; OTHER TO DR. WILHELM HOETTL, BAD AUSSEE.
3. ABOVE TENDS SUBJECT OUR EYES AS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN HOETTL'S LATEST ATTEMPTED SWINDLE OR POSSIBLY ATTEMPTING DEAL ON O.A.N.
4. IN VIEW () DO NOT PASS ABOVE INFO L [] AS IS. NO OBJECTION INQUIRY RE SUBJECT'S CURRENT ACTIVITY.

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NOTE FOR HOETTL FILE

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Appears HAAS and HOETTL attempting to set up liaison link with ()
on completely opportunistic basis. HAAS probably
trying to establish () link-up which will be sold to Blank office
via HOETTL. Between them will probably try to hoodwink both Italian
and German services by claiming key contacts with each. These contacts
actually not existent, of course. "Director" of German Service whom HAAS has
promised to introduce to Italians probably will turn out to be HOETTL.
(Cites HOETTL's disrepute with all services including Zipper and fact that
HOETTL approach to HAAS reported by latter to Detachment 35.)

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Chief () Vienna

Chief (), Frankfurt

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Willi Hoettl

Ref: ()

The recommendation made in paragraph 5 of () to place Hoettl's name on the [] warning list of known intelligence swindlers is thought to be a good one. This office does not, however, have the information needed to complete the listing. If possible, we would appreciate your supplying it.

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Extract for Files

Attachment B to of 20 Oct 52, subject "Meeting between () and Dr. Wilhelm HOTTL on 10 Oct 52"

" Purpose of this meeting was, as he (HOETTL) stated, to discuss with CC-2 his new literary plans, but there was no time...He only informed CC-2 on his present personal situation which had changed a few days ago. He told that he had been fired once again. His former "big chief" (Col. HEINZ) had informed him by letter that he had to be dropped upon U.S. interference; he, HOETTL, was blamed for having delivered exaggerated and untrue reports. He further stated that the U.S. representative who had demanded HOETTL's dismissal had acted also in the name of the British and French Occupation Forces.

HOTTL believes that no official steps have been taken by the U.S. representative, but that possibly a private conversation could have taken place between a U.S. intelligence officer and a Bonn official. HOTTL believes that connections with his former employer cannot be restored, but he intended to go to Munich and possibly Bonn on 13 October 1952 in order to receive some more severance payments for his collaborators.

HOTTL asked CC 2 to call the telephone number Salzburg 60944 next week, to ask for one Herr ALBERT, and to pick up from ALBERT an envelope containing a sum of D-Marks, which CC 2 should change, and return to the same person the countervalue in Austrian Schillings in a sealed envelope addressed to "Willi". This time HOTTL did not claim that this sum represented a "last payment from the Piper Verlag".

HOTTL had been asked to work for another western intelligence organization (he did not mention for which one), and had been surprised by the fact that his having been dropped was known to such organization. He felt however not inclined to accept.

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Note for HOETTL file

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() 30 Dec 52

On 27 Dec 52 HOETTL came by train via Salz. to Germany. Said he was going to Munich on a business trip and for conversations with various friends in Munich.

(HOETTL also went to Germany on 19 Jan 52. Then wanted to visit Gerhard SCHACHT, Munich, Postillonstr. 4 and stay at Hotel Württemberger Hof". He in contact with members of the neo-Fascist organization "Scheinwerfer" in Germany.

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Informal Note for Files

12 Jan 53

Major Risdon (ZIPPER desk) says that according to a letter which a friend of his in the U.S. got recently from ^{HAAS} HAAS, HAAS was contacted by HEINZ about 15 December 1952 and offered a job at more money than he was getting from CIC. HAAS accepted. Is to start work 1 January 1953, will pick up police contacts, will leave for Italy. ^{Believed to be} Still in contact with Harry MAST.

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(L) 30 Jan 53

SCHAEFER, head of (), submitted report that on 21 Oct 52, at the Bavarian-Austrian border, he saw Walter LAUBER and Curt PONGER in a Volkswagen bearing Vienna license #W 6848 (said to belong to LAUBER), in the company of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL. ^{He was on trip back from Stuttgart} SCHAEFER reported that PONGER seemed to be acquainted with the personnel of the border office and appeared to be connected with the book trade. It would seem that SCHAEFER talked at least with Curt PONGER, but it is not clear whether P. and L. overheard the SCHAEFER-HOETTL discussions concerning THORWALD's book "Wen Sie Verderben Wollen" and the statement by HOETTL that he had established contact with ZIPPER hqs (thru UM, according to SCHAEFER's expressed belief).

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Extract (paraphrased) for file

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2) 26 Feb 53

Interrogation of Willi HOETTL carried out concerning his contacts with PONGER, VERBER and LAUBER. HOETTL let slip out the name ROEHR (phonetic) to whom he said he had forwarded written report of these contacts. ROEHR works for Amt UTILITY (TN) in Bonn. H. says contacts were ^{journalistic} (with P.V. L) He suspected V and P of Israeli IS connections. They pretend to be anti-Commie with him. H. says book of addresses found L's apt when arrested was copied secretly by P or L during trip to Germany October 52. Interrogator (S/A Ringer) confirms similarity of material with H's notebook. Asks if H. employed by any part of GIS. Salz has impression not a Zipperite and according () H. dropped by () Aug 52. H. since Oct/Nov. 52 claims employment by Amt UTILITY ITN)

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Paraphrased extract for HOETTL file

I. [redacted] of 4 March 53 []

In Oct 52 HOETTL visited Stuttgart, Bonn and Duesseldorf on his trip with LAUBER and PONGER. Wilhelm KRIECHBAUM, prominent Zipperite, aware HOETTL met these on trip :

- a. Frau von FRANKENBERG (residing Stuttgart, literary associate of H. , allegedly employed Porsche-Werk
- b. Hildegard BEETZ (journalist in Bonn, current married name unknown, involved in Ciano affair
- c. Dr. Frau KOELLER of Bad Reichenhall
- d. Oberreg and Krimrat NAUJOCKS - in Hamburg; H. met him in Duesseldorf at indust. exhib. by chance.
- e) Frau Dr. DREIHAUPT, Stuttgart, owner of publishing house.

According to KRIECHBAUM, H. asked possibilities of employment in Zipper. Said people defaming him; mentioned rumor H. appropriated Amt VI funds in Aussee after war

of 5 Mar. 53

Very doubtful if Gen. Hayes would approve arrest of H. now. He is still at liberty awaiting 2nd interview. G-2 ask if [] available to interrogate him. Ask permission to pass sanitized version of [] and [] to G-2 in hopes it influence G-2 attitude to investigate H-PONGER ties.

DIR Of 7 March

Favor passing sanitized version G-2. Recommend [] be made available.

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Chief () , Vienna
Attn: []
Chief () , Salzburg

Transmittal of Recordings

1. Transmitted as attachments are seven reels of tape, numbered 1 thru 4 and 11 thru 13. They are part of the recordings made of the [] interrogation of Wilhelm HOETTL on 26 March and 28 March 1953.
2. USFA, G-2 Operations returned the above reels and have retained reels 5 thru 10.
3. Please make the above recordings available to []
4. Recordings were made under normal recording conditions and the standard Revere machine was used.

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

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

ACTION:		LN	OPNS
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2. DATE SUBMITTED
 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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By: SLH Date: 4/18/2001

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THOMAS M. KENNEDY, S/A CIC
 480th CIC, Region A (Salzburg)

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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NOTE FOR HOETTL FILE

C 16 Feb 55

Cites Karl HAAS receipt of letter from HOETTL stating Lois EDER had disappeared. ##### HOETTL believes he was arrested by AIS as Soviet agent.

HASS reports reason for arrest probably because EDER, while working for Bann in Soviet Zone of Austria was in contact with an Austrian citizen, widow of SS officer or non-com, who worked in a tailor shop serving Russian officers. Woman furnished info and Soviet uniform samples to EDER. HAAS believes woman was Soviet D/A and believes EDER therefore arrested when AIS discovered her double role.

() notes HAAS apparently forgot he had previously told () that he (HAAS) had recruited woman such as above in like tailor shop but dropped her when she was not approved by the Americans for whom HAAS worked.

In same letter HOETTL told HAAS that he (HOETTL) was in contact with top level intell circles and about to be assigned the task of organizing a very high level intell net because of his known contacts with "Neri". HASS identified "Neri" to () as priests in general and Vatican circles in particular.

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5 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THRU: Chief of Operations, DD/P *mt*
SUBJECT: "Hitler's Paper Weapon"

1. The attached book "Hitler's Paper Weapon", written by Wilhelm Hottl, and the accompanying note were received from the field for transmittal to the Director for his retention if he so wishes.

2. The [] dispatch stated that Hottl had sent two books to the American Ambassador in Vienna with a note requesting that he accept one for himself and asking him to send the other to the designated recipient. It is presumed that the Ambassador must have accepted one of Hottl's previous books and had probably written him thanking him for it, and that Hottl therefore sent him this new book of his.

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Chief, Eastern European Division

Attachment:

Personal Note and Book

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DR. WILHELM HÖTTL

ALT-AUSSEE, den November 11th, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you my recently published book "Hitler's Paper Weapon".

Hoping that you will kindly accept it, I am

most respectfully yours,

hmz

DR. WILHELM HOETTL

EXTRACTS

HOETTL, DR. WILHELM
HUTTL, DR.
MEYER, DR.

MEIR, DR.
WELHELM, DR.
HOETTL, DR. WILLI

Nationality, German, born 1908, teacher of philosophy at University of Vienna. Rank: SS Sturmbannfueher. Well built, 5'10", light brown hair, fairish, parted on left, large head, grey eyes, always wears civilian clothes.

In April 41, Hoettl enlisted agent Goetz under cover name of KAUFMANN to work at intelligence for S.D.

Dec of 41, while Leiter of Referat VI in Vienna, Hoettl was involved in disciplinary troubles and dismissed from his post by his successor Gerhardt MULLER @ MANDEL. Hoettl had been working too closely with Jewish agents and was dishonest in money matters. His political views were unpopular with Berlin as he supported the moderate National Socialists like Count PALFEY, BAKY, who on an understanding with Hoettl, made a break with the Arrow Cross Party of SZALLSY while Berlin supported the latter.

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During 1942, Hoettl transferred to the SS regiment Prinz Eugen in Belgrade where he served as a war reporter.

1943, Hoettl was reinstated in the S.D. and posted to Amt VI E at the RSHA in Berlin, possibly as HANKE'S successor.

Oct 43 Hoettl sent Pierre LETAY- an S.D. agent sent on a political mission to Syria in 1944- to Amt VI C, the Persian section, for employment.

In Nov 43, Hoettl was promoted to Sturmbannfuehrer. It was after this that he tried to get into the good graces of SCHELLENBERG.

In 1944 Sept, Hoettl was in touch with Richard KLATT of Abwehr I (Luft) and asked him to pass on any information about British agents in Europe.



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12 April 45 "D'ETAT" AMEMBASSY POBBY LUMMY ka_976(7) Watch 861(7) SNAFU 677(?)

Hoettl arrived Swiss 9 April 45. Called ALPBERG. Subject states he and friends wish to work with us to prevent estab'l of reduit and if estab'l'd despite their efforts, they would go into reduit and work underground with us.

He brought with him to Feldkirch alleged member of Austrian resistance movement named WINKLER who carrying letter from Cardinal IKNITZER of Vienna. Winkler now at Feldkirch awaiting arrangements for entry Swiss. Subject (Hoettl) contacts GLAIS HORSTENAU, Gen. R. LOEHR. Subject now has HQ in south Tyrol where he controls radio facilities. We to get info by his radio.

He confirms that reduit rapidly becoming a reality. Has connections with STEYRWERKE to become reduit armament industry with work to be underground.

Undated: D'ETAT Report B-2551 from 110 45

Info from Oberstnmbandfuehrer Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl and von WINKLER. (WINKLER represented as a member of Austrian right wing resistance.) Hoettle looks like he's giving info to save his skin. VON WINKLER makes good impression but needs further checking. Document gives Winkler's resistance group. Info on Winkler. Hoettl claims method to undermine reduit.

17 April 45 Memo from Mr. Leslie for Mr. Mayer, Dulles and vonGaevernitz.

Leslie believes whole Hoettl affair is a group of Austrian conservative circles, including Cath church circles and large proportion of legitimists and the more moderate Nazis. A reactionary group altho both Hoettl and Winkler would hotly deny it.

An important member of the group is Obersturmbandfuhrer GOTTSC. He)

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He is head of a department of Vienna, S.D. and worked with Winkler for years. GOTTSCHE brought Hoettl into contact with Winkler.

Hoettl said KALTENBRUNNER told him to contact oppositional elements to find out about them and of possible collaboration. Hoettl entrusted Gottsch with the internal contacts while confining himself to external contacts.

Hoettl appears to represent the moderate Nazis in the group. He obviously looks upon a GLAISE*HORSTENAU as his leader.

These moderate Austrian Nazis collaborated with the German Nazis from the very beginning for the following reasons:

1. Their belief in the "Gross-Deutschland Gedanke."
2. Their anti-Communist convictions.
3. Their anti-Jewish tendencies.
4. Their belief that some sort of union with Germany was the only solution to Austrian economic problems.

These people withdrew when the more radical Nazi elements (such as HEYDRICH) came into the fore. It is Leslie's personal impression that their motive is not only to save their skins, but also to play a political role in the future of Austria. They fear Russian imperialism and want to link Austria to western democratic ideas against the Russians. Hoettl expressed the conviction that strong divergence exists between western allies and Russia. Hoettl had summarized his plans for undermining the Reduit including propaganda suggestions. fin

Hoettl believes that in the Reduit the Wehrmacht and SS are likely to get together against the party. Allied propaganda should exploit this.

Hoettl gives info on the Social Democrats. He wants strengthening of anti - Russian leaders in a ~~socialist~~ socialism movement. His observations of Austrian workers .. Catholic movement, the Communists. fin

() thinks Hoettl and Winkler are important contacts and worth developing.

Hoettl is called dangerous because of his being a Nazi, his associates,

and being fanatically anti-Russ. () thought it best to inform Russ of any collaboration with him. His use is for furthering interests to United Nations and hastening end of resistance in Austria by disruption of the Reduit.

He has made a favorable impression on () and is believed to be trustworthy and sincere. To avoid accusation of our working with Nazi and anti-Russ, our contact with him has to be indirect.

() believes that Hoettl hopes that he and his associates will be able to play a political role in the future Austria as a result of his present activities. Hoettl is to be used, but not collaborated with...

Hoettl is important for the position which he holds and the consequent powers and authority. Hoettl cannot be considered representative of a political group in Austria. The lists he gave of associates defies labelling as a group.

We had best warn () of our part in this affair since Winkler was to be put in contact with () thru another party.

Memo 19 April 1945

() now believes Hoettl is merely being used by an inner group, so Hoettl has but a very vague impression of the true situation. This is the result of a talk with Winkler.

COPY OF SHAEF CARD # 37813 1.6.45

HOETTTL, DR. WILHELM @ DU MAYER @ WILHELM, DR.
Description: Borm c. 1913. Height 5'9". Slim build, fairish hair parted left. Grey eyes, full face, strong features, light complex.
Career: Head of Ref VI Vienna, dismissed end of 41. Was war reporter with SS troops in Serbia 1942. Rehabilitated and posted to a high position in Amt VI Berlin 1943. Supposed to have been the brains behind K SKORZENY'S successful liberation of Mussolini.

EXTRACT THIRD ARMY SCI DETACHMENT 21 May 45

Subject: "SS Sturnbannfuehrer Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl"
Subject states as one of the chiefs of RSHA's Amt VI, he organized an extensive W/T network throughout southeastern Europe. At present his network

consists of 5 major stations and about 30 agents, not including minor feeders.

In FREISING, Hoettl has been sent to the hospital for a treatment for his stomach ulcers.

~~At the time of reporting to the CIC in KIRCHDORF, Hoettl was staying at his family home in ALTAUSEE, AUSTRIA, the community in which KALTENBRUNNER was captured.~~

At the time of reporting to the CIC in KIRCHDORF, Hoettl was staying at his family home in ALTAUSEE, AUSTRIA, the community in which KALTENBRUNNER was captured.

He is 36 37 years old, married and father of 2 children and his wife was now pregnant. Height 1.79, eyes grey, hair dark, complexion sallow, build slender.

He says he is a devout and active Catholic, and joined the NSDAP on 13 March 1938 because he thought National Socialism would save Austria from Bolshevism. He was ousted from the SD by HEYDRICH because of his failure to adopt the Nazi Party tune toward Jews. In addition he was inducted into the army as a private. When KALTENBRUNNER succeeded Heydrich and began to surround himself with Austrians, Hoettl was restored to official rank in RSHA.

Hoettl states that he had become convinced that the hope of Austria and her salvation from Bolshevism did not lie in German National Socialism but in a free and independent Austria with strong alliance and support from Western nations. Accordingly, he began to administer his post with such an underlying aim in mind. Hence, his radio network, composed of his own men in key positions, all of whom share his own anti-Bolshevist, pro-allied views.

In addition to the W/T net, one of his henchmen RUPERT MANDEL, has organized the EINSATZ GRUPPEN which have been parachuted into Yugoslavia during the past 3 months.

He calls his group the "USTACHA". He said it was allied with the Austrian Separatist Movement headed by General GLAISE-HORSTENA. Through contact with the Papal Legate to Vienna, Hoettl states, there is reason to believe that the ... support to his movement. The papal legate

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Vatican would give at least tacit support to his movement. The papal legate, however, has monarchist leanings, according to Hoettl, and Hoettl did not want his movement involved in the monarchist controversy as yet.

25 May 45 D'ETAT AMLEGATION BERN SPEARHEAD 12th AG

Wilhelm Hoettl of VI B with 6 members of his group are now in 3rd Army hands. Claims control of W/T network SE Europe composed of Austrian patriots.

HQ INTERROGATION CENTER APO 655 5 July 45 "Interrogation of VEESENMAYER"

Hoettl in captivity about 21 May 45.

19 March 44, Dr. Hoettl makes acquaintance with Veesenmayer in Budapest. ^{Hoettl claims meeting in 1939 at Budapest 404} Hoettl with German Nachrichtendienst in Budapest. From 10 March 44 until 1 April 44, both discussed political moves. Veesenmayer judged Hoettl as a fanatic Nazi, a narrow minded person who would leave nothing undone in order to achieve his goal, no matter what it might be. Hoettl disregarded the German Legation and its function. Hoettl described Veesenmayer to his superiors as a weakling and a defeatist for which he was reprimanded. The two didn't get along.

Hoettl was a determined opponent of SZALASI who was in the "Pfeilkrevzler" movement which had the goal of assimilation of the various racial element in Hungary into a nationalistic homogeneous people.

Hoettl worked for KALTENBRUNNER and HIMMLER and had their protection at all times. Hoettl was influential in Hungarian policy making because of his backing. Hoettl was a narrow minded radical who attacked every project with a logic fight mind, unswaying, and making no concessions, his chief concern was the small group of National Socialists in Budapest with whom he associated.

It is difficult to arrive at his official point of view; to HIMMLER he was reliable, to von Ribbentrop he definitely was not. It appears from

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contrary to Reich policy. Hoettl answered he would report to KALTENBRUNNER as Veesenmayer's policies in Hungary would lead to disaster. Himmler allowed Hoettl to stay in Hungary since it was the opposing opinion to Ribbentrop.

Hoettl was an avowed opponent of SZALASI and ~~it~~ did everthing in his ~~power~~ to prevent his accession with the Arrow Cross Party.

Hoettl could not see himself as described by Veesenmayer(narrow-minded, radical and fanatic).

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DR. WILHELM HOETTL

XX-10268 21 Dec 45 Report by Hoettl, Dr. Wilhelm

Former Balkan expert in Gruppe VI, E of the RSHA. (One of several prepared during summer of 45 while detained at 3rd Army IC. "Situation Report: Bulgaria 40-45. From SAINT Lond. Assisted by Bruno Klaus. Both former members of the Vienna Referate in Amt VI of RSHA . Report not Evaluated.

Had known Bulgaria for 7 years. Seven years ago began intelligence work concerning this country from Vienna when he was employed at the S.D. Leitabschnitt and in consequence took journeys to Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, Varna, Etc. He got to know country and people on journeys by car.

As VI Referent in Vienna, author was over several good Bulgarian specialists to collaborate with him, who could criticise and evaluate intelligence information from this area. Author not biased in favor ~~xxx~~ of one political group as those of Amt VI at this period.

Author has close connections thru a Bulgarian intermediary with the "Sweno" Group withich played important role behind scenes in Bulgaria.

Author also had good connections with Macedonian IMRO organization.

Since 1940, author specialized more in Soviets and made Bulgaria glacis for this intelligence work.

After author's return to S.D. in '43, he had no longer any direct influence on the intelligence work of the Referat for Bulgaria, but nevertheless stipulated that he, as the Gruppenleiter' deputy, should be informed currently about all events so he could follow developments closely.

He is well informed and an expert on the country.

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() 25 Oct 48

Information is substance of IRS, dtd 19 Oct 48 from CO, 7821 Composite Group to Operations Branch, Intelligence Division, EWCOM.

The CO here states that he received a report from his organization that if it were known that Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl is employed by an American Agency "it would be incomprehensible to all decent Germans and Austrians". Hoettl is believed to be employed by War Dept. Detach. in Vienna to build up an intelligence net.

The report goes on to allege that Hoettl was illegally involved in many transactions, that he was a high ranking member of RSHA, and that he gave information to the "Flying Court Martial" which led to execution of Count von RITTBURG. The CO asks if Hoettl should not be utilized..

Vienna assumes subject from report is identical with person in "MOUNT" operation of OSS 45. This is from ECOM (liason section) who feels its none of the CO's business if Hoettl is working for us....

() ~~19~~ 1 Dec 48

~~Mr~~ Wilhelm Hoettl is in no way connected with () although he is known to us. Subject, a former SS Ostubaf. has been reported by 430th CIC Det. as active in making contact with former GIS personnel, with the avowed purpose of building up an intelligence network which he hopes to sell to Americans when complete. Latest information to date is on July 48 when he was described by CIC as a security threat.

Hoettl is, in fact, identical with person employed by OSS in 45.

