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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2
STAFF GROUP, DETACHMENT 36 (PROVISIONAL)
APO 168, US ARMY

XOD-44

10 January 1962

SUBJECT: Approach to 201 by W. HOETTL to Participate in the "Intelligence Service of the New Bonn Defense Ministry"

TO: Files

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1. At 0630 hours on 4 Jan 52, 201 telephoned 35727 at his home requesting a meeting at the earliest possible moment. 35727 noted the urgency in 201's tone of voice and set a meeting for that morning at 1200 hours at the Salzburg Railroad Station.

2. At 1200 hours on 4 Jan 52, 35727 picked up 201 who was waiting at the exit gate of the Salzburg railroad station, and drove with him (in 35727's privately owned vehicle) toward the environs of Salzburg. As soon as the customary salutations were dispensed with, 201 began his recital of his chance meeting with Hoettl in Linz, proposition offered to 201 by Hoettl and 201's meeting in Bad Ischl with alleged representatives of the Bonn Government. At the conclusion of 201's expose, 35727 directed 201 to remain in Salzburg that afternoon and to write an account of those points which he had related verbally to 35727. 201 readily agreed to do so. 201 stated that he would need the better part of that afternoon to complete his report. Accordingly an appointment was made for 1700 hours 4 Jan 52 in the Mozartplatz at which time 201 would consign his finished report to 35727. At precisely 1700 hours, 35727 drove to Mozartplatz, picked up 201 and drove him to the railroad station. During the course of the drive from Mozartplatz to the railroad station 201 gave 35727 his report relating the events of his meetings with Hoettl. The report was discussed briefly and 201 was allowed to depart for Lambach on the Arlberg Express leaving Salzburg at 1752 hours. 201 was told that within two weeks he would be advised as to his future course of action. At 1745, 4 Jan 52, 35727 submitted 201's report to 35782.

3. The following is a verbatim copy of 201's report with the original attached hereto:

"Operation Report

4 Jan 52

Subject: The Intelligence Service of the New German Ministry of Defense

I. Introduction

When still residing in Italy, Source received from time to time letters from "Willy", an old ex-colleague and friend of his. Since February or March 1950, however, Source did not answer any longer to these letters because of Willy's suspicious political activity. Not receiving any answer on the following letters also Willy stopped the correspondence in September 1950. Since that period Source had no direct or indirect contact with Willy.

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Source left Italy definitely in October 1951 taking the new residence in Austria. About the 20th of December Source received through the family of Source's wife in Italy a letter sent on the third of December 1951 by Willy from Austria to one of Source's Roman cover addresses (Via Faleria No. 8). In this letter Willy communicated that he would arrive in Rome about the middle of the month and that he would like to speak to Source at that occasion.

Source was astonished to hear of Willy after more than one year of silence. Some days later Source met Willy in Linz without having made an appointment. Source said: "I am sorry that we did not meet in Rome but that time I was in Bolzano to spend there the Christmas holidays. When I called up my Roman acquaintances to send them my Christmas wishes I heard that you had written a letter announcing your visit in Rome. Thinking you had to tell me something of importance I took the train at Bolzano to come to see you".

Willy was glad to see Source and told the following reason for his Roman journey:

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Willy was contacted by a leading person of the new German intelligence service who asked his collaboration at the organization of the Government of Bonn. (201 does not recall the name of the individual) After several conversations the delegate chief of the section South-East (Balkan and Mediterranean countries) Source interrupted Willy asking of what kind of "service" he was speaking. The answer was: "In five or six months the new German Ministry of Defense will be established. The chief will be, without doubt, the actual security commissar BLANK. The government of Bonn, however, is already now beginning to set up the intelligence service of this Ministry. The chief of this service is Col HEINZ, already now Willy's direct supervisor. The government naturally cannot pay the members of the organization before it does not officially exist but at the moment when the Allies allow the opening of the Ministry of Defense its intelligence network will be ready to start the official activity.

Source asked how it is possible that Willy, as an Austrian citizen can enter the German intelligence service. He answered that the necessary steps have already been taken to give him the German citizenship.

Willy said the aim of his journey to Rome was to contact Source. Willy intended to nominate Source Chief of the Sub-section "Italy and Near East" of the section "South East" directed by Willy himself.

Source thanked him for the kindness, answering that he would think it over and that he would call him up in one of the following days to give an answer before Source's return to Italy.

On Thursday 3rd of January 52 Source called up Willy (ALT-AUSSEE No. 16) asking for an appointment. Willy proposed to meet at Bac Ischl on the same day. Source went by train from Linz to Ischl and met Willy at the Station Restaurant.

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Willy, who is convinced that Source still resides in Italy, proposed that Source send his reports in by courier to Bolzano and Willy will send a courier to Bolzano. Source made the counter-proposal to mail the reports at Innsbruck because he has good and safe ways. Willy agreed and expects the first reports signed with "L-606" at the end of the month of January, addressed to NIBELUNGEN-VERLAG, ALT-AUSSEE, POSTFACH No. 3.

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Willy meant that the new service will be the first one with a real independence which will not be controlled by any Allied intelligence Agency. The TIB composed also of German elements is destined to die because of the mistakes which its chief von GELEN committed and is still committing. GELEN tried to gather all intelligence activity under his leadership, making himself so automatically an enemy of all other German intelligence officers."

4. COMMENTS

a. The following points were covered verbally by 201 in his conversation with 35727 and were inadvertently omitted by 201 in his written expose.

- (1) Hoettl, in an obvious attempt to impress upon 201 the magnitude of Col Heinz's connections, flaunted the name of an American General with whom Col Heinz was in direct contact but acting completely independent of of the American General in regard to the establishing of the Intelligence Service of the Bonn Ministry of Defense. 201 gave an Italian pronunciation to the American General's name but it was enough to identify the general's name as TRUSCOTT.
- (2) 201 stated that Hoettl intended to operate his Chief (201) of the Section "Italy and the Near East" under the cover firms of either Clarodent (dental products) or Mercedes Benz in Milan Italy. 201's salary was fixed at 1000 DM's monthly plus expenses for operational necessities.
- (3) L 303, the operative in charge of the Hungarian Section, is believed to be a Jesuit priest. No further details were known by 201.
- (4) 201 states that he was directed by Hoettl to continue his work with the Americans and to draw his salary from them until such time as the statutes of the Bonn Defense Ministry has been definitely established. Once that is accomplished, 201 is to sever all relationship and contacts with the "Americans" and is to sign a sworn statement to that effect. At the same time he (201) would pledge allegiance to the Bonn Government.

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After having heard that Source eventually would be inclined to enter the new service Willy gave further details: He found for his section "South East" already the chiefs for the sub-sections. Every sub-section chief has a number, for instance, "L-101", "L-202", "L-303" and so on (that means - "Line 101"). Source received the number "L-606". Willy told that he in the time between the first and second meeting with Source he spoke with his chief (Col Heinz?) who accepted the proposal to nominate Source chief of the sub-section "Italy and Near East".

"That is very fine", answered Source "but how do you imagine yourself that the concrete solution will be". If Source should definitely accept the offer he would receive an official post at the Ministry of Defense and would be officially working in Italy. The chief and Willy will come to Rome in February 1952 to introduce Source to the German Ambassador von Brentano as the responsible man for every German intelligence activity in Italy and the Mediterranean area. As a cover activity Source will receive, through Bonn, a post at a German firm in Italy.

The payment will begin immediately after the official opening of the Ministry of Defense. Source's position will be strengthened by the fact that the whole (ex)change of intelligence material between the German service and the Italian agencies will be done through Source.

In what problems is the German service in Italy interested in? Military, political and economic information; activity of the Italian Communist Party; Cominform; contacts with the Arabian people in North Africa; the exigration group in Italy; collaboration with the Vatican.

Willy At the meeting in Ischl was also present Willy's Chief of Staff, ex-officer of the Abwehr, who works now with an American intelligence agency. (Willy mentioned that all his subsection chiefs work now with the CIC, MIS and other agencies but they are already retiring themselves from these services and try to stay there only until that moment when the German service will begin its official activity (with other words - will begin to pay!))

Willy introduced his "Chief of Staff" to Source as Baron MAST (or BLAST) a man of about 45 years, meager; 170 cm high, wears spectacles and a Steyr jacket. Willy and his man (ex)changed reports and information in the presence of Source who was begged, however, to read a newspaper during their conversation. Willy gave his man about ten reports, which contained among other things, statistics and designs about the composition, armaments, uniforms, location, personnel and so on of Russian Divisions and also American military units. Source heard that Willy has direct contacts with Hungary (through his "L-303"), Willy spoke only in number "L-101", "L-404", for instance but mentioned also a certain "Otto" and Langen" as their collaborators.

At the end of the conversation Willy told Source that it would be useful to begin immediately with the work, using also old material because they don't have anything about "Italy and every information is new for them."

- (5) 201's personal reactions to Hoettl's proposition: 201 is wary of Hoettl's intentions and does not intend to become a pawn in Hoettl's political intrigues and maneuverings. At the same time 201 views Hoettl's proposals with a roseate hue because he sees in them a golden opportunity to become a bona fide, respectful German citizen and civil servant devoting all his time and energies in the legitimate pursuit of his career which began in 1933 immediately upon his graduation from the University of Berlin with a degree in political science. Nonetheless, 201, of his volition, stated that if he received the necessary approval from 35727 he would accept Hoettl's proposition to go to Italy and reestablish his old contacts and lines. This would afford him "the opportunity of furnishing 35727 with the modus operandi (to include function, personnel, lines of communication, copies of reports specific targets, etc) not only of the Bonn's Defense Ministry Intelligence Service but also Italian Intelligence". As an after thought 201 stated "of course such an operation will entail the use of the most stringent security measures!" 35727 agreed and stated that before such an operation went into effect, the most minute detail would be worked out to the nth degree.

201 is also aware that Hoettl, whom 201 regards as an ambitious, unscrupulous and astute individual maybe undertaking this project on his own initiative in the hopes that he (Hoettl) may receive the accolades (and backing) of former German colleagues as the rising star within the orbit of future German Intelligence endeavors. This would assure Hoettl, according to 201, that high level niche that Hoettl sought not only during WWII but also those past war years extending to the present date.

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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
FROM : Chief, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: GENERAL

DATE: 10 January 1952

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SPECIFIC: HOETTL, Wilhelm (A:)

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1. Coincidentally enough, we prepared a paper on subject the same date () was sent, expressing our belief that HOETTL was indeed a () agent. Our method of arriving at this conclusion was certainly more involved than that of () but having received () we will set forth our story here and hope that it may clarify one or two small points. The rather confusing chain of events follow.

2. In early September, we received () which contained a large number of photocopies of intelligence reports obviously stemming from Austria, and which BOB received from MIS. MIS had routinely procured these from CIS. BOB was of the opinion that the material was ZIPPER's.

3. Checking the name and address of the addressee, we discovered him to be none other than Gerhard SCHACHT, a former GV G employee who defected to () and is now considered one of () principal sources.

4. Because the () was being done in Munich we asked for and began to receive coverage of these reports through 66 CIC Munich.

5. () was asked to comment on the material in the reports which by then amounted to over 50. In going through them, four were noted in which the subject matter corresponded closely with reports submitted by () These four were based on the interrogation of refugees in the Graz area and were the only ones similar in subject matter to () reports. The () reports came through the now defunct channel () (Photos of four of the () are attached as enclosure #1, E-1, E-2, E-3 and E-4.) In order to determine whether or not someone in () office was selling reports to () was asked to provide samples of typing from all typewriters in his office, plus samples of typing of () and () and HOETTL. These typing samples, plus a sample of typing from the typewriter used by UM were sent to TAD along with photos of the () material and analysis was requested. (Typing samples A-1, A-2, 3, 4, 5 are

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attached as enclosure #2).

A detailed study by [] of [] indicated almost conclusively that the typewriter used for typing the [] material was that used for writing the letter A-1, which is a copy of a letter written to

7. Despite the large amount of [] material, none of it was considered at all interesting here, consisting as it did mainly of photos and extracts from WW-II Czech military publications, fragmentary low-level GB and even a paper listing the components of the U.S. army field ration. 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 [] When CIC stated that they could not staff the reproduction of such a large volume of [] reports, we readily agreed that they were of so little value that we had no continuing interest in receiving them. The [] consequently, were stopped after approximately one month of observing the material. All [] material received here is attached for your information.

8. We are reasonably satisfied here that [] is not tied in wittingly with HOETTL and consider the chances insignificant that he is penetrated. The four reports in which the subject matter was similar to the HOETTL reports destined for [] were based on interrogations, and incidentally, the interrogee fabricated much of the content. This interrogation obviously got into the Graz intelligence exchange and from there received the usual wide distribution. [] has since appeared in reports by UM, and in a [] read at the Air Section USFA. Since nothing else in the approximately 50 reports destined for [] over a period of a month even remotely resembled anything of (), and the four which did were readily available to anyone with access to the Graz exchange (which includes everyone), a very slim basis exists for assuming [] HOETTL collaboration.

9. In refutation of this assumption we point out that through [] [] has provided something of a penetration of HOETTL and has to date reported all statements made by HOETTL, who [] states he believes is a [] agent. Reports are also frequently received from () and () detailing HOETTL's connections, meetings, etc. The most recent of these reports is attached as enclosure #4. [] has maintained that considerable friction existed between himself and HOETTL during the war and that he has had no connection with him since. Despite the fact that both [] and HOETTL are on the same side of the fence regarding ZIPPER, we feel from personal assessment of USAGE that he believes himself to be superior to HOETTL and feels HOETTL's efforts in the intelligence field represent competition which he would gladly eliminate. The fact also that both [] and HOETTL would settle for nothing less than being top dog virtually eliminates the possibility of collaboration.

10. The MAST/HOETTL connection is one that is known to us, as well as to [] but is one which we haven't yet been able to clarify. MAST is still employed by ZIPPER through EV S, and has a connection to CIC Linz.

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Whether ZIPPER is employing MAST to penetrate HOETTL [] or vice versa is a question we cannot now answer. Repeated needling of ZIPPER's HQ section about MAST, without, of course, disclosing our knowledge of MAST's other connections, has elicited no useful information, except "protests" (sic) at our denunciation without supporting details which they requested we provide. Their reluctance to volunteer any information on this score might indicate that ZIPPER is indeed aware of MAST's connection to HOETTL, and are loathe to inform us that MAST is being used to penetrate [], an activity for which we would certainly balk footing the bill. It is believed that [] has additional information on the activities of MAST, and perhaps when we bet this we will have a clearer picture of MAST's true loyalties.

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HOETTL WILHELM

WASH 22315

TO: SALZF INFO: KARLF, PULLF, VIENF CITE: WASHF

RE: SALZ ()

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1. ALL HERE AGREE [] MOST USEFUL ON REDCAP TYPE
 2. HOETTL [] CONNECTION UNDESIRABLE.
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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention: []

DATE: 18 January 1952

FROM : Chief () Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL— ()

SPECIFIC— Wilhelm HOETTL's Approach to []

Reference: SALZ/()

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1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of XOD-44, written by [] which contain [] report on the approach made to him by Wilhelm HOETTL together with verbal comments not contained in [] written report.

2. Since receipt of this report we have acquired evidence that [] presence in Austria is known in intelligence circles. This evidence is contained in a report from Simon WIESENTHAL which lists [] as one of a number of former SS types now resident in Austria and presumably engaged in anti-semitic activities. Since the report contains information relevant to a more sensitive case, it will be forwarded separately. The suspicion arise, however, that HOETTL was aware at his meeting with [] that the latter is no longer resident in Italy and that this information may have come to WIESENTHAL from HOETTL.

3. [] will attempt to find means of neutralizing HOETTL.

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TO : Chief, Foreign Division H
Attention: []
FROM : Chief ([]), Vienna
SUBJECT: GENERAL— []

DATE: 28 January 1952

SPECIFIC— Wilhelm HOETTL, Reported Soviet Connection

Reference: SALZ: []

1. Following is translation of a report dated 30 October 1951 from [] who ascribes it to [] (personalia promised) who passed it via []: "It is confidentially reported that Dr. HOETTL is currently negotiating with two representatives of (General SWERIDOW) on possibilities to win over the leadership of the former Waffen-SS to serve Russian interests. This information stems from the circle of former SD-personnel to the RSHA 6-E, Budapest, who can supply no further details."

2. RSHA 6-E, Budapest, suggests Josef Adolf URBAN. The brevity and vagueness of the report suggests, alas, that the report is a fabrication. URBAN's present relations with HOETTL are not known here.

3. Original is attached herewith. Contents have been passed to [] as stemming from police files in Vienna.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2
STAFF GROUP, DETACHMENT 35 (PROVISIONAL)
APO 168, US ARMY

23 January 1952

XOD-47

SUBJECT: Establishment of Project ELKO

TO: Staff Group Files

1. The purpose of project ELKO will be to establish the resources and machinery to make it possible to correspond with specific persons in the Soviet Zone of Austria in such a manner as not to reveal the origin of these communications. Persons to receive ELKO mail will be of operational interest to Detachment 35, either because of locations, i.e., BADEN, WIENER NEUSTADT, etc., or because of affiliation with Soviet authorities, i.e., Austrians employed in Soviet installations.

2. Selection of target personalities, drafting of texts, schedules for dispatch of mail, setting-up of return addresses, etc., will be effected by Detachment 35. Mimeographing, writing, reproduction, addressing of envelopes, stamping, dispatching of mail will be effected by RIS Document Section.

3. Eventually project ELKO will include similar covert mail contact with Soviet personalities. It is hoped to develop sufficient information about specific Soviets so that personal mail received by them from the USSR and fellow soldiers in the Soviet Zone of Austria can be duplicated by Detachment 35 in such fashion as to prevent detection by Soviet postal censors.

4. The first batch of mail is scheduled to be dispatched the beginning of February. Addresses of Austrians to which this mail will be dispatched and return addresses used are shown on attached outline of ELKO/1.

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DETACHMENT 35

Subject: Meeting with HOETTL, Dr. Wilhelm
on 13 January 1952

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Ref: XOR 2448
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Project: None
Date 24 January 1952

OPERATIONAL REPORT

1. Reference is made to XOR-2448, paragraph 3, and to a conversation during the third week in November between Field Operative 35783 and Field Operative 35207 during the course of which the former told 35207 to accept any reports offered by Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL to 35207 so that he (35783) might compare them with "reports from BONN".

2. 35207 came in contact socially with Dr. HOETTL several times during the months of November and December 1951. HOETTL mentioned that he was planning to go to ROME during the Christmas holidays and would contact several old friends there who have excellent contacts in Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. HOETTL again (see XOR 2448, paragraph 3) asked whether US intelligence has any interest in such contacts in the Near East. He stated that under present political conditions there, Germans, who have recently been recruited in increasing numbers as military and technical advisors, are about the only Europeans trusted by the Near East governments. 35207 replied that some interest must exist for such contacts and requested HOETTL prepare a report on the possibilities of setting up a series of contacts in the Near East. HOETTL also broached the subject of intelligence activities by Hungarian emigre groups in Austria. 35207 likewise requested him to write up a report on this subject.

3. At about 1430 hours on 13 January 1952, 35207 met HOETTL on the main street of ALT USSEF. HOETTL stated that he had prepared the required reports and asked 35207 to pick them up. This 35207 did later in the afternoon. The two reports entitled "Intelligence Possibilities in the Arab Countries" and "The Hungarian Emigration in Austria--Intelligence Possibilities" are attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" respectively. 35207 read the reports through and discussed the need for a better understanding of political events in the Near East. He told HOETTL that he was going to attend a special course in Germany and would thus be absent for several months. He promised HOETTL that "our Near East experts" would contact him and that if any interest exists for making contact with the Hungarian personalities mentioned in his second report, he would be approached on this matter. The meeting ended at about 1700 hours.

4. Attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "A" is HOETTL's report in German on intelligence connections in the Near East. Attached to the original of this report as Exhibit "B" is HOETTL's report on the Hungarian emigration in Austria.

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DETACHMENT 3U

30 January 1962

XOD-48

SUBJECT: Branford: Alleged HOETTL/Soviet Connection

TO: Files

1. Following is translation of a report dated 30 October 1951 obtained from police files in Vienna:

"It is confidentially reported that Dr. HOETTL is currently negotiating with two representatives of General SWIRIDOW on possibilities whereby the leadership of the former Waffen-SS may be won over to work for Russian interests. This information stems from the circle of former SD-personnel of the RSHA 6-B, Budapest, who have no more specific details".

2. Source of this report is presumably a gendarme or policeman. One might conjecture that the most important of the Budapest SD personnel to whom the report is attributed is Josef Adolf URBAN, whose current relations with HOETTL are not known.

3. The brevity and vagueness of the report suggest that it is a groundless denunciation by one of HOETTL's enemies. The report is typical, however, of a number that are now circulating on the grapevine concerning HOETTL's contact with the Soviets.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2
STAFF GROUP, DETACHMENT 35 (PROVISIONAL)
APO 168, US ARMY

7 February 1952

XOD-3140

SUBJECT: Elko

TO: Chief, Vienna Field Unit, Detachment 35

1. Forwarded herewith are letters to be mailed as follows:
 - a. 12 letters w/return address Dr Walter ZUZAN, Wien II, Zirkusgasse 29.
 - b. 10 letters w/return address Buchdruckerei Fuohs, Wien XXI, Kagranerplatz 7.
 - c. 10 letters w/return address Josef KLAMPFER, Graz-Liebenau, Steiermark, Gruen am Anger 104.
 - d. 15 letters w/return address Oesterreichisches Forschungsinstitut, Wien XXI, Cottagegasse 78.
 - e. 10 letters w/return address 72611 OeVG, Wien I, Wollzeile 16.
 - f. 15 letters w/return address Oesterreichisches Institut fuer Wirtschaftsforschung, Wien I, Wipplingerstrasse 34.
 - g. 10 letters w/return address Postfach 172, Postamt 40, Wien III, Rasumofskygasse 29.

2. These letters must be mailed on 8 February 1952 from various mailboxes throughout Vienna. Mailer should avoid the JS Sector for all but a few of the letters.

3. Letter drops listed at 1.e and 1.g above should be checked beginning 14 February 1952 and all checking should cease by 20 February 1952. Needless to say, this checking must be done most discreetly, with all possible precautions against surveillance. Results of checking, including observations of unfriendly interest in the letter drops should be reported by XDRs referring to ELKO.

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Chief of Cons. G2

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2
STAFF GROUP, DETACHMENT 35 (PROVISIONAL)
APO 168, US ARMY

7 February 1952

XOD-2156

SUBJECT: ELKO

TO: Chief, Linz Field Unit, Detachment 35

1. Forwarded herewith are letters as follows:
 - a. 100 letters w/return address Nibelungen-Verlag, Linz, OÖ, Bethlehemstrasse 68.
 - b. 9 letters w/return address Dr Kurt Wessely, Linz/Donau, Kommunalstrasse 5.
2. These letters should be mailed from various postboxes in Linz and vicinity on 8 February 1952. Precautions should be taken that the mailer is not noticed by postal officials.
3. Elko is a sensitive project which will not be discussed outside of Detachment 35.

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Lt Col GS
Chief of Opns, C2

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Contact Report

SUBJECT: Project SHOSHONE

1. On 25 January 1952 the undersigned and 35727 had lunch with SPRAGUE/201 at the Till Eugenspiegel, Salzburg. The purpose of this meeting was for 35753 to become acquainted with source and discuss with him the possibilities of setting up a project designed to furnish much needed operational details for penetration in the BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT area.

2. Salient impressions of SPRAGUE/201 were the following:

a. He is a sportsman; ran a 100-meters with KOERNER in 1928 and was Norddeutscher Meister holding records in sprinting, broadjump, etc. He is very active physically. Said he often ran home from the railroad station to get exercise. He is active in many other sports.

b. He likes to drink; refilled his glass many times from wine flasks making statement that it was one of his vices.

c. He is an excellent linguist; speaks Italian, English and Dutch. He is well versed in local habits of Europeans.

d. He is obviously a keen observer and a highly trained intelligence man. When the plan of SHOSHONE operation was outlined to him, he stated that this was a familiar pattern and standard procedure in some of operations he performed in the SD.

3. He was told that he had been chosen for this job because of his reputation as a reliable person and because of actions with members of US intelligence. He would head up an effort to systematize penetration of Soviet personnel and units. His targets would be BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT. His operation would be under administrative control of LINZ personnel with whom he was acquainted.

4. He should establish himself under the cover of an "Agentur" of an Italian firm in LINZ and organize a fairly respectable office. The representation should be genuine and goods should actually be received from Italy and handled and sold in this office. He should set up this office in such a way as to either dispose of his classified material daily, or arrange for adequate safe facilities to keep maps, card files, etc. Payment was not settled, though it was indicated that sufficient funds were available to take an active part in purchasing goods imported from Italy. It was stressed that the business front would have to be foolproof and that if such front could be successfully established, agents working under his control could possibly use identical business cover.

5. He was told that money for a vehicle would be made available. He will continue living in Lambach and commute to LINZ as required.

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6. To get him started on the project, he was told to:
 - a. Locate a suitable office;
 - b. Arrange for business connections;
 - c. Make official report about his cover business intentions to Austrian authorities;
 - d. Acquire adequate office equipment;
 - e. Put into writing his own views of operations;
 - f. Have interview with prospective sub-sources (7059 and Sprague/245, about whom he knows nothing as yet);
 - g. Acquire basic reference material, card files, etc., to record minutest details of operational interest;
 - h. Submit weekly progress reports on his project;
 - i. Initiate courier trips to BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT.

7. Throughout the discussion, the most significant reaction on the part of source was an apparent gratefulness that we had taken him into our confidence on such sensitive work. He repeated several times: "Vielen Dank fuer das Vertrauen dass Sie mir schenken". He further indicated great interest in getting the project launched and seems to have complete comprehension of what is desired.

8. It is recommended that his sources contact with members of LINZ Field Unit or other Detachment 35 personnel be kept to a minimum. Administration of his own office should be closely watched but not through direct personal contact. Operational instructions should be passed to him in such a manner as not to reveal contact with US authorities. Operational instructions will in most cases be passed from Staff Group through Linz Field Unit, though it is expected that some personal contact between source and Staff Group personnel will be maintained.

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XOD-50

1 February 1952

Contact Report

SUBJECT: SHOSHONE/201

1. On 31 January 1952, 35727 and 35753 had lunch with 201 in Salzburg for the purpose of discussing progress made on the SHOSHONE penetration project. 201 appeared somewhat discouraged. Subsequent conversation brought to light the following problems:

a. The assignment with MIS Linz seems to have demoralized 201 somewhat. An MIS officer by name of Clark had accused 201 of "spying for Bruno". Work in MIS was insufficient because of lack of cooperation of MIS personnel. He has now told his MIS supervisors that he will not continue his job with them.

b. Upon his return to Linz from his first visit with 35727 and 35753 he was called into 35284's office and asked, in so many words, "what gives", whereupon 201 was required to reveal details about his visit in Salzburg. It should be noted that Linz had been called and informed by 35753 that operational direction for 201 would come from Staff Group. 35284 further indicated to 201 his problems on confidential funds, actually stating that he had received 10,000 schillings only from Salzburg and how could he be expected to pay his informants, etc. In general, it appears that 35284 made some indiscreet statements in the presence of 201 about the working relationship between himself and Salzburg. Further, 35284 decided without coordination with Staff Group to use an Austrian business firm in Linz as cover for 201. The owner of this business firm "was thinking it over" in 201's own words, whether or not to involve his business in intelligence work.

2. The reason for going into this rather awkward situation is to find the explanation for the apparent confusion on part of 201. It was indicated to 201 that he would initiate organization of his project as outlined to him on the last meeting (see Contact report) despite Linz Field Unit's attempt to side track the operation. He will not visit Linz FU office on his return to Lambach. Field Unit Chief, Linz, will visit Staff Group on 4 February at which time misunderstandings and indiscreet operational discussions with 201 will be taken up.

3. 201 said that he would return to investigate an offer of a two room office in WELS and start thinking along lines originally discussed with him. Source feels that using the business address of an established Austrian firm would be preferable to using his own name. Use of such established Austrian business firm should be in such a way as not to reveal intelligence activities of 201 in the Soviet Zone of Austria. This was agreed upon. 201 was given 1159 schillings to tide him over until sound logistical support can be established by Linz Field Unit.

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DETACHMENT 35

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XOD-52

1 February 1952

SUBJECT: Project BRANFORD - Contact Report - Meeting with 701 re HOETTL

TO: Files

1. On 17 January 1952, 35727 in conversation with 701 at Bolzano, Italy, queried him as to the possibilities of surveilling an individual in Italy whose activities were a thorn in the side to the Allied intelligence in Austria and abroad. In fact, 727 added, this individual, known as W. HOETTL, came to Italy in December 1951 to contact unknown persons for the alleged purpose of reactivating his old Abwehr lines. Naturally, HOETTL's presence and activities in Italy would be of interest not only to 35727 but also to 701 and his superiors. 701 replied that he would put the services of his office at 35727's disposition and would undertake the following action:

To immediately have HOETTL's name placed on the Italian CI watch list (for surveillance) at the Brenner Pass. The surveillance would be done by agents of the office of Classified Matters and daily reports would be transmitted to 701 on the activities of HOETTL while in Italy.

2. 701 stated that if 35727 so desired he would "arrange" matters in such a manner that HOETTL would be arrested by Italian CI people on his return trip to Austria as a suspect Soviet agent. 35727 replied that for the time being the surveillance plan would seem to be the most practical and to hold in abeyance the arrest plan until 35727 checked the feasibility of having him incarcerated in an Italian jail. 35727 also told 701 that in all probability HOETTL would take a trip to Italy in February (35727 has since learned that HOETTL will go in March and not in February). 701 evinced interest in the "affaire HOETTL" and has promised his whole hearted assistance and cooperation in bringing to a halt HOETTL's machinations.

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7 February 1952

Contact Report

SUBJECT: 201 SHOSHONE

1. On 7 February 1952, 201 was met in Salzburg for the purpose of discussing progress on project SHOSHONE. 201 indicated that he has an appointment to be interviewed by the Landeshauptmannschaft in LINZ for possible allocation of office space, determination of his qualifications to open a business, etc. 210 felt this would progress satisfactorily.

2. 201 had compiled a list of Austrian Soviet Zone newspapers (as attached) to which he will subscribe. They will be sent to Haupt Postamt LINZ "postlagernd". Linz Field Unit will make arrangements to have these papers picked up and delivered to 201. 201 will in the next few days start putting some ads into the BADNER and WIENER NEUSTADT papers. He will in addition start correspondence with persons in these towns who have put ads into their local papers for employment, etc. The purpose of 201 newspaper activity is to obtain personal information on Austrians of interest to US intelligence, i.e., applicant for jobs will be required to give detailed life history, photographs, references. In follow-up correspondence, 201 will air subject of personal nature which may be operational interest, i.e., former employment in Soviet installations and require additional details on such specific points.

3. 201 grasps the purpose of his future effort in BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT completely. He produced a mimeographed sheet which had been compiled by the Hungarian desk for personality data on border personnel, etc., and suggested using this format for personality information on subjects of interest in the penetration targets. The form lends itself perfectly to this use. For the time being, all personality information on people from the two target cities will be carded; later we may become more objective. At first, information obtainable through overt channels will constitute the bulk of the information; later, data obtained through sub-sources working for 201 in the key target areas will become more substantial. It is expected that the build-up of information on Soviets and Austrians will be gradual, requiring a great deal of painstaking work and the type of effort 201 is expected to put into it.

4. 201 revealed that when he started with the SD he had been selected to become the SD advance to go into OXFORD in case of a successful occupation of England by the Germans. He said that the type of information he thought we should have on BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT was the type of information he had on OXFORD, fairly complete records of pro-German, Fascist and anti-German elements, etc. It was indicated to 201 that we expected to have even more complete records on the penetration targets.

5. 201 was paid 2,000 ANS and 345 in US currency. Arrangements are also being made to place \$50 into his bank account in Italy.

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TO: WASHF, FRANF, VIENF, SALZF

CITE: PULLF

1. ZIPPER HAS NOW RECEIVED REPORT BARON HEINRICH VON MAST INVOLVED WITH DR. WILHELM ROETTLE.

2. LAST FOUR YEAR ZIPPER AGENT RUNNING AGENTS WHOSE TARGETS ILLEGAL KPOE AND KPOE IN USFAHR, SOVZONE. WE RECOMMENDED DROPPING AS FABRICATOR BUT ZIPPER HAS ASKED DETAILS. PLEASE PROVIDE SUMMARY EVIDENCE FABRICATION, POSSIBLE PASSING SOVIET DECEPTION AND BETRAYAL ZIPPER SECRETS.

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TO: Chief, [] Vienna
Atten: []
FROM: Chief, EC (hold for arrival)

DATE:

SUBJECT: GENERAL: "Turning" of Intelligence Fabricators
SPECIFIC:

Reference: [] of 15 February 1952

1. On the basis of referenced notice we plan to prepare necessary notices on the following individual fabricators or groups operating in Austria:

- WODTEL, Dr. Willhelm (J. Connott will discuss)
- URBAN, Josef Adolf
- VON ALBERT, Theodor
- FRANKLIN, Herbert (Urban associate)
- JANCHA, Alois (HARTL)
- KRENNHUBER, Eric
- KLEINOVIC, Franz
- PERER, Sigfried
- STRANGL, Amand
- WOCODA, Milos
- WUZAN, Walter
- WIST, Harry
- SEKAL, Franz Edward
- STIARNE, Hans
- POPOVIC, Vojta
- WERENIK, Friedrich (WAGNER)
- WENCHER, Josef
- WULNICKY, Adam

- Members of CIC Project UTICA
- SEMONITSCH, Johann
Other members' names unknown
- Members of CIC Project Minneapolis
- PALEFFY-DAUN, Josef
Other members' names unknown
- Members of CIC Project EBORIA
Names unknown
- Members of CIC Project LIBERTY
- TADARAK, Jaroslav
Other members' names unknown

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REICH, Rudolf
BATCHANOFF-LINDATE, Michael
MILLAS, Baron Tibor and wife
HOFFER, Josef (ex CIC Project ROCHESTER)
KRAMER, Karl (SVOBODA associate)
DVOŘAK, Miroslav (SVOBODA associate)
D'ACOSTINI, Antonio (SVOBODA associate)
*Members of CIC Projects Mt. Vernon and Montgomery, except KONTFL
and F. MAYER, who are listed above
FROELICH, Heinz (Urban associate)
HINDL, Ernst Peter
FELINER, Armand

2. On those marked with asterisk (*) we find a lack of readily available background data. It is felt possibly SMITZ's ready access to [] and [] files could be of considerable aid in getting this task done most readily and thoroughly. Could it be arranged that only background data be copied from available material, on individuals indicated, labeled, and sent here at earliest convenience? We are enclosing a sample sheet prepared on MASCHER to indicate that the data we need is fairly meager in nature.

3. You will note we have not included any of the better known fabricators specializing on Hungarian matters, as this is being handled separately by []

4. We are undecided whether to include Michael REHWARTZ and William G. BISHOP in the list. Although it was proven fairly conclusively the former had indirect contact to STRACH and MASCHER, it is felt this contact may have been unwitting to some extent. In the case of BISHOP, inclusion in this list seems a rather hollow gesture. Perhaps he best fits in the STAPO-KANTLEBENT group and should remain under separate consideration. Incidentally, you will note we have not touched on this group herein, as it seems too delicate a matter for the general "turn" technique used in the others. Would appreciate your comments on REHWARTZ and BISHOP.

5. Karl Heinz KRANCK and associates have been held off the list pending the results of debriefings which, we assure, are still under way.

6. It is appreciated that this request places an added burden on an already overworked staff; however, this is not an extremely high priority matter and takes no precedence in your schedule. You will note the basic data we desire is not voluminous. Photo-copies of old [] source cards, PQ forms, or project folders may suffice in most cases.

7. Any comments, additions, or deletions on the above would be appreciated.

cc: Salzburg

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[March 20, 1952 (P/23656)]

SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

Time : March 1952
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1. Reference is made to report, same Subject, dated March 4, 1952 (P/23612).
2. Apparently the battue started by Erich KERNMAYR against Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL has found further followers.
(Mrs) Liesl KALTENBRUNNER (probably of Linz), wife of Nuremberg-executed former chief of Reichssicherheitshauptamt Dr. Ernst KALTENBRUNNER, informs her friends that when last seeing her husband, he advised her to approach Dr. HÖTTL for help. When she did so, HÖTTL was evasive and did not give her any support. According to her further statement, HÖTTL also endeavored, using Dr. Emil TONGEL as intermediary, to receive a valuable stamp collection (former property of her husband's) from her, pretending that he would sell it. She, however, declined. She further alleges that HÖTTL without doubt had large large sums of KALTENBRUNNER's and former SD accounts in Switzerland. Branding HÖTTL a 'criminal' Frau Liesl KALTENBRUNNER predicts HÖTTL's scandalous ending in the near future.
3. Erich KERNMAYR informed () that he some time ago had been interrogated by CIC (probably Gmunden subdetachment) on HÖTTL, and that he had been asked for HÖTTL's collaborators during the time of his intelligence work for the US. KERNMAYR claims that he has declined giving such information and that he did refer respective interrogators to HÖTTL directly. KERNMAYR alleges that during such conversation he found out that HÖTTL was suspected of direct and indirect collaboration with Soviet intelligence (he claims not to know, whether such concerns Dr. Ludwig JEDLIČKA or other persons). HÖTTL, according to KERNMAYR, had personally guaranteed the reliability of his then collaborators.

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

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'düsterer Geldgeschichten' (shady money affairs).

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

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was obtained by Informant 6433 from Rudolf Springer-Toskozil, an acquaintance of SUBJECT who is presently employed by SUBJECT in the gathering of intelligence. Evaluation: Source "B", Sub-source "D", Information "3".

In late December 1951, HOETTL approached Springer with the request that Springer aid HOETTL in gathering information for a West German intelligence organization. HOETTL explained that he needed Springer, since Springer was already an active member of the National League. HOETTL did not explain in detail the name, activity or purpose of the intelligence service for which he worked, but said that he was in contact with a man in Heidelberg, Germany, who was deeply and exclusively interested in foreign affairs.

On Springer's agreeing to work with HOETTL, HOETTL gave him the following EEIs:

- a. What contact does the Austrian NL have in Western Germany?
- b. In what manner and to what degree do the Soviets use the NL to work into Western Germany?
- c. What personal ties does Dr. Adolf Slavik have with persons in Western Germany?
- d. Is Dr. Slavik in contact with fnu Korsemann, a former German Polizei-general who recently returned to Munich from imprisonment in a Polish PW camp? Korsemann, according to HOETTL, allegedly works for the Deutsche Soldatenzeitung in Bonn, and has the same assignment from the Soviets with regard to Western Germany, as has Dr. Slavik with regard to Austria.

In addition to answering the above EEIs, Springer was given the following additional assignments:

- a. Exploration of NL nets in Western Germany and the discovery of the persons working those nets.
- b. The exploration of the "Soviet threads" which run from Austria to Western Germany and back.
- c. Preparation of a basic report on the NL with particular reference to the degree to which they are preparing the road for communism in Austria. Names of the more important functionaries and descriptions of their activities are to be included in this report.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT <u>WILLIAM D. RANDOLPH, 430th CIC Det., Sub-Det. "B" (idnz)</u>	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT <u>William D. Randolph</u>
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In early January 1952, Springer sent HOETTL two reports, one on the former Polizeigeneral Korsemann, and the second on the NL. The NL report was supplemented by a report of a conversation between Springer and Slavik, held in early January, in which Springer had directly or indirectly asked Slavik most of the questions for which HOETTL had requested answers.

HOETTL gave Springer 300 schillings as starting pay, with the prospects of increased income if his material is suitable. (See Exhibit I) He stated that a greater starting salary was not possible because the intelligence service operates on the principle of payment for information received, not just for prospective news. HOETTL promised that he would attempt to get the starting salary increased, but said that he didn't have much hope of success. He said he could guarantee a fair income if Springer's weekly reports were regularly of intelligence value. HOETTL also said that he would and could aid Springer in fulfilling Springer's desire to emigrate to South Africa.

HOETTL asked Springer for a short personal history statement which he said he was required to have to forward to his employers. He told Springer that reports might be sent through the Austrian mail addressed directly to HOETTL at his post box address in Altaussee. Springer was instructed to employ an inner and an outer envelope when mailing reports, using a fictitious return address on the outer envelope, but he was instructed to sign his own name to the reports enclosed in the inner envelope.

Springer said that during a conversation with HOETTL held 18 February 1952, in Altaussee, he received the impression that HOETTL was in contact with an intelligence agency of the Bonn government, and also in contact with an intelligence agency of the US State Department, the latter having its office in Heidelberg.

Springer told Informant 6433 that HOETTL makes weekly trips to Munich in connection with his intelligence activities, but that Springer had no information as to whom HOETTL met in Munich. Springer observed that on weekends he had frequently seen HOETTL meet a man in Cafe Ransauer, Poststrasse 8, Bad Ischl for what appeared to be business meetings. The man, whose name is unknown to Springer, was described as being about 30 years old, five feet nine inches tall, slender athletic build, oval face, dark brown wavy hair combed straight back, gray eyes, smooth shaven, wears conservative clothes of

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good quality. The man drives a gray Volkswagen, license No. ^BR 834-401 D. HOETTL and the man hold long conversations, during which each of them occasionally takes notes. Springer described HOETTL's manner when in the presence of the man as that of an employee before his employer.

AGENT'S NOTES: Springer agreed to keep this office informed of his work with HOETTL, and to supply this office with a copy of all reports which he makes to HOETTL.

FILE CHECK:

Korsemann is not listed on the files of this Sub-Detachment. Springer has been listed on numerous reports as an informant. HOETTL and Slavik have been the subjects of numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment.

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TRANSLATION

(AGENT'S NOTE: The material appearing below is a copy of a portion of a letter from HOETTL to Springer. The remainder of the letter was inadvertently destroyed. Original of this portion may be found in the files of Sub-Detachment "B" (Linz).)

"- - - The first payment was sent as (illegible). It amounted to S 300 which I sent to you minus S 100 which I had advanced to you previously. I was promised that in a short time the payments would be increased if the material corresponded accordingly. Your idea regarding a bigger payment to start matters is essentially correct and also reasonable, but I believe that there is no means by which you can make this clear. The people all want to go ahead under the principle: "Here the material. Here the money". I will attempt, however, to get something out, but don't get your hopes up too high. However, I believe I can almost guarantee you to get you a decent payment, if you send me regularly, i.e., weekly, interesting reports. I advise you to use this chance; you could make yourself a good position, and most of all establish good business connections which is important for your emigration plans. More about this personally.

With the next letter send me a short life story of yourself, so that I can report well concerning you - contrary to my deepest conviction very flattering - but I do not know your dates.

Hoping to hear soon from you, I greet you heartily

Your friend

s/Willl

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SPECIFIC— Hoettl, Wilhelm []

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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 [] 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 [] 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 — []

[] — the information for his Austrian report coming principally from Hoettl! I might add to this that [] as 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 [] information gathering capabilities and his "sales promotion" ability, they are his strong points.

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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief [Attn: [] Vienna *WFO*]
SUBJECT: GENERAL []
SPECIFIC: Dr. HOETTL

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We have at hand an unsolicited report from [] on a Dr. HOETTL who is probably identical with Dr. Willy HOETTL, well-known fabricator who is resident in the Salzburg area.

1. The erstwhile officer (Sturmabfuhrer) of the RSHA Office 6E in Budapest, Dr. HOETTL, was recognized by his superiors in the RSHA as one of the best qualified intelligence officials stationed in South-eastern Europe. He had a capable competitor in the person of Josef URBAN (probably identical with the veteran Abwehr officer and current fabricator now resident at Linz).

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2. HOETTL, during his tenure in Budapest, was so close-mouthed regarding his intelligence sources that his colleagues were unable to identify most of them. It is known that one of his best sources was Countess Franziska PALFFY with whom he carried on an intimate relationship. PALFFY had many contacts in Hungarian intelligence circles and managed to obtain a continuous selection of interesting reports for HOETTL. HOETTL was adept at reworking this information, and he forwarded it on to the RSHA Headquarters as material which had originated from his own sources.

3. On several occasions when PALFFY'S production dwindled, HOETTL let her know via subtleties that he had less time to spend with her socially because he had to meet his reports quota and that if he failed to do so he would be transferred to another post. Since PALFFY didn't want to be separated from her paramour, she pressed her Hungarian contacts for more information and thus helped HOETTL enhance his position.

4. In 1945, PALFFY fled to the West and renewed her contact with HOETTL. It is believed that she is currently serving him in an intelligence capacity.

5. This is some biographical data on PALFFY:

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(Countess) Franziska de PAULA PALFFY, born 10 March 1897 at Szomolany, Hungary; Austrian citizen since 1947. Currently resident at Kremsegg 9, Kremsmuenster. Her father was Count Erdoed PALFFY and her mother was Lucia, nee WILCZEK. Franziska PALFFY came to Kremsmuenster in 1945 when the RSHA Office 6A was transferred from Budapest to Kremsmuenster.

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FROM : Chief, IE

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The following information concerning [] relationship to Hoettl is contained in the reference, a account of the recent meeting between [] and his case officer.

[] also related he was recently visited by Hoettl. He claims he is wary of Hoettl only for certain reports on internal Austrian political affairs; he considers Hoettl's CI reports trustworthy and possibly reliable or fabricated. He believes Hoettl produces bona-fide strategic intelligence but that is as far as it goes. Hoettl recently asked for funds to go to North Africa where, he claims, he was having potential sources including a 'cousin' of the King of Tunis. [] said he would buy it and will continue to exercise caution in his dealings with Hoettl. Hoettl has also tried to build a 'chain' of agents extending into Italy, the Vatican, and Trieste recently but [] says he is not interested."

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Report from Willie HOETTL to Gerhard SCHACHT dtd 28 April 1952

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This was among reports which were addressed to E. FROMMUND, Gabelsbergstr. 49; the latter took them to CIC disclaiming any part in intelligence work. Return address was Rudiger LIPPMANN, Freilassing, Wielandshag 1. Reports were ~~from~~ ^{for} Gerhard SCHACHT AND PROBABLY CAME from Willi HOETTL. Report on Kurt KNOLL is believed to have come from Harry ~~MAST~~. SCHACHT appeared at CIC and asked that the reports be returned to him.

Frommud is a friend of SCHACHT whose address SCHACHT gave without prior clearance from F. The latter not having been briefed when the reports arrived took them to CIC.

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2. NOTHING NEW ADAMCH OR DRACUNAS RELATION WITH
[] FROM []
3. SURVEILLANCE ESTABLISHED [] IN CONTACT HEINZ
OSTER BORN 17 DECEMBER 1917 IN KOELN. SMUGGLER. OSTER IS FRIEND
OF FRIEDRICH WILHELM BECKHOFF WHO KNOWN TO HAVE REPORTED TO HOETTL
ON SILOMON CASE. EXTENT INVOLVEMENT UNKNOWN.
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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 5 May 1952

FROM : Chief [] Vienna ^{alt}

SUBJECT: GENERAL— []

SPECIFIC— Reported New German Abwehr Allegedly Run by
Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

Reference— []

1. From the report attached to reference we should judge that [] must either be very new to Austria or very new to intelligence, since he is almost certainly the only intelligence personality in Austria who does not know that Walther HAGEN is the nom-de-plume of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, who does not have dual residence in Bad Ischl and Gmunden but maintains permanent residence in Alt Aussee. Erich KURR, who resides in Gmunden and is the leader of the so-called Gmundener Kreis, is Erich KERNMAYER, an old associate of HOETTL who is presently at odds with him. Baron Heinrich von MAST is well known as an agent of Zipper. Dr. Josef SCHROTT, not SCHOTT, is a director of the Nibelungen Verlag, which is financially supported by HOETTL, and is involved in many of HOETTL's operations. We have no indication of a current connection between Kurt AUBER and HOETTL, but note that the address given as his residence is a few feet from the offices of Dr. Hugo WITTEL, intelligence partner of Richard KAUER, KLATT, who is in contact with HOETTL. We have no traces readily at hand on Frau KASTENHUBER.

2. The "New German Abwehr in Austria" probably refers to the recent negotiations between HOETTL and [] to establish a South European intelligence service under the sponsorship of [] in competition with UTILITY. In his recruiting attempts HOETTL has introduced MAST as his "Chief of Staff", but we have no information that KERNMAYER is involved in this venture. Any action taken to frustrate, impede, or discredit HOETTL's operations will be appreciated here. We earnestly recommend that no agent of [] be encouraged to take up or continue contact with HOETTL or with any of his people.

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TO : Chief [] Salzburg

DATE: _____

FROM : Chief, EE

HOETTL, Dr. Wilhelm

SUBJECT: GENERAL []
SPECIFIC [] Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

We are sending the attached report for your information and
comments.

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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief [], Vienna

DATE: 20 May 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL— []
SPECIFIC— Request for Return of Documents
Reference— []

1. We wish to express our appreciation for the prompt service in returning documents under reference.
2. This was an unusual case and, as you state, it was most fortunate that the documents had not been integrated into Registry. We do not plan to forward similar documents in the future; however, should we, by chance, at later dates forward similar documents, we shall clearly mark them so that they may be specially handled by you for quick removal from the files.
3. You may, therefore, continue to integrate straight [] and [] reports into Registry without hesitation.

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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 21 May 1952

FROM : Chief Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL—

SPECIFIC— and Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

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1. and read independently and came to identical conclusions, to wit that from the point of view of the Austrian Station support to Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL is a Bad Thing, whether given by or by anybody else. Having for some time watched HOETTL from three different points of view, we each feel also that support to HOETTL is a waste of money and effort for the German Station.

2. The collection of internal Austrian political information at a low level (there is no other level for such information in Austria) does not require the talents of a very astute operator. HOETTL, like a couple of dozen other types in Austria, can turn out a sizeable volume of such information without interrupting his regular pattern of coffee house conversations. On the other hand, Dr. ADENAUER's handwritten commendation notwithstanding, we suspect that Dr. HOETTL's analysis of the Austrian political scene is distinguished more by its rhetoric than by its profundity. It probably concerns itself in part with the activities of a number of splinter groups whose affairs are the subject of general gossip and who make a great deal of noise, but whose actual impact on political events in Austria is negligible. These groups always appear in a foreshortened perspective to German observers because their membership is largely SS or otherwise Nazi, because they operate in a conspiratorial atmosphere, and because they have connections with similar groups in Germany.

3. To assess HOETTL's OB information it is only necessary to recall the case of Raimund STRANGL, whose reports HOETTL rewrote and dizzied as his own to various customers, include A batch of these reports together with copies of correspondence between STRANGL and HOETTL is on file at Headquarters.

4. It is true that HOETTL has been working hard to establish a chain working into Trieste, Rome, the Vatican and the Arab States, where a number of Germans are living. support to HOETTL amounts to support of

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this effort, since whether [] knows it or not, HOETTL is telling all persons with whom he comes in contact in his attempts to build a southern line that he has been officially instructed by the Bonn government to establish an apparatus in the Mediterranean Region. [] policy toward such encouragement of HOETTL is probably a matter for SE and EE to determine by inter-division negotiation, but our local opinion here is that it would be a serious mistake to permit HOETTL to build himself up.

5. HOETTL recently (26-27 April 1952) attempted to travel to Italy to make certain contacts. He was turned back at the Brenner as being persona non grata in Italy. It would be interesting to learn how HOETTL explained to [] his inability to enter Italy.

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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 24 May 1952

FROM : Chief [] Vienna *4LK*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— []

SPECIFIC— Activities of and concerning Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL

Reference— []

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By: *SLH* Date: *4/18/2001*

1. Forwarded herewith are items of [] correspondence pertaining to Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL and [] activities intended to discourage his activities.

2. The desk may be interested in Project Elko, which is a poison-pen operation of a type possibly adaptable to [] use.

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TO : Chief [] Frankfurt

DATE: 3 June 1952

FROM : Chief, Pullach []

SUBJECT: GENERAL— []

SPECIFIC— ROETTL and "The New German Military Intelligence Service".

Reference: [] []

1. In connection with reference and its attachments, we are forwarding herewith copies of Detachment 35 files pertaining to the HEINZ Group operating in Austria. This information is interesting in that numerous statements compliment those made by SCHACHT.

2. These photostats were unofficially obtained by [] from USFA and should not be referred to outside of [] channels. Documents were procured for a few days on a loan basis by SOB from Det. 35.

3. The source of much of this information, described as is Karl Theodor HAAS employed by Detachment 35.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was obtained on 16 June 1952 by this Agent from Informant 6030, who in turn had obtained the information during the course of a conversation with Erich KERSWAYER:

The former Slovakian Minister of Culture, Professor Dr. Ferdinand DURCAJSKY, recently paid a number of visits to Erich KERSWAYER in Grundten, Upper Austria. Dr. DURCAJSKY, who recently arrived in Austria from South America, allegedly stated that very little sympathy for the United States is to be found in Argentina. The present policy of the United States towards the South American countries is fostering a tension which may develop into difficult complications. DURCAJSKY is anxious to enlist the aid of Erich KERSWAYER as KERSWAYER possesses excellent personal contacts among the Slovaks residing in Austria. Within the near future, DURCAJSKY is scheduled to take an official vacation in Grundten, but in reality he will utilize the occasion to formulate the exact methods to be employed between DURCAJSKY and KERSWAYER for future joint operations. DURCAJSKY is allegedly employed by some unknown American agency. *RE HIS INTEL PITCH TO [redacted]*

A short time ago Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL approached DURCAJSKY in Linz, Upper Austria, and introduced himself as the representative of a German office. Anxious to enlist the aid of DURCAJSKY, HOETTL stated that he was looking for qualified, trustworthy Slovaks who would be trained by him and be well paid for their services. These people would be employed to obtain political and military information from the Eastern Zone of Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. HOETTL stated that he is kept busy in Linz maintaining contact with agents who have been assigned to Czechoslovakia and Vienna. HOETTL told DURCAJSKY to think the proposal over carefully and then write an answer to his (HOETTL's) co-worker, Baron Harry HAST, Post Office Box 331, Main Post Office, Linz, Upper Austria. (C-3)

*RE HAST'S LINKS TO DR. W. HOETTL AND TO INFORMANT
FILE CHECK: EMIL VAN TONBEL.*

The files of this Sub-Detachment disclosed the following information:

AR, L/24131, dated 10 January 1952, Subject: REEFERZ, Michael - Meeting in Grundten, states that Emil van Tonbel told the interviewing Agent that he (Tonbel) is an informant for Baron Harry HAST, Linz, Bethlehonstrasse 1, who is believed to be an intelligence operative for an American Intelligence Agency in Germany.

Ferdinand DURCAJSKY is listed in numerous reports as the former foreign minister in the cabinet of the Slovakian Puppet Government which collaborated with the Germans from 1940 to 1944. DURCAJSKY is also mentioned as directing the formation of a Slovak Liberation Committee.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references concerning Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL as an intelligence operator. In AR 9-12482, dated 22 January

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DURCANSKY, Ferdinand, Captain

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RE: SALZ []

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2. ALTHOUGH CONTINUED CONTACT 201/HOETTL MIGHT BE OF MINOR VALUE TO FRAN AND POB, HOETTL'S ACTIVITIES CAN BE COVERED FAIRLY EASILY THRU CYS AND/OR [] IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. WISH POINT OUT WE HAVE NO EQUITY IN [] DO NOT FEEL SHOULD REQUEST [] DEFLECT MOST PROMISING PA FROM TARGET TO CONTINUE THIS BASICALLY UNPRODUCTIVE LIAISON.

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[EMPLOYER OF BARON HARRY MAST] / AND

[IN A GERMAN INTELL SERVICE REPUTEDLY AN]

[INTELL FABRICATING ORGAN IN LIAISON CONTACT]

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1. Attached, forwarded untranslated for headquarters' information and filing is another report on activity of Wilhelm HOTTL alias Walter HAGEN (previously reported) who, among other things, is said to be trying to infiltrate Russian agents into the newly reconstituted German information service. He is said to have earned the trust of one of the personalities in the Bavarian region, Adolf SLAVIK whom he is soon to accompany to Italy for an unknown mission.
2. The persons mentioned in the attached report with which Subject has or has had contacts are:

Has Georg SCHWARZKOPF

Friedrich RIEDL

Richard RAUTNER alias KLATT

Erich KERNMAYER

Karl KOWARIK

Stefan SCHACHERMAYER

Josef MASCHER alias ROMANY

Josef URBAN

Milos SNOBODA

Karl WINKLER

Franz KRAUTZSEBERGER of Munich

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Re: Wilhelm HOETTL, born in Vienna on 19 March 1915, Austrian citizen, doctor of history. *on further list for detention at request of Ministry of Britain*

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The Subject was a member of the German security service, Vienna office, where he was in the foreign affairs section, and in Budapest where he worked at the Hungarian desk. He was also a war correspondent with an SS unit. In May, 1945, when the Soviet troops were approaching, the Subject turned himself over to the Americans who interned him in a concentration camp where he got to know various ex-officers of the SS and Austrian collaborationists from whom he learned about certain operations carried out by the SS during the war. On the basis of this information, he then published a book ^{put} "Die Geheime Front", (The Secret Front), published by the Nibelungen Publishing House in Linz, under the pseudonym of Walter Hagen.

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Gleichenbach,
Salzburg //

In December, 1947, he was set free and settled down in Altausee, Austria, where he is still living. For a while he did newspaper work and in 1948 he began to "work" for the ^{American} ~~SECRET~~ service. In 1949 his collaboration ended because the Americans ~~had~~ found out that the information he furnished had been ^{fabricated} ~~made up~~ by him. He had appropriated for himself the money which had been turned over to him for mounting his operations. Besides, the American service allegedly had reason to suspect that HOETTL was in contact with the Soviet Secret Service for which he was acting as a double agent. ^{Subject} ~~he~~ was in contact with a certain Hans Georg SCHWARZKOPF, Frietjof RIEDI, and Richard KAUDER @ KLATT, who allegedly worked for the Russians in the area around Salzburg. Dr. HOETTL is the friend of a certain Adolf SLAVIK who also was allegedly in contact with the Soviet occupation authorities. The English also allegedly suspect HOETTL because of the recent arrest by the Russians of one of their agents who was known by the subject.

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In 1949-50, HOETTL was a member of the Gmunden Circle, a political intelligence organization of Salzburg, in which took part Erich KERNMAYER, Karl KOWARIK, Stefan SCHACHERMAYER, Josef MASCHER @ ROMANY and Josef URBAN who were supposed to have fabricated false information about the Communist Party, Cominform activity, and internal conditions in Czechoslovakia. This information was supposed to have been spread in Germany and Italy through a certain Milos SWOBODA. A certain Karl WINKLER and Franz KRAUTZSBERGER of Munich, also intimate friends of HOETTL, are supposed to have fabricated information about the Hungarian ^{political} situation.

The Subject is supposed to have at his disposal a large dollar- account in a Swiss bank. He set up this account with funds of the German Secret Service in 1945, and in this way he was supposed to have been able to acquire a large part of the ownership of the Wibelungen publishing house of Linz (which published his book). The concern is headed by Elfrida ZELINGER. Another partner of the publishing house is (Dr.) von BORDAJKJEWITSCH, ex-member of the German security service and suspected Russian agent.

HOETTL is supposed to be trying to infiltrate Soviet agents in the re-established German intelligence service. He is supposed to have gained the confidence of a personality in the Bavarian region ^{whom he used} ~~(illegible)~~.

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Headquarters United States Forces in Austria
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
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28 July 1952

Office of the U. S. High Commissioner for Germany
Office of Public Affairs
APO 757-A, U. S. Army

ATTENTION: Chief, Special
Publications

Gentlemen:

Reference your letter of 17 July 1952 requesting
information concerning Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL.

Dr. HOETTL has long been known to this headquarters
and other allied military organizations in Austria as
a fabricator of intelligence information. His reports
normally consist of a fine cobweb of fact, heavily padded
with lies, deceit, conjecture and other false types of
information. This organization will have absolutely
nothing to do with Dr. HOETTL or any members of his
present entourage. He is persona non grata to the
American, French and British Elements in Austria.

A considerable case file concerning Dr. HOETTL and
his activities in all probability could be made avail-
able to you upon request of the Chief, Intelligence
Division, EUCOM, if you feel it necessary to pursue the
matter of Dr. HOETTL's professional integrity any further.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Simon N. Graham
SIMON N. GRAHAM
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Chief, Control Branch

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TO : Chief, EE
Attention: []
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

DATE: 11 August 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL— []
SPECIFIC— [] Organization in Austria and Willy HOETTL
Ref: []

1. We are forwarding herewith copies of a memorandum dated 7 July 52 from Company "B", 533rd MIS Btn, Linz, entitled Report of Dr. Fink and Detachment 35 memorandum dated 17 July 52 entitled The New German Intelligence Service Contacts with G-2 Linz. The above documents relate the activities of the arch fabricator HOETTL in quite amusing detail. The whole episode would be quite amusing except for the fact that in this latest escapade, i.e. an attempt to find a new channel for peddling of spurious information to the U.S. intelligence agencies, HOETTL generated a rather full size flap involving G-2, Detachment 35, MIS, and, [] the Salzburg []

2. For Headquarters and German Station Action: It is recommended that Headquarters furnish Chief of Station in Germany with information cleared for passing to [] in order to "burn" Willy HOETTL and []

It is recommended that Germany take every feasible step to induce [] to drop HOETTL or suffer the consequences (see paragraph 5 below).

3. The situation as affected us developed as follows:

On 12 June 52, [] [] and [] were visiting Linz to discuss the establishment of our office in the MIS installation there and to inspect the office space available. Both Major Victor Tuliszewski, CO of MIS Linz and Lt. Frank Hoinski asked for a discussion of some "special operational problems to which we agreed. At lunch in the Hotel Linzerhof, Tuliszewski, who basically is a very excellent officer but only experienced in "vert collection methods", and Hoinski, an intelligence operator of the "breathless" school, began by saying that they had some valuable information which one of their employees had picked up from an unidentified operative of "the German Intelligence Service". They were unable to identify the source of the reports which consisted primarily of SOVZONE and Hungarian OB, but felt it should be put to use and since they had been enjoined recently by [] to stick to their interrogation activities, they wondered if we would be interested. They were told basically that we were, although without source of info, we could not make full use of the material.

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Thinking that there was a strong possibility that the source of the reports was possibly a POB [] attempting to remarket his product on the side, we asked if we could examine the material. A cursory examination of the reports' format showed a distinct similarity to POB raw material. Although [] and [] both felt and remarked that it could be HOETTL, we could not be sure on the spot and consequently said that we would take the material for evaluation. The material was passed informally to [] for evaluation at POB after only a most cursory examination in Salzburg, since [] happened to be passing through Salzburg and conceived the possibility that one of his individual sources might be casting about for outlets, although he rather doubted that this was the case in this instance. We were horrified to learn later from Tuliszewski that the sum of 3,000 ANS had been paid out of his and Hoinski's pocket for the rather scurrilous reports, and since we now had the reports, he wished reimbursement from us. Since we were dependent on the goodwill of Tuliszewski and Hoinski for assistance in the establishment of Linz sub-base, and since we did receive the reports, we paid up albeit reluctantly, charging the expense to purchase of information. We did, however, strongly advise Tuliszewski that for heavens' sake he should buy no more of this material pending receipt of POB [] through us.

A week or so later we received word from POB that the material was worthless and so informed Tuliszewski, who had been calling us constantly to see if we were ready for further deliveries of the product. Tuliszewski, who had enjoined us to the strictest of secrecy vis a vis G-2, then carried the second batch to G-2 Opns, informing them that [] did not want this material and telling them about the delivery of the first batch to []. Tuliszewski was properly chastised for going out of channels in the delivery of this material to []. A few days later the G-2 analyst, most familiar with the spurious product of the master fabricator HOETTL, pronounced the definite opinion that beyond doubt HOETTL was the source of the material.

Baron E.O. Fink, formerly of the German Consulate Service, who has been master-minding a program of interrogation of returning Soviet PW residents in the SOVZONE of Austria, was called in by CIC and strongly interrogated as to his contacts. He revealed his contacts to be Baron Harry Mast and Willy HOETTL, a fact which he had not revealed to MIS. On 14 July, Major Flatley of G-2 Opns conferred with Tuliszewski, Hoinski and Fink and advised Fink of the unreliability of HOETTL and told him to break contact after the meeting already scheduled with HOETTL on the 15th of July (see first attachment). At the 15 July meeting (note in the attachment) MAST made some interesting allegations concerning their contacts in Germany, among others that HOETTL was going to approach SEPPINGS and obtain a certificate from him stating that the organization of [] was a bonafide agency of the German Government.

4. USFA again is extremely annoyed at HOETTL and are considering means of putting him out of business. They have requested that we use our best influence in Germany (i.e. with [] to induce him to sever contact with HOETTL. If persuasion is not enough, and the Germans persist in using HOETTL, who continually is a thorn in USFA's side, USFA is planning some unfavorable publicity for HOETTL and would not feel reluctant to mention his present connections with [] along with an elaboration of his past scurrilous record. We here can see no reason to dissuade USFA from this

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course since the elimination of HOETTL as an intelligence operator would be to the general good of intelligence in Austria. We suggest that Germany, after clearance from Washington if necessary, make every attempt to persuade [] organization to drop HOETTL. If this is not favorable, we might well indicate to [] that he will have to suffer the consequences of any unfavorable publicity that USFA can devise.

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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief [] Frankfurt
SUBJECT: GENERAL []

DATE: 21 Aug 1952

SPECIFIC - Derogatory Information on []

1. Attached for your information are copies of a derogatory report from an unknown source on [] and currently a [] candidate. The report (Attachment I) was a part of the [] material attached to [] which was probably sent by Willi HOETTL and was definitely intended for Gerhard SCHACHT.

2. ZIPPER was informed of the substance of the statements contained in Attachment I and asked for comments. Also attached (Attachment II) is ZIPPER's memo refuting the SCHACHT report.

3. ZIPPER's refutation is certainly not decisive. However, their point that both CIC and ZIPPER have thoroughly investigated previous warnings on WESSLEY (without significant derogatory result) is well taken, and there is undoubtedly at least some sound basis for discounting Attachment I in view of the known hostile attitude between ZIPPER and HOETTL and the probably accurately described disgruntled feeling of MAST, thought to be the actual author of Attachment I. The KP membership and activities of Dr. Kurt KNOLL, junior, are not denied or even commented upon by ZIPPER, but he is described as only an acquaintance of [] through Dr. Kurt KNOLL, senior. It is difficult to evaluate the ZIPPER statement that KNOLL, junior, can have no insight concerning the actual activities and employer of []

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4. Considering the relative freedom of choice which we felt it proper to give ZIPPER in the selection of actual [] candidates (while naturally retaining a veto, we insisted only upon ZIPPER compliance with what we viewed as the basic principles behind the selections), we do not believe that the outstanding derogatory reports on [] can be evaluated as sufficiently significant or accurate to constitute a bar to his participation in [] particularly since ZIPPER is still willing to vouch for him.

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ATTACHMENT I

The following is a report about KP influence on the Organization von GEHLEN; it shows clearly the lines of contact to the Org., and raised the question whether the directors of the O.g. are aware of the true background of all the facts:

1. During an investigation of the 1951/52 elections in the Linzer Eisenhandels-gesellschaft, which resulted in the victory of several KP industrial councils, it was discovered that among this group there is a certain Dr. Kurt KNOLL, born 14 June 1919 in Vienna, now residing in Linz, Glimpfingerstr. 63, a member of the KP.

Further investigation disclosed that Dr. KNOLL is the son of Prof. Kurt KNOLL, formerly Rektor of the Hochschule für Welthandel in Vienna, now living in Mondsee, and in contact with the Org. von GEHLEN.

NOTE: Prof. KNOLL was SS-Standartenführer in Vienna prior to 1945 and a most influential member of that organization. SD decisions on Austrian personalities in the business, cultural, educational and political fields were based largely on his views and judgment. An indication of his standing in the SD was shown by the fact that soon after 1938 he was promoted from Dozent to Rektor of the Hochschule. At present he is an influential member of the Sudeten German group not only in Austria but also in Germany and enjoys the confidence of Dr. Lodgmann-Auen, recently in Bonn.

In 1948 Prof. KNOLL was brought into Dr. OFCZAREK's group in the Org. GEHLEN by Dr. WESSELY. At first he was employed as expert on personnel matters, later on the condensation of reports on economics and Austrian internal affairs and policy. In 1949 Dr. OFCZAREK gave KNOLL quarters in his rented villa in Mondsee, where KNOLL still resides.

2. Activity of Dr. Kurt KNOLL, Jr.

There are very close ties between Dr. KNOLL, Sr. and Dr. KNOLL, Jr. and Dr. KNOLL, Jr. is well informed concerning his father's close connections with the American-German IS of Gen. GEHLEN and expresses himself knowledgeably in intimate circles over the Org.'s awareness of happenings within the KPOE. In other circles Dr. KNOLL, Jr. is at pains to represent the Government as overly concerned over the danger of KPOE activity and to belittle its actions. In this connection, it is known that Professor K. has requested his son to keep him informed on KPOE activities and that the latter maintains that reports on the existence of KP cells, terror groups and East-West trade are grossly exaggerated.

NOTE: It is known that the ties between KNOLL, Sr. and Jr. are very intimate, and that all intelligence matters are discussed by them. Whether it is carelessness on the part of Dr. KNOLL, Sr.

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or whether it can be attributed to his well-known desire to appear important is not clear. Nor is it known whether Dr. OFCZAREK is aware of the facts concerning the two KNOLL's.

Since the summer of 1949, Dr. OFCZAREK's Org. has been engaged solely in CE work. It is therefore possible that in the Org.'s effort to penetrate the KP there is double agent activity, but as the above report indicates, the Org. is being given purely deception material.

In the course of the investigation on Dr. KNOLL, Jr. it was determined that the KP is remarkably well informed about the activity of anti-Soviet agents and their reports. It is assumed that one of the KP's sources is Dr. KNOLL, Jr. It is not known how well informed Prof. KNOLL is about his son's work.

3. Activity of Dr. Kurt WESSELY.

The investigation also disclosed connections between Dr. KNOLL, Jr. and Dr. Kurt WESSELY, who is suspected by the police and whose alleged ties to the MVD have been the subject of confidential reports since 1948. Reports of this nature are still being received. His wife is also regarded with suspicion. She lived in Hungary until 1948, and could be in contact with the Hungarian IS, although no proof of such contact exists.

NOTE: Dr. WESSELY joined Dr. OFCZAREK's section of the Org. in spring of 1948. His duties were the evaluation of the Hungarian and Yugoslav press, the condensation of economic reports, and the reporting on Austrian internal affairs. As early as 1948 his reliability was questioned, and as a result he was officially dismissed from the Org. in 1949. However, through Dr. OFCZAREK he was retained as a secret co-worker of Prof. KNOLL.

Dr. WESSELY was approached several times by the MVD, but has declared officially that he refused each offer. He did admit, however, that officials of the MVD pointed out to him that his conduct had a direct bearing on the treatment accorded his wife, who was residing in Hungary at that time. After his wife returned from Hungary in the summer of 1948, Dr. W.'s attitude toward Hungary and Communism was remarkably neutral and "objective". This may be attributed to Dr. W.'s clear subservience to his wife. She is a chauvinistic Hungarian and even today is very pro-Hungarian. Further, her parents and other close relatives reside in Budapest and as late as 1949 Frau W. had telephone conversations with Hungary.

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Dr. WESSELY is insincere, garrulous and egotistical. He will not defend himself when attacked, but is vindictive when rebuffed. He is very intellectual and a man of great learning. He is a nationalist politically, due to his family background and upbringing. To all other political questions, he takes a characteristically cautious, neutral position.

Dr. W.'s financial condition appears good, although his income would seem to be between 2500 S. - 3000 S., he must support his wife and two children, and lives in a newly built, high-rental house. He does have a private income, inasmuch as he inherited 160,000 S. from his father.

Dr. W. suffered war injuries - lower leg amputation. This injury has produced an inferiority complex, which is increased by his very lively and jolly wife. Dr. W. has always been supported by Dr. OFCZAREK.

NOTE: In this regard, Dr. OFCZAREK is reported to have stated that if Dr. W actually does have ties to the Soviets, that this is a "good guarantee".

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ATTACHMENT II

WESSELY Dr. Kurt, Linz, born 20 March 1906, journalist, representative of "Berichte und Informationen" and "Salzburger Nachrichten", married to Suzanne, nee SCHMIDT, native of Hungary. From early 1948 to 1 Dec. 1950, a member of the Organization.

KNOLL Dr. Kurt, senior. Formerly Rektor of Hochschule für Welthandel in Vienna, 1945-47 interned, resides Mondsee. Born 29 Oct. 1889, married to Viktoria, nee WILD. Since July 1949, press evaluator for Org.

KNOLL Dr. Kurt, jun., born 14 June 1919, resides in Linz; during war in German Foreign Office, since 1950 employee of VOEST-Werke and Linzer Eisenhandels-GmbH in Linz.

HOTTL Dr. Willi, resides Bad Altaussee, formerly officer in RSHA VI/E; 1948/49 employed by CIC, owner of "Nibelungen-Verlag" in Linz.

TONGEL Dr. Emil, born 27 Oct 1902 in Leitmeritz, resides in Bad Altaussee and Linz; official of Propaganda Ministry in Vienna, during the war with a PK-Kompanie, 1949/51 employee of "Nibelungen-Verlag" in Linz; with CIC and other intelligence services, 1948/49 worked with Dr. WESSELY for Baron MAST. Left because of "double" activity.

MAST Heinrich, Baron, born 26 Dec. 1897 in Linz; author; from 1947 until March 1952 employed by the Organization's BV S. Dropped because of suspected fabrication.

1. The allegations that Dr. WESSELY works for an Eastern IS date back to 1949. They originated with the so-called Ausseer-SS-Kreis, among whom Dr. HOTTL and Dr. TONGEL are prominent. The reports are based on the fact that during the war Dr. W. married a Hungarian citizen, who was not able to come to Austria permanently until 1949.

The allegations against Dr. W. caused CIC and the Org. to undertake investigations, which in no wise confirmed the accuracy of the reports but, on the contrary, seemed to indicate personal animosity towards Dr. W. as the real reason for the reports. Dr. W. was an illegal Nationalsozialist and in 1938 was arrested by the Austrian police in connection with an action against the then illegal NS-Gauleiter of Vienna, NEUBACHER. W. is said to have

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told the police all he knew of NS-activity in Vienna.

Dr. HOTTL and Dr. FONGEL saw to it that the allegations against W. reached the AIS and the Org. through many channels, so that they appeared to be confirmed by various sources.

2. Prof. KNOLL has known Dr. W. since 1938. While looking for co-workers well versed in economics, Baron MAST asked Dr. W. to contact Prof. KNOLL in the fall of 1948. MAST himself met with Dr. W. and Prof. K. 8 April 1949. Since Dr. OFCZAREK knew Prof. K. personally, he recruited him into the Organization in 1949.

Prof. KNOLL is active only as a press evaluator. He is directed solely by Dr. OFCZAREK. The only contacts between Prof. K. and Dr. W. have been a few unavoidable, chance meetings. Neither Dr. W. nor Baron MAST had an insight into Prof. KNOLL's work.

Prof. KNOLL lives with his wife in a small villa, which Dr. OFCZAREK rented in 1948 for himself and his office, and in which he lived until 1949. Dr. OFCZAREK is still the recognized tenant. Since Prof. K. moved into the house, Dr. OFCZAREK has lived in Salzburg. There can therefore be no question of their "living together". Occasionally during the summer months there have been weekend visits.

3. Dr. OFCZAREK has no professional or business relations with Dr. KNOLL, Jr. They met originally in the home of Dr. K. Sr. Dr. K., Jr. has never worked for the Org., nor is there any intention to recruit him.

4. Dr. K., Jr. knows that his father works for Dr. O. in the press evaluation section. He knows only Dr. O. from the Org., and may surmise that Dr. O. is in contact with an American agency. The Organization and its missions are, however, in no way known to Dr. K., Jr., neither does his father possess any knowledge in this regard.

5. In 1950, via Prof. KNOLL, Dr. OFCZAREK received a warning from Dr. HOTTL (who is acquainted with Prof. KNOLL for a long time and who knows of KNOLL's connections with OFCZAREK) that Dr. WESSLY had unclear relations with the East, and through his wife might possibly have become a Hungarian agent. Dr. HOTTL emphatically advised Dr. O. not to disregard this warning, or he might regret it some day. This day appears to have arrived.

6. HOTTL's allegations follow the recognized pattern of character assassination. The motive may be the fact that despite

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all his efforts, Dr. H. has been unable to make a fruitful IS connection and resents the efficacy of Dr. O's group in what HOTTL considers his own domain. In accordance with his ambition, he would like to be the political expert for Austria in a national IS.

7. Whether MAST, who was dropped in March 1952 because of suspected fabrication material, was co-author of the report cannot be determined. There is a possibility that this is the case. MAST is now employed in Dr. HOTTL's "Nibelungen-Verlag" in Linz and works with Dr. HOTTL intelligence-wise. Because of his talent for intrigue, it is quite possible that he may be seeking an opportunity for revenge for having been dismissed.

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1. Attached is an untranslated report, originating with the [] on the activities of Wilhelm HOTTL, born at Vienna on 19 March 1911, Austrian citizen, who was a member of the Austrian Security Service and a collaborator of the American service during and after the war.
2. In the summer of 1949 HOTTL's collaboration with the Americans is alleged to have ceased for the following reasons:
 - a. The information which he had submitted was shown to have been invented by Subject and his journalist informants;
 - b. Part of the information was deliberately furnished with the idea of deceiving the American service;
 - c. A confidential observation of Subject revealed that he was in contact with the Soviet Secret Service and was, therefore, suspected of playing a double game under Soviet control;
 - d. He repeatedly lied about the sources of his information and he appropriated funds which were to be used for operations he himself proposed; and
 - e. On many occasions he deliberately furnished to other parties information on personnel and methods of the American secret service.
3. The [] were also interested in Subject because of the recent arrest in the Soviet zone of an agent whom they trusted and from whom they received military information. This agent was an associate of HOTTL and the [] maintain that Subject has signalled the agent to the Soviets because he refused to collaborate with Subject in the fabrication of false information.

4. Until his removal from the American service, information regarding his contacts with the Soviet service were very frequent; it is known that he

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4. ~~xxxx~~ contacts with the Soviet agents Hans Georg SSWARZKOFF, Frietjof RIEDL, and Richard KAUDER, alias KLATT, all of whom have recently operated in the zone of Salzburg.
5. At the present time Subject is working to establish a Soviet control on the new German Information Service. His movements are carefully followed and future reports will be made on his activities.

Editorial Comment: It is possible that this report duplicates [] which was also forwarded to Washington untranslated.

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Attn: []
FROM : Chief, EE

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: GENERAL - []
SPECIFIC - Willi HOETTL

REF: []

1. [] dated 11 August (copy attached hereto) describes in some detail the difficulties our Vienna station and other USFA agencies are encountering with Willi HOETTL. They ask Headquarters for permission to "burn" HOETTL and put him and his fabricating machine out of business, but before so doing, ask if we cannot get [] to cooperate with us on HOETTL's removal from the IS scene.

2. I have had several discussions about HOETTL with [] On the occasion of HOETTL's last visit to [] at Frankfurt sometime in April 1952, [] told me he was convinced that HOETTL produced plenty of phoney reports and that he was cutting him off financially. [] said that the only intelligence of value that HOETTL produced concerned the Austrian government, but all other, namely OB, Hungarian and Romanian political reports, reports on North Africa, Italy and Trieste were phoney. When I asked [] why, if he knew HOETTL manufactured so much paper, he subsidized him and maintained his close contact, [] replied that he was trying to determine who HOETTL's excellent source on internal Austrian affairs was before completely severing the connection. [] emphasized, however, that he was aware of HOETTL's passing phoney reports and [] was not making any disseminations of the questionable material. This was in May 1952.

3. I believe it would be wise if [] would contact [] inform him of what is transpiring in Austria, and tell him that Allied Agencies in Austria are going to undertake measures to remove HOETTL from the intelligence scene. It would probably be best to inform [] in the presence of [] so that a second person in the [] office is informed in the event [] has not completely broken off his relations with HOETTL.

4. We believe it is high time that a man like HOETTL is removed from the Intelligence scene for many reasons, mainly to prevent valuable case officer time from being dissipated on a man who is a known fabricator. Hours of

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time and reams of paper have been expended for many months to describe HOETTL, time that can much better be spent on more fruitful operations. We believe that HOETTL's paper mill has long been an established factor and no further effort should be spent to pursue him. [] would be told that regardless of his associations with HOETTL, for the good of all IS agencies working against satellites and Soviets, HOETTL must be removed to make way for more serious and positive intelligence gathering. I don't think he'll offer any argument and will play ball with us on this score.

5. We will inform our Austrian desk that we have no objections to the removal of HOETTL. HOETTL has no connections to Seppings and I believe his plan to see Seppings is part of the atmosphere of bluff in which he operates. We would be interested in any comment [] has to make on this matter after you notify him of the Austrian agency's plan to remove HOETTL.

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TO: DIR CITE: []
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1. 28 AUGUST 52, [] ([] OFFICE CODE NAME []) REQUESTED CONTACT AT BOLZANO WITH [] (?) OF [] (CODE NAME []). MEETING OCCURRED 29 AUGUST.
2. [] STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED THREE WEEKS PREVIOUSLY BY GERMAN COL HEINZ (ABOUT 52 YEARS OF AGE) COMING FROM BONN GOVT WITH PURPOSE RECRUITMENT FOR GERMAN ARMED FORCES INTELL. [] OFFERED SPECIFIC TASK TO PROCEED TRIESTE UNDER COVER TO WORK AGAINST JUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA ON SALARY 150,000 LIRE PLUS 50,000 LIRE EXPENSES UNDER INDIRECT PROTECTION ALLIED COMMISSION TRIESTE. [] DID NOT ACCEPT BECAUSE HE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED [] (PORTION GARBLED BEING SVCD) RPT [] AND AS [] TRACHER. HIS WIFE EMPLOYED AS [] TRACHER BESIDES MAINTAINING CONTACT [] OFFICE.
3. FOLLOWING [] REFUSAL, HEINZ PROMISED VISIT BY FRIEND TO [] USING RELIGIOUS MEDALION FOR RECOGNITION. [] DID NOT ACCEPT PLAN.
4. DURING WEEK 18-24 AUGUST "FRIEND" APPEARED IN BOLZANO USING NAME MR PLANGG, SECTION CHIEF OF GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE AGAIN MADE PROPOSAL, PARA TWO, TO [] ADDING THAT LATTER WOULD RECEIVE SOJOURN PERMIT TRIESTE. [] AGAIN REFUSED.
5. FOR PURPOSE OF LEARNING TO WHOM H. HAD NEXT GONE WITH PROPOSAL, [] REFERRED MATTER TO HIS [] WHO TEACHES IN [] BOLZANO AND "SHOWS INTEREST" IN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS. FRANZ REPLIED THAT SIMILAR PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE ING. OTTO GRIESER, FORMER SS OFFICER, CO-OWNER OF CAFE KUSSET, BOLZANO, A NOTORIOUS PRO-GERMAN PROPAGANDIST

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6. [] OFFICER HAS STATED THEY DESIRE KEEP CONTACT THROUGH GREISERIN ORDER TO KEEP IN LINE TO GERMAN SERVICE THROUGH [] MATTER HAS NOW BEEN REFERRED TO [] FOR DECISION.

7. SOURCE: [] [] , 9 SEPT, B-3. HQS COMMENTS DESIRED SOONEST.

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CORRECTION

CORRECT PARA 2, LINES 7 AND 8 OF THIS MESSAGE TO READ:

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18. SEP. 1952

Chief [] Vienna
Chief [] Frankfurt
[]
[] and Willi Hoettl

Ref: []

1. Reference memorandum has been brought to the attention of the people here who have been concerned with [] activities. They have inferred me that [] has been well and thoroughly briefed on Hoettl's unsavory reputation, and that [] has said in effect that he is fully aware of Hoettl's reputation but finds him a useful man to use.

2. It is not believed that we can successfully attempt to "burn" Hoettl with []

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18 Sept. [] just arrived with [] suggestions on how to reopen the subject with [] Also, I don't know just how, a USFA G-2 letter to HICOG indicating Hoettl's bad record, with buck slips from five offices in HICOG indicating no interest.

We will try to do something with []

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1. RECEIPT REF COINCIDED WITH INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON SUBJECTS FUTURE ROLE WITH [] WHO STATES PLANS USE SUBJECT [] TO ATTACK [] TYPE TARGETS HAVE NOT AND NOT EXPECTED TO PAN OUT. [] QUERIED AS TO POSSIBILITY TRANSFER SUBJECT TO [] CITING DIFFICULTIES IN CONTROL OF SUBJECT WHICH WE BETTER EQUIPPED TO OVERCOME THAN THEY AND FACT HIS MOST PROFITABLE INTELL POSSIBILITY NOW AND PROBABLY IN NEAR FUTURE IS TO REPORT CONTACTS WITH []]

2. [] COOL TO IDEA TRANSFER SUBJECT TO LOCAL [] CONTROL BASED ON MARGINALITY OF INTEREST IN [] (FROM STAND-POINT OUR SOI) PLUS FACT THAT SUBJECT 1 OF MOST WIDELY KNOWN INTELL OPERATORS IN AREA. PROBABLE THAT SUBJECT AS OLD P.O. WILL REMAIN IN INTELL BUSINESS EVEN AFTER DISMISSAL

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BY [] BUT SEE NO REASON FOR SALZ BASE TO BECOME INVOLVED.
UNLESS ANOTHER [] INTERESTED IN SUBJECTS SERVICES
WHICH DOUBT IN VIEW REF WILL ADVISE [] WE HAVE NO INTEREST
HIS FUTURE.

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1. Believe ref direct tie in with []. Similar proposal to Griesser probably made by Haax. Entree in ref indicates Ministry Blank (read Heinz) making multiple efforts to remount ops in and thru Italy.
2. Col Heinz known "I" chief [] office and is not part of Zipper nor is he controlled by []. Flagg believed an alias for Heinz subordinate. For field info, in Dec 1951 Hoettl approached Haax stating he setting up Mediterranean intelligence net for Heinz. At that time stated he and Heinz would go to Rome in Feb 52 to set up formal liaison thru von Brentano. Now appears this course not being followed and Heinz busy with priority tasks vs Balkans via Trieste. Current Heinz Medit efforts believed attempt to entrench self with [] Ministry as key future German IS official.
3. Maselhof prob id/w Nikola Maximoff. He and wife had wide intell contacts including possession of W/T set retrieved by Luongo for Zipper in 1950. No Zipper contact since that time. Since ref is first indication he and wife "R" office informers, Itals probably know of Zipper dealings as well as Luongo, BIS and other contacts of Maximoff and wife.
4. Para 6 ref indicates good Ital containment of Heinz-Haax efforts. We have continuing interest all German IS activity Italy, but no [] involved..

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FROM : Chief, FE

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WILLI HOETTL []

References: [] []

We are forwarding herewith for your information copies of a dispatch on the subject of WILLI HOETTL's relationship to [] prepared by []. The contents are self-explanatory.

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1. This is not the first time that I talked to F. W. HEINZ about his connections with HOETTL. He always assured me that he had never paid HOETTL any money for his reports, had been well aware of his fabrications but, on the other hand, felt that HOETTL seemed rather well informed on internal Austrian politics which he needed for background information. I did not fail to point out to HEINZ that his continued relations with HOETTL would in the end discredit the entire Office.

2. had the bright idea to attach to the above referenced letter from an unclassified letter from Lt. Col. Simon N. Graham, copy of which is enclosed. I showed this letter to HEINZ and Achim OSTER on 26 September, and it impressed them more than anything I could have said against HOETTL, because it contained a formal denunciation of HOETTL by a responsible American officer written on official US Army stationery.

3. HEINZ then told me, in the presence of OSTER, that around the middle of August 1952, he (HEINZ) had officially notified HOETTL that he wished to break off all relations with HOETTL, would not accept any more reports from him, and that HOETTL should stop telling people in Austria, he represented the official German intelligence service in Austria as a representative of HEINZ in the Amt . This notice was transmitted to HOETTL through HEINZ's Munich representative, Dr. SCHACHT, who was also ordered to break off all relations, both official and personal, with HOETTL. HEINZ intends to go even further than that. He said he was going to dismiss SCHACHT and offer him a job at the Office as the head of the parachute section yet to be created. Despite this specific "Verbot", HEINZ was aware that SCHACHT would probably still continue his personal contact with HOETTL, and the only way to stop it was to remove SCHACHT

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physically from Munich and bring him to Bonn where he would be out of the intelligence picture entirely. SCHACHT is to be replaced in Munich by HEINZ's Berlin representative, Jakob KOLB, and the latter will be replaced by KOLB's present deputy, GERSTEN. HEINZ will let me know when this reshuffle will become effective.

4. HEINZ authorized me to inform the allied authorities in Austria of this break in relations with HOETTL and even recommended that the allies should take whatever steps they deem necessary to stop HOETTL from representing himself as HEINZ's official representative in Austria. Moreover, HEINZ is all in favor of exposing HOETTL as an intelligence fabricator and swindler.

5. I would like to go a step further. As you know the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz (BfV) has started to issue warning lists of known intelligence swindlers, and, subject to your approval, [

] put HOETTL's name on that list. [

] names submitted by the three allies will not be mentioned as coming from any of the allies, but the BfV is given as the source. However, any one of the three allies has the right to ask the BfV which one of the three allies has submitted the names. The list is circulated to all the eleven Landesverfassungsaemter (LfVs) in Germany, in addition to the intelligence services of the three allies. Here is how HOETTL's name would appear on the list:

Name	:	HOETTL
First name	:	Dr. Wilhelm (Willi)
Cover name	:	
Date of birth	:	
Place of birth	:	
Last residence	:	
Basis	:	Long known in Austria and Germany as-a fabricator of intelligence information. His reports normally consist of a fine cobweb of fact, heavily padded with lies, deceit, conjectures, and other false types of information.
Reported by	:	BfV
Placed on list	:	1 November 1952

6. You will note that I have quoted part of Graham's letter verbatim since it beautifully expresses in a very few words the nefarious activities of HOETTL. This is all that is necessary as far as the BfV is concerned, except that you will have to furnish me with the information left blank, i. e., cover name or names, date and place of birth, and last known address. Incidentally, if you wish to place other intelligence swindlers on the BfV warning list, all you have to do is to furnish me the type of information shown above.

Approved by _____

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AIR

22 October 1952

Chief [] Frankfurt

Chief [] Vienna

WILLI HOETTL

Reference: []

The information requested in reference is as follows:

Date of birth: 19 March 1915

Place of birth: Vienna, Austria

Last residence: Alt-Aussee 69, Bezirk Gmunden,
Land Upper Austria

Cover name: Walter HAGEN (nom de plume used for
his book, Die geheime Front).

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Willi Hoettl

13. OKT. 1952

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The recommendation made in paragraph 5 of [] to place Hoettl's name on the BfV 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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23 October 1952 -G-136

SUBJECT: Report on Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

1. The attached report on Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL was submitted to [] personally at the beginning of May 1949, and was the outcome of a long conference held at Munich on 2 May 1949, those present were: [], [], [], [], [], [], and myself. At this conference [] had requested to leave the names of Dr. Emmerich OFFCZAREK, Dr. HÖNLINGER, and Rupert MANDL out of the report. These persons were members of the G-Organization, and [] did not want to have their past in the files. When I discussed this problem with [], he assured me that he would pass my first copy on to the American in charge. I was later informed by [] that [] usually did not comply with such demands.

Key to names: [] = HÖNLINGER; [] = OFFCZAREK; [] = Rupert MANDL.
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10 July 1952

G-96

SUBJECT: Financial Transaction by Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

1. Reference is made to previous letter, same Subject, G-71, dated 13 May 1952.
2. (), on the afternoon of 9 July 1952, was called by telephone by an unknown man, who asked him where he could hand him a letter from Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL. He made an appointment for 12:15 hours at Kapitelplatz, where he met above man and received a stout envelope.
3. The letter contained a short note from HÖTTL, wherein he referred to his previous conversation with (), when () had agreed - with my consent - to change him Marks into Austrian Shillings. HÖTTL further mentioned that the inclosed sum of DM 4,165. represented the last installment by Piper Verlag München to Nibelungen Verlag Linz, and that he had received such sum in German currency because of lengthy and difficult transfer.
4. Above sum of DM 4,165. consisted of 41 new type 100-DM-notes; respective numbers were:
83317 through 83326, 83329 through 83340,
83342 through 83358, 83976, and 83977.
5. () changed the above sum at a rate of AS 5,85 for one D-Mark on the Salzburg blackmarket and received a total of AS 24,277.50.

One extra copy.

R. [unclear]

[]

13 May 1952

G-71

SUBJECT: Financial Transaction by Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

1. Approximately by the middle of March 1952, Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL asked () by phone for an urgent meeting at Attnang-Puchheim.
2. During such meeting HÖTTL wanted to know if there was any possibility for () to have larger sums of D-Marks changed on the Salzburg blackmarket. These sums allegedly represented payments by a German publishing house to HÖTTL's Nibelungen Verlag. HÖTTL did not want to have such transfers made via Nationalbank because Nationalbank pays a lower exchange rate. HÖTTL made no statement regarding the German firm's name nor did he give the amount concerned. () answered evasively, but not in the negative because he intended to talk the matter over with ().
3. With () approval () informed HÖTTL by letter that he could settle the matter.
4. Two or three weeks later HÖTTL informed () that in the meantime he had found another way to receive his money. Late in April, upon HÖTTL's request, () met HÖTTL at Salzburg. Purpose of such meeting was HÖTTL's planning to have a series of articles published with a German illustrated concerning the events in Salzkammergut during the last stage of the war and immediately afterwards. On such occasion () asked HÖTTL how he had handled above money affair. HÖTTL replied that he had settled the matter officially via Nationalbank. He further stated that the German firm was R. PIPER Verlag at Munich which owed considerable sums to Nibelungen Verlag for a common edition of BREHM's "Die Throne stürzen", printed at Wels, Austria. (The order was placed by Nibelungen Verlag with the Wels firm Johann HAAS, 34 Stadtplatz.)

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Chief [] Frankfurt

Chief [] Vienna

Willi HOETTL

REF: E1 []

By: S-4 Date: 1/1/82

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1. Local information on HOETTL's personalia differs in a few minor particulars from that given in second reference. You may wish to pass both versions to Verfassungsschutz officials:

Name: HOETTL
First Name: Dr. Wilhelm (Willi)
Cover Name: GOLDBERG "Willi", alias HAGEN Walter
Date of Birth: 19 March 1915
Place of Birth: Gumpendorf, near Vienna
Last Residence: Alt Aussee 53, Land Upper Austria

2. Detachment 35 has quite a bit of raw information on HOETTL's activities, derived from their source Karl SAAS, which neither they nor we have had time to process. We plan to scan this material for anything of particular operational interest, and we will put you on the distribution of any such material.

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TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Attention: []
Chief, Salzburg

DATE: 25 November 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL— C J

SPECIFIC— L J Meeting with
(Dr.) Wilhelm HOETTL

Ref: L J

1. Attached hereto is a copy of subject report. The HOETTL relationship continues to be of marginal interest in the overall [] operations (except for the possible security implications) but we see no reason for not following the matter without the expenditure of undue effort.

2. The gist of what HOETTL related to [] seems to follow fairly closely what he related to Carlo HASS (as reported to us verbally by Detachment 35) so we feel our lukewarm attitude toward picking up contact with HASS, as expressed in last two cited references, is somewhat justified. We see no sound reason for an additional operation with HASS following the machinations of ex-GIS personnel (principally HOETTL) in Austria, when we can accomplish the same results as a by-product of the normal [] operations.

3. On the HOETTL/HEINZ/HASS matter, [] informed us verbally a week or so ago that HEINZ' Munich representative had gone to considerable pains to spell out in letter form to HOETTL, exactly why he was being dropped by the [] office. This letter, of all things, was posted in Germany to HOETTL in Austria, which may or may not mean that someone was deliberately trying to have the letter fall into Allied censorship channels. The possibilities of why this was done are interesting and varied; ranging from an honest effort to explain to Dr. HOETTL why he was being dropped through to an elaborate scheme to create the illusion HOETTL was being discharged but actually to render the HEINZ/HOETTL contact less visible. HASS has reported to Detachment 35 that HOETTL states that now that he has been dropped by HEINZ, the latter wishes to take up direct contact with HASS. HOETTL has been attempting to induce HASS to travel with him to Munich for the purpose of meeting HEINZ' man there,

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at which time HASS is to be made Chief Agent in the Italian area. HASS is supposedly awaiting instructions from Detachment 35 as to how to proceed. Knowing his past performances, it would not be surprising if he has not already established direct contact in Munich and will report the matter later, if it fits his purposes.

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18 November 1952

SUBJECT: Meeting between [] and Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

I. Opening of Meeting

a. How and for when arranged:

On 13 November 1952 I received a letter from Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL asking for a meeting on Friday, 14 November 1952, at the Bad Ischl Bahnhofsrestauration.

b. Date, time, and place held:

I met Dr. HÖTTL on Friday, 14 November 1952, at the Bad Ischl station restaurant at 1515 hours.

II. Production

III. Operational Matters

a. HÖTTL stated that he now has to intensify again his journalistic work and that he would appreciate my collaboration. The four tasks in question were (a) a complete revision of his book "Die Geheime Front" for a U.S. edition, (b) completion of his long interrupted new manuscript on Hitler's and Stalin's "fifth columns", (c) the writing of a series of articles on the last stage of the war in the "Alpenfestung" regions, to be published in the weekly "Wochenend" (Olympia Verlag, Nuremberg), (d) writing of a story to the last photo of Hitler taken by SCHAUB on 20 April 1945, to be offered to American photo agencies or weeklies. Regarding items a) and c) I recommended to HÖTTL to contact an American expert; as to b) and d) I agreed to collaborate with him.

b. Regarding his last trip to Germany, HÖTTL was evasive. He mentioned that he had frustrately protested against his removal and had not been able to converse with [] personally. He had also tried to find a German publisher to distribute his "Geheime Front" in Germany and had signed a contract with a Stuttgart publisher, the name of which he did not mention.

An Italian edition had finally appeared with Garzanti, Milano, and a French edition with Editions Les Isles d'Or, a branch of Editions Plon.

- c. When asked whether he would not become re-engaged in intelligence activity, HÖTTL replied that he was trying to get jobs for his former collaborators within another German intelligence branch. I did not succeed in having him tell me what organization he had in mind. HÖTTL himself wants to retire from intelligence work, for a longer period at least. He has allegedly learned from experience that he had too much publicity and that he had too many political opponents. Former nazis consider him a traitor, said he, whereas anti-nazis dislike him as a former nazi. He can show up nowhere without arising hostile feelings. He would therefor prefer to remain in the background except for his literary work.
- d. For the time being Nibelungen Verlag has been saved by selling large quantities of both "Geheime Front" to the above Stuttgart publisher, and "Die Throne stürzen" (by Bruno BREHM) to Kaiser Verlag, Klagenfurt.

IV. Operational Factors

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V. Biographical and Personal Factors

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VI. Supply and Support

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VII. Close of Meeting

- a. Time and circumstances of close of meeting:
The conversation was finished shortly before 1800 hours, when HÖTTL left for Bad Aussee by train.
 - b. Arrangements for new meeting:
The next meeting is planned for a few weeks later.
- * HÖTTL expressed that the position of HEINZ in Bonn seemed much weaker, and at the utmost a merger between him and GEHLEN would become effective. The financial status of HEINZ appears to be also much weaker than originally claimed by HEINZ and his collaborators.

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TO : Chief, IE

DATE: 23 December 1952

FROM : Chief () Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL— ()

SPECIFIC— OSI Operations in Austria

1. The attached reports (Det 35 XIR 66, CIC AR S-15078) concerning OSI operations in Austria are forwarded for your information. The reports are forwarded because many of the personalities and leads listed may be or may have been of operational interest to the addressees.

2. Since many of the personalities are rather well known in intelligence circles and the reliability of the information in CIC AR S-15078 appears so questionable, we are not running traces unless requested to do so.

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Attachments:

- Det 35 XIR 66
- CIC AR S-15078

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TO: SFRAN, SPULL, SBONN INFO: SVIEN, DIR CITE: SSALZ

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1. WILLI HOETTL UNDER INTERROGATION BY [] 20 FEB 53 RE CONTACTS PONGER, VERBER AND LAUBER. CLAIMS FORWARDED WRITTEN REPORT OF THESE CONTACTS TO ONE ROEHR (PHON FNU) OF AMT UTILITY (TRUE NAME) IN BONN GERMANY. HOETTL ASKED THAT NAME ROEHR NOT BE INCLUDED IN INTERROGATION REPORT. CLAIMS THIS NAME SLIPPED OUT AND DID NOT WISH REVEAL THIS NAME TO AMERICANS.

2. IN BRIEF HOETTL CLAIMS CONTACTS PONGER, VERBER, AND LAUBER SINCE 48 ALL CONCERNED LEGITIMATE JOURNALISTIC BUSINESS. HOETTL SUSPECTED PONGER AND VERBER OF CONNECTIONS TO ISRAELI INTEL. THEY ALWAYS ASSUME ANTI COMMIE FRONT WHEN DEALING WITH HOETTL. HOETTL CLAIMS THAT BOOK OF ADDRESSES (NOW BEING PROCESSED) FOUND IN LAUBER'S APT AT TIME HIS ARREST EVIDENTLY COPIED SURREPTITIOUSLY BY PONGER OR LAUBER DURING TRIP TO GERMANY OCT 52. [] CONFIRMS THE SIMILARITY OF MATERIAL WITH HOETTL'S NOTE BOOK.

3. REQUEST IF POSSIBLE STATUS HOETTL'S ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT BY ANY ELEMENT OF GIS AND COPY OF REPORT REFERRED TO ABOVE IF AVAILABLE. SALZ FROM CONVERSATION WITH [] (ALSO RECEIVED []) OF FIRM OPINION THAT HOETTL NOT A ZIPPERITE AND ACCORDING [] DROPPED HOETTL IN AUG 52. SINCE OCT/NOV 52 HOETTL HAS CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT BY AMT UTILITY (TN).

4. PLS FORWARD ANY BRIEFS FOR REINTERROGATION.

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FROM: SR REP PULLACH

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RESPONSIBLE ZIPPER STAFF MEMBERS CHARGED SUPERVISION ALL
ZIPPER-HOETTL NEGOTIATIONS STATE (1) THEIR ONLY KNOWLEDGE HOETTL-
PONGER TIE STEMS FROM CHANCE MEETING BY [] WITH
HOETTL PONGER AND LAUBER ON AUTOBAHN OCTOBER 52 AND (2) ONLY CONTACT
BETWEEN HOETTL AND ZIPPER VIA MAYER (U/M) WHEREBY HOETTL IS CI
TARGET OF U/M. SPECIFICALLY DENY EXISTENCE LETTER DROP OR WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ZIPPER AND HOETTL, DENY ANY AGREEMENTS WITH
HOETTL, CLAIM ONLY MAYER (CHIEF U/M) MET HOETTL IN BAD ISCHL SEVERAL
TIMES SINCE OCTOBER PURPOSE SECURE HOETTL'S FILES AND IDENTITY
HOETTL'S COWORKERS FOR POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION. HOETTL INFORMED AT
LAST MEETING WITH MAYER ON 4 FEB (ZIPPER SAYS) THAT ZIPPER CAN'T
USE HIM.

FOR SALZ: WE BELIEVE ALL STATEMENTS HOETTL QUOTED IN REF FALSE.

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WILLE MUCH TOO EXPERIENCED IN INTERROGATION TO "LET NAME SLIP." WE CHECKING FOR POSSIBLE EXISTENCE BONN LETTER DROP OR ANY CLUES TO ROEHR BUT SERIOUSLY DOUBT HOETTL HAS ANY MEANS BUT MAYER FOR REACHING ZIPPER. WE ADVISED ZIPPER HOETTL UNDERGOING THOROUGH INTERROGATION, ASKED FOR DATA KNOWN TO THEM OF HOETTL'S ACTIVITIES ETC SINCE 49. THEIR DENIAL OF CONTACT CONSTITUTES AT LEAST REPUDIATION OF HOETTL BY ZIPPER BUT BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE SUCH STRONG REPRESENTATION ALL LEVELS OF ZIPPER LAST 4 MONTHS THAT THEY WOULD NOT RISK FLAUNTING US ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY KNEW WE WELL INFORMED ON HOETTL'S DEALINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES AND HAD POSSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES OF INTERROGATION AND/OR ARREST HOETTL. IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD NOW STRONGLY RECOMMEND DETENTION HOETTL AND FULL INTERROGATION PREFERABLY BY OLD AUSTRIA HAND OF CIC NOT HAMPERED BY PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION TIES WITH HOETTL. (WE SUGGEST [] WE FORWARDING BRIEFS. POUCH FOLLOWS.
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By: SLH Date: 4/16/2001

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FROM: SALZBURG

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Hoettl, Wilhelm (Dns)
CITE: SSALZ

TO: SPULL, DIR, SVIEN INFO: SFRAN

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RE PULL [] FULL []

1. G-2 USFA STATES DUE PRESENT FIRM POLICY REF ARRESTS VERY DOUBTFUL GENERAL HAYES WOULD APPROVE ARREST HOETTL NOW. H STILL FREE AWAITING SECOND INTERVIEW. WE HAVE STATED BELIEF HIS STATEMENTS FALSE AND SUGGESTED CHANGE INTERROGATORS, G-2 ASKED IF [] AVAILABLE SINCE HE WELL BRIEFED HOETTL CASE.

2. HAVE ADVISED G-2 H NOT ZIPPERITE ACCORDING ZIPPER STATEMENTS BUT HAVE NOT PASSED REMAINDER FACTUAL CONTENT OF REFS. STRONGLY REQUEST PERMISSION PASS SANITIZED VERSION WHICH OPENS NEW AREA OF PONGER ACTIVITY AND SHOULD INFLUENCE G-2 ATTITUDE RE INVESTIGATION HOETTL/PONGER TIES.

3. FOR VIEN ACTION? ADVISE ON AVAILABILITY []

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TO: SEN REP AUSTRIA (VIEN, SAIZ)
SEN REP GERMANY (FRAN, POLL)

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FROM: DIRECTOR

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1. STRONGLY FAVOR ACTION PROPOSED PARA 2 REF.
2. FOR VIEW: DUE HIGH PRIORITY ATTACHED RAMIFICATIONS THIS MATTER,

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PONGER/WERBER Case:

4. ZIPFER, through "UM" and BV "S", appears to have been involved to some degree. Available information suggests PONGER and WERBER were in touch with Willi HOETTL, attempting to penetrate ZIPFER through him, as well as via several direct ZIPFER contacts stemming from Nurnberg associations. On 4 March [] reviewed the case with [] and charged ZIPFER with intentionally withholding information of vital interest to KUBARK. ZIPFER's Austrian elements are once again the subject of considerable friction between the FOB and ZIPFER staffs. (.]

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TO : Chief, FE
Attn: []
FROM : Chief () Salzburg
SUBJECT: GENERAL— ()

DATE: 10 March 1953

SPECIFIC— e Willi HOETTL's Notebook

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PL105-246

By: S.H. Date: 4/11/2001

Reference: SSALZ ()

1. Attached is what is believed to be a hand-written copy of the major portion of Willi Hoettl's address book. According to Special Agent Rolf Ringer who interrogated Hoettl on 18-19 February 1953, it is believed this material was copied surreptitiously from Hoettl's address book during a trip which Hoettl made to Germany in the company of Walter Lauber and Curt Ponger. The original notes were picked up by CIC upon the arrest of Walter Lauber circa 7 February 1953. The attached is the best possible transliteration of the address book entries. As you will note, there are several question marks which denote our inability to decipher what is believed to be Lauber's hand-writing.

2. As you will note, () of the () operation appears in the attached by name. We also find the name of () (), although the latter is not mentioned by name. None of the above is particularly surprising, especially since we have known of CC-2's contact with Hoettl. We intend to check out XX-1 on this matter prior to his impending release. A copy of the attached list has been passed to Grossbahn with the statement that this has been obtained surreptitiously from Hoettl's file, and Grossbahn is currently doing a file check on the individuals involved. Salzburg Base will also attempt a file check on the attached as time allows.

3. The attached is passed to POB and Fran since there is a possibility that some of the individuals mentioned in the attached may be ZIPPERTES and hence may enable us to learn more about Hoettl's connections to ZIPPER. Fran may also wish to check their files to see if they and the old master fabricator, Hoettl, are in joint contact with any other German sources.

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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA
FROM: SR REP VIENNA

MAR 12 1953

ROUTINE

1634Z 12 MAR 53

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INFORMATION: ()

SVIEN []

TO: SSALZ

INFO: DIR, SPULL, SFRAN

INTEL/E]

REF: []

1.

AVAILABLE FROM 16 MARCH. NEEDS ONE DAY STUDY

[]

AND HOETTL FILES PRIOR FACING HOETTL.

2. BASIS PRESENT KNOWLEDGE DOUBT EFFECTIVENESS MERE FRIENDLY

INTERVIEW HOETTL. SUGGEST 48 HOUR DETENTION IF FORMAL ARREST NOT POSSIBLE.

3. ADVISE DATE.

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Subject: URBAN, Josef Adolf			Date 6 Apr 53

PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Early in the conversation [] said rather offhandedly that he hoped we would be able to avoid protracted speculation over the status of HOETTL, but later he stated that, in his opinion, there was undoubtedly an operational connection between the two men. [] commented that in the case of [] oldtimers, it is always difficult to know from week to week which cases have been picked up and which dropped, adding that, as a matter of habit, we are always interested in any info on HOETTL.

Wilhelm Hoettl, currently residing in Alt Aussee and using his journalism and publishing for cover (v. Die Geheime Front, by Walthor Hagon @ Hoettl, published by the Nibelungenverlag, which is owned ostensibly by Hoettl's wife and is reported to be largely financed by Sov funds through the journalist and allegedly French-Sov double agent Alexander Vodopivec,) was referent in SD-Leitungsabschnitt Wien and as such Urban's operational superior. Hoettl's chief was Willi Wanek, chief of RSHA/Amt VI E in Vienna, who is now active in neo-Nazi politics in Munich and is in steady contact through his secretary Elisabeth Franke, who has acted as a letter-drop or accommodation address for Urban, with Hoettl. Hoettl is perhaps the most active former SD man in Austria, being involved directly or indirectly in nearly every intelligence venture. Like Urban he made an extremely good living in 1947-49 by supplying fabricated info to CIC. He represents himself as the official German MI representative for South-eastern Europe. There have been persistent reports for several years that Hoettl is a Sov agent. These are supported by a known connection between Hoettl and the Nationale Liga and by unclarified instances of direct association with Soviet agents/

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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA
FROM: SR REP SALZBURG

MAR 19 1953

ROUTINE

ACTION: ()

1546Z 19 MAR 53

INFORMATION: ()

TO: SVIEN, SPULL

INFO: DIR, SFRAN

CITE: SSALZ

REF: SALZ

, SVIEN

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. HAVE OBTAINED APPROVAL G2 USFA AND CHIEF OF STAFF THREE (AS RECEIVED) DAY ARREST WILLI HOETTL IF [] CONCURS. ALTHOUGH DATE ARREST NOT YET FIRM BELIEVE 25 MARCH GOOD ESTIMATE.

2. SVIEN ACTION: PLEASE OBTAIN [] APPROVAL ARREST AND IF POSSIBLE A SEARCH WILLI HOETTL'S QUARTERS WHICH G2 WISHES CARRY OUT TO REMOVE DOCUMENTS DATING FROM HOETTL'S COLLABORATION CIC.

3. SPULL: REQUEST [] VISIT SALZ WITH BRIEES PRIOR ARREST.

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TO: DIRECTOR CIA

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FROM: SR REP PULLACH

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1607Z 19 MAR 53

INFORMATION: []

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TO: DIR

INFO: SFRAN SSALZ SVIEN

CITE: SPULL

INTEL/[]

ZIPPER REPORTS HOETTL CONTACTED (FORMER GEN) ERWIN VON LAHOUSEN
 (ALSO RCVD LAHOKSEN) WHILE GATHERING MATERIAL FOR DIE GEHEIME FRONT.
 LAHOUSEN NOW RESIDES SEEFELD IN TIROL, ALLEGEDLY LAST YEAR REFUSED OFFERS
 BY AUSTRIAN MIN INTERIOR AND BY BONN TO ENGAGE INTEL ACTIVITY. POSSIBLE
 HOETTL MADE OFFER FOR BONN WHILE STILL WORKING FOR []. SUGGEST
 HOETTL'S TRIP TO INNSBRUCK 12 MARCH MAY HAVE INCLUDED VISIT TO
 LAHOUSEN. THIS INFO MAY BE PASSED TO U. S. EA.

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TO: DIRECTOR CIA
 FROM: SR REP SALZBURG ROUTINE
 ACTION: () 1533Z 21 MAR 53
 INFORMATION: ()

TO: (PP) SVIEN INFO: (RR) SFRAN SPULL GITE: SSALZ

REF

1. G-2 FURTHER REQUESTS () CONCURRENCE ARREST HOETTL'S SECRETARY IF NECESSARY. SHE REPORTED BY HOETTL SELF BE AU COURANT ALL HIS ACTIVITIES. ALSO SEARCH WARRANT BELIEVED NECESSARY HIS LINZ OFFICE NIBELUNGEN VERLAG SINCE NO ONE ABLE ESTIMATE WITH CERTAINTY WHETHER HIS INTELLIGENCE RECORDS MAINTAINED HOME OR THIS OFFICE.

2. ARREST DATE FIRM FOR 25 MARCH IF () CONCURRENCE RECEIVED SALZ PRIOR NOON 13 MARCH.

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 FROM: SR REP SALZBURG
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 1328Z 21 MAR 53

E 1123

TO: SBONN SFRAN INFO: DIR SVIEN CITE: SSALZ

REF. ()

1. REQUEST CABLE RESUME [] DEALINGS WITH HOETTL.
 2. ALSO INTERESTED GETTING COPIES OF LETTERS EXCHANGED HOETTL AND [] OFFICE FOLLOWING HOETTL'S DISCHARGE BY THAT OFFICE.
- END OF MESSAGE.

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SUBJECT: Suspected Contact between () and Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

1. Following your suggestion I had () asked if he personally knew or had ever been in contact with Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL.
2. XX-1 gave a statement (in German language) to the effect that he had never been in contact with HÖTTL. Statement attached hereto.

One statement attached.

*attachment
filed xx-1*

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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA

FROM: SR REP VIENNA

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1837Z 30 MAR 53

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VIEN ()

TO: DIR INFO: SSALZ SPULL SFRAN CITE: SWIEN

[]
REF: VIEN []

1. [] INTERROGATION HOETTL 25-29 MARCH
INCONCLUSIVE ON DIRECT SOV CONNECTIONS OR WITTING ROLE

[] ()
()

2. CLAIMS DISCUSSED ONLY URBAN, KRICHBAUM, OFCZAREK,
[] WITH PONGER. ALSO FEUD BETWEEN [] GROUP AND
ZIPPER. AGREES PONGER TRIED GET HIM JOB WITH ZIPPER THRU
KUICHBAUM BUT STATES PONGER NEVER TRIED RECRUIT, NEVER SHOWED
PRO-COMMIE LEANINGS; NEVER TRIED DEBRIEF ON CLANDESTINE
MATTERS, CLAIMS THOUGHT PONGER EITHER ISRAELI OR ZIPPER
CONTACT BUT NOT ACTIVE AGENT ANY SERVICE.

3. HOETTL PROBABLY CONCEALING OWN KNOWLEDGE
() ACTIVITY. ()
PROBABLY CONCEALING DESTRUCTION SOME DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS.

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4. LARGE QUANTITY MATERIAL IMPOUNDED IN SEARCH HOETTL'S HOUSE AND OFFICE INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE WITH PONGER, BRITISH BANKNOTES ISSUE 1935-37 PROBABLY COUNTERFEIT, PISTOL, 4 BLANK AUSTRIAN I D CARDS, COPIES OF REPORTS OF [] DIAGRAMS RECENT OPERATIONS, SOURCE LISTS.

5. HOETTL CONFINED SOLITARY BY [] [] []
PLANS REINTERROGATE 3 APRIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR CIA

FROM: SR REP SALZBURG

PRIORITY

1336Z 27 MAR

ACTION: []

INFORMATION: []

TO: (PRIORITY) DIR INFO: SVIEN SFRAN SPULL CITE: SSALZ

REF [] VIEN []

1. HOETTL ARRESTED 1400 HOURS 25 MARCH. PRELIMINARY READING ON DEBRIEFING FROM [] MAKES IT SEEM UNLIKELY TO EXPECT MAJOR BREAK IN [] CASE. HAVE HOWEVER CONFISCATED VOLUMINOUS FILES FROM HOETTL WHICH WE WILL MICROFILM. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE BE OBTAINED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS APPROVAL HAS APPROVAL WORKING LEVEL G-2 OPERATIONS USFA BUT HAS NOT AS YET BEEN CLEARED WITH [] OR CHIEF OF STAFF. BELIEVE HOWEVER THEY WILL RELEASE. "WILHELM HOETTL FORMER SS OFFICER AND LEADING FUNCTIONARY GERMAN ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS IN BALKANS DURING WORLD WAR TWO DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING BY U.S. SECURITY FORCES. HOETTL QUESTIONED ON HIS ASSOCIATION WITH KURT PONNER WITH WHOM HE WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT AND WITH WHOM HE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY WESTERN GERMANY".

2. RELEASE PREVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR USE IN CASE PRESS GOT ORD

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OF ARREST OMITTED REFERENCE TO PONGER SUBSTITUTING QUESTIONING RE CONNECTIONS WITH ESPIONAGE CASES INVOLVING SECURITY OCCUPYING POWERS.

3. PURPOSE FOR PRESS RELEASE IS TO BLACKBALL HOETTL WITH FORMER CIS PERSONNEL AND ATTEMPT TO RETARD HIS INFO PEDDLING ACTIVITIES BY CASTING DOUBT HIS RELIABILITY AND POINTING UP ASSOCIATION WITH PONGER.

4. IF NO OBJECTION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LINKING HOETTL AND PONGER REQUEST PRIORITY APPROVAL.

END OF MES SAGE

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TO: SENREP AUSTRIA (WIEN, SALZ) MAR 30 1953
FROM: SEN REP GERMANY (PULL, FRAN)
DIRECTOR

RE [] 2695

PRIORITY

CONF: []

2326Z 27 MAR 53

INFORMATION: []

DIR []

TO: SSALZ INFO: (ROUTINE) SVIEN, SPULL, SFRAN CITE: DIR

RE: []

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BELIEVE DECISION ENTIRELY UP TO USFA. NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION
HERE BUT WE NOT OBTAINING FORMAL CLEARANCES WOULD INVOLVE NEEDLESS
DELAY.

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Former Nazi Held by U. S. In Spy Case

Washington Post

7 April 1953

SALZBURG, Austria, April 6 (AP)—U. S. intelligence agents have "detained" a former Nazi spy who had connections with two Americans charged with spying for the Soviet Union, it was announced today.

U. S. Army authorities said they had picked up Wilhelm Hoettl, a former Nazi SS (Elite Guard) officer who engaged in espionage in the Balkans for the Germans during World War II.

The army said he had connections with Kurt L. Ponger and Otto Verber, naturalized Americans arrested in Vienna and charged with giving U. S. military secrets to Yuri W. V. Novikov, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Ponger and Verber go on trial in Washington on April 30. Novikov has returned to Russia.

Hoettl, 38, was the author of a postwar book on espionage called "Secret Front." The army said he came in contact with Ponger during the Nuernberg war crimes trial where Hoettl appeared as a witness and Ponger was employed as an interpreter.

When Ponger moved to Vienna in 1948, the Army said, he frequently visited Hoettl at Alt Aussee near Bad Ischl, Austria, where Hoettl has lived since the war.

Ponger and Verber, his brother-in-law, operated a "photographic news agency" in Vienna.

American authorities said Hoettl traveled through western Germany with Ponger and Walter Lauber, "attempting to arrange contact with prominent West German figures."

Lauber, also a naturalized American citizen, was questioned by U. S. counter-intelligence agents in Vienna in connection with the Ponger and Verber arrests. He was released and fled to the Soviet sector of Vienna.

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Interrogation of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL: HOETTL's Reaction to the Arrest of VERBER and PONGER

1. Purpose of this Report. The purpose of the present report is to record the reaction of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL and his immediate cronies to the news that Otto VERBER and Kurt PONGER had been arrested together with three other persons for espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union against the United States. HOETTL's reaction is documented in correspondence between himself and his cronies which was impounded in a search of his quarters and office conducted on 25 March 1953. The possibility should be borne in mind that HOETTL deliberately left this correspondence for us to capture in the hopes that the correspondence would establish his innocence of implication in Soviet espionage. It is also possible that the entire correspondence was fabricated to this end.

2. Letter HOETTL to MAST, 16 January 1953. In a letter dated 16 January 1953 of which we possess a carbon copy HOETTL wrote to Baron Heinrich von MAST. The first two and a half pages of his letter, which begins in German "Dear Harry" concerns itself with other matters. These include the possibility of HOETTL's being hired by Ant Gehlen, the business of the Nibelunger Verlag, the espionage activities of Theodor von ALBERT, etc. The relevant passage can be translated as follows:

"What do you say about the odd espionage affair in Vienna? The oddest thing about it is that I actually have known these people for years. I must therefore be a Soviet Agent! Joking aside, I still can't understand. Why did these people never approach me? Only because of my absolutely hostile attitude towards the East? But if they had been smart they would certainly have been able to approach me from some other direction. That is, as members of the American Intelligence Service and thus through me have been able to set up an anti-Russian net in order later to liquidate it. The matter is quite obscure to me especially this funny connection to a Consul in Washington when these people were sitting the whole time here. Why were they not sent to the United States, which would be the obvious opportunity to have former intelligence officers over there. And certainly such intelligence officers could also be reactivated there. Everything is most curious. If the Russian Intelligence Service is not more competent than this then I should be very happy. (In any case, I am puzzled that I never noticed anything about them which was indicative. I certainly got the impression that they might be working a little in the Israeli Intelligence Service but when I heard this suspicion for the first time months ago from Theo's friend in Salzburg (translator note: Theo is Dr. Theodor von ALBERT; his Salzburg friend is a policeman named Johann ANGERER) I could not believe it and made a statement giving my own opinion that the people concerned were working for the Israelis.) I certainly hope that I won't get drawn into this matter because there would be a good deal of fun for certain people. In any case, it would be a good thing if my correspondence were discovered since the correspondence makes it clear that I dealt with these people only concerning photographs

and concerning the arrangement of export licenses. (That would be an explanation of the fact that nothing happened to these licenses. In any case one would have to check this up in Scandinavia. The two brothers (translator note: VERBER and PONGER) would certainly have no interest in arranging to increase the circulation of an anti-Russian book.) Please give me your advice on this whole matter, particularly as to what I should do now. Is there any point in my reporting now what I know? I certainly know nothing of professional interest and then one might think that Qui S'Excuse, S'Accuse. They certainly will hardly stumble across my name, since a search of the house and the office in the 4th District is out of the question. On the other hand, I would certainly like to assist in clearing up the case if the people are really guilty. (A certain feeling of revenge exists here on my part because I was taken in.) In toto this is a very strange matter."

3. Letter HOETTL to von ALBERT, 16 January 1953. A carbon copy of a letter dated 16 January 1953 from HOETTL to Theodor von ALBERT reads in part as follows:

"What do you say about the new espionage case in Vienna? An odd story. As you already know I know these brothers and considered it out of the question that they could be Soviet agents. If A. (translator note: Johann ANGERER, a sub-agent of von ALBERT, who works in the Salzburg Police) has any particular questions, I am at his disposal, but I would prefer not to be named as a source, since I do not particularly wish to be known as an acquaintance of such people. I should be most interested to know what is at the bottom of the case. Why, for example, did these people never make any attempt to recruit me? I can only explain it to myself by supposing that it was clear to them that because of my clear ideological orientation nothing was to be gained. But on the other hand, they may have attempted to make some sort of play in order to learn my connections. I had really trusted them since I could not believe that OSS officers could be Soviet agents. It is a point against their professional competence if the whole story is relevant. In any case, I will be thankful to A. for any information and will take a personal interest in it."

4. Letter von ALBERT to HOETTL, 17 January 1953. An original letter dated 17 January 1953 signed "Theo" reads in part as follows:

"The story about Kurt P. is most amusing. The arrest occurred in part because of certain information which was gathered by A. (translator note: ANGERER) (partly through me and partly through you.) Therefore, our further conversation had best be oral. I request to know everything that you know about the case because I shall certainly learn a good deal more myself."

5. Letter MAST to HOETTL, 19 January 1953. MAST's answer to HOETTL's first letter is contained in a letter dated 19 January 1953 of which we possess the original signed "Harry." This letter is five pages long and MAST devotes approximately one page to the PONGER case early in the letter:

"To get started right away in the P. case. In this matter I have the opinion that it is not wise in such a case to act prematurely. Especially since, if they have found the correspondence which I would approve of, the basic harmlessness of the affair is clear. The main question, in any event, is how you came to know these people. Either this question is clear from the correspondence or you have some other plausible explanation. More unpleasant is the affair in Salzburg, since it is not known whence the good A (translator note: ANGERER) got these names and whether our friends in Gmunden - B - know more or knew more about this case. (Translator note: Identity of the friends in Gmunden is unknown, and HOETTL repeatedly denied knowing this identity. MAST is being interrogated on this point.) If so, then enormous falsehoods could be perpetrated. To me it is still not entirely clear whether these people did not act under instructions in order not only to get a III-F-Play (translator note: GIS terminology for double agent activity) going but also in order to establish genuine collaborators of the MVD in American circles. It seems rather strange to me that the people should suddenly have been taken to the United States, since certainly CIC in Vienna has a safe confinement place where interrogations could be conducted, and which in any event would provide for better interrogations, since they would be on the spot rather than separated by a great distance. Aside from that, it is quite obvious that in Vienna there are the same means of interrogation as would be available in America. It is therefore most important to learn as soon as possible what is known in Salzburg about the case and what is being said. For this mission the assignment of Carlo (translator note: Karl HAAS, as admitted by HOETTL) would be the safest, and presumably it would be easy for you to write him yourself. I personally hope that you still retain copies of the correspondence concerning this case, which in any event will be necessary in order to substantiate an oral explanation. In any event, your name is probably not known in Salzburg and would not come into the case unless the people in the United States (translator note: PONGER and VERBER) should be asked questions concerning their entire circle of acquaintances. In this event, it is to be assumed with 90% certainty that you name will come up but when, as is to be expected, the people are given a truth serum, they can hardly say anything except the truth. What kind of photographs did you get from them and what did they get from you? For in this matter it seems to me possible there might be a critical point in the minds of the Americans, particularly the way Americans think."

Note: The letter continues under a dateline of 22 January 1953:

"In the interval events have occurred which have postponed the urgency of this matter, since now, as is apparent from the newspapers, the prosecution has formally indicted the two defendants and the trial is scheduled to begin on 3 March. From the European point of view this would mean that the investigation has been concluded. In any case, however, I still hold to my opinion that for the time being you should do nothing."

6. Letter HOETTL to MAST, 23 January 1953. We have a carbon of a letter to MAST from HOETTL which is dated 23 January 1953. The first page of the letter concerns itself with the VERBER-PONGER case.

"Many thanks for your fine communication of the 19th January which as I told you by telegram only came yesterday. I say this only to clarify this one point. Now let me talk about single points on which I wish to go along with your scheme. In the case of P, I agree with you completely and certainly do not wish to inform any of A's (translator note: ANGERER's) people as long as the investigation is still in progress. However, I have discovered a good solution. In a completely private and personal way I have informed my SCHNEIDER friend of this matter (translator note: SCHNEIDER is a well-known cover name of Gehlen) and he asked me to give him a complete written report concerning my acquaintance which would be held until I specifically gave him the permission to use it. If I should get into any sort of difficulties, I therefore could at any time state that I had given my information to a reputable firm. This idea is undoubtedly good in itself and quite apart from the fact that these brothers also can read the thing (translator note: In this case, "brothers" appears to refer to Amt Gehlen) but will not be able to use it because it would be perfectly clear whence it came. This solution is undoubtedly chosen by SCHNEIDER not only out of kindness but also from completely egotistical motives, for was not an intimate of PONGER one of the leading SCHNEIDER people? I once told you of this man, a former Colonel K (translator note: Wilhelm KRICHBAUM). In any event, it is certain that not much will become generally known, for the correspondence is located in the 4th District and is therefore not available. My copies are at hand and also the answers; the matter concerns itself with photographs and the last picture of Hitler, also numerous touched-up photographs for my book (Canaris, etc.) and also it concerns pictures which I bought from P., especially those from the days of the Habsburg Monarchy, but also pictures of Hitler, Himmler, etc., all for my new book. There also exists a considerable exchange of letters concerning a Swedish edition and possibly there may be something of this also at the office of the press which you might look up if you have time. The whole matter is therefore as clear as day and I do not believe that there will be any trouble in Salzburg, although I certainly do not know whether A. (translator note: ANGERER) knows that the statements concerning P. come from me. I must ask Theo (translator note: Theodor von ALBERT) whom I am seeing this morning in Salzburg. (Dr. ROE. is coming) (translator note: HOETTL states this is a Dr. ROEDER). The connection of my SCHNEIDER friend in the affair is very interesting, although I naturally do not know whether the connector is purely personal or professional. He believes that there is something peculiar in the case and that perhaps it is intended to draw the case out absurd lengths in order to show that these Jews were persecuted although they were innocent! The theory has some merit and is supported by the tremendous haste and the transfer to the United States. In any case, it is very unlikely that a man who since 1947 has lived in Vienna and since 1944 has been in Europe and in

the meantime presumably never in the United States could conspire with a Russian in Washington, when in Vienna he or she has to go around the corner to meet the MVD. The situation does not seem true. I am extremely curious to find out what will come of the case. Any further information that I have on this case I will give you orally.

7. HOETTL's Report to Rupert MANDL. As he explained to MAST in the foregoing letter, HOETTL gave to Rupert MANDL, a representative of Amt Gehlen, a written report of his association with Kurt PONGER. We have the original of this report from Amt Gehlen and among the papers impounded in HOETTL's home were three carbon copies of the report. HOETTL was unable to explain why he made so many copies but stated that it must have been an error of some sort, since normally he makes only one or two copies of any original correspondence. A translation of HOETTL's written statement to MANDL follows:

"My Acquaintance with Curt PONGER.

"During my stay at Nurnberg where I was a witness and was confined in the court building I became acquainted with PONGER. This was in the year 1946. At that time PONGER and apparently also VERBER were active with the prosecution in the trial against members of the SS Economic and Administrative Office, and had at this time nothing to do with me since I was a witness in the trial against major war criminals, as well as in the so-called Wilhelmstrasse Trial. PONGER, however, was frequently in my vicinity during interrogations as was not uncommon in Nurnberg. He made a pleasant impression on me at that time since he always handled himself in a humane and thoroughly courteous manner in contrast to many other of the interrogators.

"About Spring 1948, PONGER came to Alt Aussee in order to request me to come once more to Nurnberg to make a statement. At that time I had just been released from confinement and naturally did not wish to return to Nurnberg, and so I was happy that PONGER actually missed me in Aussee. (I happened to be in Salzburg that day.) Several weeks later, however, PONGER came again and made so urgent a matter of my coming to Nurnberg that I had to give in, although I was living in the U.S. Zone of Austria. Following PONGER's advice I reported to a Mr. FROMBERG who had his office in the Landesgericht in Salzburg and who was responsible for issuing travel permits. When I discovered that FROMBERG did not consider the situation as important or as pressing as PONGER, I again adopted my delaying tactics and actually succeeded to the extent that in the meantime the trial went ahead without me. At that time, therefore, I did not go to Nurnberg, unlike another witness from Alt Aussee whom PONGER had also approached. This was the former Estonian Provincial Director and Minister President during the German regime in the Baltic, Dr. MAE, who also lived in Alt Aussee. MAE, like myself, is a writer with a strong anti-Communist bias who has a very good reputation in the Estonian Emigration. For some time he has been writing under the pseudonym Polonins a rather important anti-Bolshevik brochure called "No Fear of Soviet Russia."

"At this time I had already begun working on my book Die Geheime Front and told PONGER about it. He was very interested and stated that he also belonged to the intelligence trade. (He described himself as a former Captain in OSS). PONGER promised me to try to arrange a foreign language edition of the book in the United States and in other foreign countries in which he allegedly had good connections. When my book appeared in 1950, I sent a copy to PONGER with a query concerning the promise that he had made. PONGER replied that my book might well appear in the reputable Swiss Firm Europa and began in this connection personal negotiations with the owner of the firm Dr. OPRECHT. PONGER got for this a concession which amounted to 2½% commission of the sale price. In the United States and in Sweden where PONGER particularly attempted to get a foreign edition, he had no success. PONGER also attempted with no success to arrange the publication of articles on historical and political subjects.

"However, it became apparent at this time (my articles had to appear with illustrations) that PONGER possessed a large collection of photographs which included historical and contemporary political figures so that in this connection we began to do business. I bought various photographs from PONGER, as for example those concerning the first and second world war, and I also gave him photographs which I possessed to be enlarged and copied. In these negotiations a rather large correspondence came into being and I made a number of payments to PONGER which, although the prices were small, amounted to a considerable sum. (On one occasion almost a thousand schillings.) All these letters from PONGER as well as copies of my letters to him are available. They begin on the 27th of August 1948 and end on the 7th of October 1952. Late in December 1952 I also sent PONGER a New Year card since he had sent me a card at Christmas.

"Except for these purely professional (Nurnberg) and commercial (publishing and photography) matters PONGER had little other contact with me. During the time of our acquaintance, that is beginning with his second visit to Alt Aussee in late Spring 1948 until the end of 1952, I saw him perhaps altogether six or seven times, of which three or four times were in Alt Aussee, once in Fuschl, once in Bad Ischl, and finally in Germany where he took me along in his car. However PONGER was apparently in Aussee on other occasions when he did not meet me. He usually came without telling me before hand. When he arrived he usually called me by telephone. Once his wife Vera came along and twice his brother-in-law VERBER (that is on visits to me) and also his oldest daughter came with him once or twice but I never saw her. Possibly his mother also accompanied him on these visits but of this I cannot be certain. (Naturally it is possible that other persons were also with him.) Usually he connected his journey according to his own account with visits of his family, particularly when members of his family were having vacations in Western Austria. Thus the PONGER family made a visit in Summer 1951 to Bodendorf am Ossiachersee (care of Ebner) and made another visit in 1952 to Windischgarsten, Upper Austria. If Mrs. PONGER did not stay with the children, then PONGER's mother remained behind, or at least so he told me on several occasions. It would therefore appear that PONGER came to Western Austria frequently and for extended periods. Concerning the subjects of conversation which occurred on the occasions mentioned

above I have certain memories. On his first visit, PONGER interested himself in the chief of Amt IV of the RSHA, MUELLER, and most especially for the Chief for Jewish matters, Adolf EICHMANN. Concerning EICHMANN, he informed me repeatedly that JOINT (or some other international Jewish organization) had placed a reward on EICHMANN's head of \$100,000 which I was supposed to collect since I certainly knew where EICHMANN was. (EICHMANN had been in Aussee at the time of the German collapse and had left his family here.) The particular interest of PONGER in EICHMANN and in other similar matters, into which I will go later, made me conclude that PONGER was active for the Israeli Intelligence Service or some other Israeli office. This was my explanation at the time to myself of his frequent visits to Aussee, for in Aussee at the time Frau EICHMANN was living under her maiden name, LIEBL, and I thought that PONGER was attempting to learn in this area the present hiding place of EICHMANN. He asked me in a rather unobtrusive fashion to take up contact with Frau LIEBL and in any case to look around in her vicinity since he was convinced that EICHMANN frequently returns to visit his family. When I refused to have anything to do with this matter, he dropped the subject until about a year ago when he told me that Israel now had definite information that EICHMANN was being lodged with the Grand Mufti in Egypt and asked whether or not I might be able to establish a contact. This would be an important thing to do and would be paid for from the \$100,000 which had been set as a price on EICHMANN's head. I was completely diffident in this matter although I knew that EICHMANN was not at the time in Egypt.

"This interest of PONGER in EICHMANN was not the only sign which brought me to the conclusion that PONGER was working for the Israeli Intelligence Service. He told me once (about August 1951) that he knew a number of important people who were working in Vienna for the Israeli Service, among them former members of the American Intelligence Service. These persons were extremely interested in the Gendarmerie Major Valentin TARRA in Bad Aussee and wished to know whether I knew him. I said that I did and told them what I knew about TARRA; that is that I considered him a Russian or at least a Communist agent. PONGER also in this connection was particularly interested in the former Congressman Albrecht GAISWINKLER and the Communist leader Sepp PLIESEIS. (Concerning these people I permitted myself to talk at great length for about a year ago I wrote an article in the Spiegel in which I discussed the Bolshevik infiltration tactics of this group. I also discussed them in a book which will appear next in England and the United States.) However, I never got the impression that PONGER himself was interested in TARRA and in the other two people and wished to take up contact with them himself. This would be an explanation of the frequent trips PONGER made to Aussee and also the trips to Ischl where he also frequently visited (PLIESEIS lived in Ischl) which PONGER explained to me by stating that he was making a photographic essay of the Ischl porcelain or ceramics works. Thus if PONGER was actually under control of the Russian Secret Service in his dealings with me, my information about these three people would have been only positive. The last

two times that PONGER visited in Aussee, he did not sleep either in Alt Aussee or Bad Aussee but in Grundlsee, which he explained to me by saying that he was making a photo study of a wood carver who worked there. It might be eventually interesting in this connection that since approximately last summer a man has been working in the gypsum works in Grundlsee who is known as a leading functionary of the KPOe, although not publicly so known, and who is reported to have had his training in Russia. This man's name is LINECK (phonetic) and he lives in that part of Alt Aussee known as Wim. However, PONGER never asked me about this man and I was interested in him only because I have the opinion that the Russians are preparing the Totes Gebirge as a stronghold for partisan warfare. I have a number of indications of this. It seems peculiar to me that the LINECK mentioned above, who allegedly had a prosperous vegetable business, should suddenly take a job in a gypsum works in Grundlsee as a common laborer.

"Otherwise, PONGER did not indicate any interest to me in persons in the Aussee area although he frequently asked about Dr. MAE. I never spoke of MAE but always advised PONGER simply to visit him if he wished information. Whether PONGER visited him or not I do not know.

"Concerning other persons, the only name which came up was that of the former Colonel of the Secret Field Police, KRIECHBAUM (sic). PONGER knew that I knew this man and that I also knew him during my confinement. PONGER had also met KRIECHBAUM in Nurnberg and remained from that time on in contact with him. In the summer of 1951 when PONGER visited me in Aussee he told me that he had seen KRIECHBAUM and that KRIECHBAUM would be very happy to see me again. If I wished, PONGER said he could arrange a meeting. I should write KRIECHBAUM a letter since that would be according to protocol, and say that I would be very happy to see him again and PONGER would then arrange a meeting between us. KRIECHBAUM chose as a date the 18th of August, as well as I can reconstruct from the letter of PONGER's that I have, but whether we actually met on that day I no longer exactly remember. It was certainly in the month of August. PONGER brought KRIECHBAUM from Reichenhall to Salzburg and there I also got into the car. As well as I can remember it was KRIECHBAUM's car, and we then drove to Fuschl where we drank coffee in a restaurant by the lake. The conversation was confined to the exchange of reminiscences and only at the end of the conversation did KRIECHBAUM tell me that in intelligence circles my friendship with Erich KERNMAYR was disapproved of. I was able to explain to KRIECHBAUM that KERNMAYR had indeed been a former colleague of mine when I was working for CIC in Austria but that since that time we had separated, since KERNMAYR was completely impossible in my opinion. KRIECHBAUM indicated that he was completely satisfied with this explanation but did not indicate that he had any definite plan connected with me. PONGER, on the other hand, told me on the return journey (he brought me as far as St. Gilgen) that this conversation would have good results since KRIECHBAUM was a leading man of the Schneider firm (translator note: Amt Gehlen). (He had told me in a communication dated 5 August that KRIECHBAUM would make some definite proposition to me at the meeting on the 18th of August, but

he never told me either in writing or later by words what he meant. I could only guess that it had something to do with cooperation in the Schneider firm. This activity as middle-man in 1951 and again a year later brought me to the conjecture that PONGER might perhaps be a colleague of the Schneider group in Vienna with a mission from KRIECHBAUM, who had the reputation of being a first-rate specialist in Southeast matters. In any event, I never asked him about this and later observations brought me to a different conclusion. I guess that at that time and earlier PONGER was doing some sort of business with KRIECHBAUM concerning which I will write more later.

"In September 1952, PONGER visited me again in Alt Aussee. He was there only about an hour (that is at my house) on which occasion he asked me whether I might care to make a visit to Germany with him and with his brother-in-law in October. A proposition which he had first suggested a year before this. (We had occasionally talked in such a way that I indicated that I occasionally had business to do in Germany but that I had to postpone the trip because the German railroads were so expensive. PONGER at that time had suggested that I go with him in his car when he went to Germany. Whether he actually went to Germany in 1951 I cannot remember.) PONGER also suggested that it would be very nice at this time to speak again with KRIECHBAUM, since now the question of a German Intelligence Service was becoming acute and until the establishment of the German Intelligence Service I had held my plans in abeyance. I had actually on several previous occasions told PONGER this after he had several times urged me to take up contact with KRIECHBAUM and to place my capabilities in the intelligence field at the disposal of the Schneider firm. On this occasion it would be possible for us therefore to speak to KRIECHBAUM and he would arrange the itinerary in such a way that it fitted most conveniently my interests. He suggested a meeting with KRIECHBAUM in KRIECHBAUM's residence in Reichenhall on the weekend of the 11th to 12th October but I refused this since I had something else to do that weekend. On the 13th of October, I travelled to Salzburg where Walter LAUBER fetched me from the train. PONGER had introduced me to LAUBER several days before in Ischl. At that time I had been in Ischl and PONGER had called my wife in Alt Aussee who told him that eventually he could find me in the railroad station restaurant. He came there and I went outside with him briefly where he introduced me to LAUBER in order that I would recognize him in the event that he could not personally pick me up in Salzburg. On the 13th of October, LAUBER came with his Volkswagon and drove me to Reichenhall where PONGER had put up in the Hotel Deutsches Haus or Deutscher Hof. PONGER had already spoken with KRIECHBAUM but KRIECHBAUM was no longer in Reichenhall, having arranged to meet us in Munich. We met KRIECHBAUM in the restaurant near the bus stop by the Hotel Schottenhammel (afternoon of 13 October). The conversation was again purely theoretical as it had been a year before and KRIECHBAUM indicated that the situation in the German Intelligence Service was still completely unclear, saying that the Americans naturally would never let a man like Dr. Schneider (translator note: Gehlen) be dismissed and that this man would play an important role in the future, etc. Nothing concrete was discussed at this meeting. KRIECHBAUM gave the impression of being very sick and stated that for several months he had been desperately

ill. Several days before my journey, I had learned through a criminal police officer attached to the State Police in Salzburg by the name of ANGERER, not directly but through cut-outs, that Curt PONGER was suspected in Vienna of working for the Soviet Intelligence Service. (It was in another connection that the name of PONGER had come up.) I had consequently passed to ANGERER a written memorandum stating that I knew a certain Curt PONGER and telling what I know about this man. This journey with PONGER seemed therefore much more interesting, since I hoped to get the opportunity to be able to make conclusions about PONGER. I had the greatest doubt that PONGER could be a Soviet agent, since his entire activity during the past year, at least as far as I could see, indicated otherwise. The man had been a Captain with OSS, was then an official in Nurnberg where in the last stages of the trials that parlor-pink note of 1945-46 had ended among Americans. He then got the concessions of American agencies in Austria and he had then arranged that my book, Die Geheime Front, a work most offensive to Russia and to Communism which had been forbidden in the Soviet Zone and which had been subject of hostile attention by various Soviet commands, should appear in Switzerland. On this journey, PONGER behaved in a completely unsuspecting fashion, he showed no interest in what I was doing, and we practically never saw each other except at certain meals. It was admittedly unusual that he should have something to discuss with KRIECHBAUM which he did not wish to speak of in my presence, and he arranged with KRIECHBAUM that he could telegraph from some point along the way to arrange a further meeting between the two. Whether this meeting occurred I do not know. I travelled with PONGER and LAUBER on the 15th of October to Nurnberg, I immediately took the train on to Dusseldorf where I had business and there did not meet PONGER and LAUBER again until the 18th of October when I met them in Bonn. When they arrived I had completed all my business and consequently went ahead by train to Stuttgart, where on the 20th I met PONGER and VERBER again. I arranged for them to visit the Porsche works, since they wished to make a photographic study for the United States, and on the same day we went on to Munich, where after spending the night we proceeded to Aussee. PONGER and LAUBER intended to go only as far as Salzburg but I persuaded them to bring me to Aussee and they spent the night in Grundlsee. On the following morning, they wished to try to make some pictures of spawning fish (at that time the spawning period of a local fish was beginning). Since that time I have seen neither PONGER nor the others and have received no letters with the exception of the Christmas card mentioned above.

"After becoming aware of the arrest of PONGER and VERBER, I decided to inform the office of Dr. Schneider and hereby set down as an aide memoir information which substantiates my oral report. This material is to be used only with my explicit permission—that is, without my specific permission it cannot be forwarded to any office. (Translator note: When questioned on this statement, HOETTL admitted that he specifically meant it could not be forwarded to an American office. He stated, however, that his main reason for this was to ensure security, since he was not aware of the extent to which disseminations were made inside Gehlen's organization and he actually hoped to restrict dissemination to General Gehlen himself and thereby to the really responsible American officer.)

"In closing I should like to set down several details of the whole matter which might be interesting in this or in some other connection. In all my conversations with PONGER, as far as I can remember, the names of former intelligence people never occurred with the exception of those already mentioned and two others which I wish to discuss here. The first is one Dr. OFCZAREK who is said to employ the cover name Dr. SCHAEFER. I mentioned this name to PONGER, as I believe, during the conversation described above between PONGER, KRIECHBAUM and myself on the 13th of October in Munich. (How the conversation came around to OFCZAREK/SCHAEFER I no longer remember.) I was astounded when suddenly PONGER uttered the name OFCZAREK whom I knew from my student days. As far as I can remember on this occasion PONGER stated that CIC was very angry with OFCZAREK because he continued to work against the agreement that had been reached between CIC in Austria and Schneider. Curiously enough, on the return journey from Munich we met OFCZAREK in his car at the German Austrian border. I had already finished my business with customs while PONGER and LAUBER were still engaged in conversation concerning books on which they had to pay customs and on which PONGER did not wish to pay the duty. PONGER came out from the customs shed and made some statement that it was not particularly skillful when somebody like OFCZAREK was passed through the customs so rapidly that any blind man could see that the man had been accredited officially in some manner to the border police. Whether PONGER or LAUBER had spoken with OFCZAREK during the customs inspection is not known to me but I doubt it, since otherwise OFCZAREK would not have been finished so quickly. I also do not know whether PONGER knows OFCZAREK personally. Concerning Dr. OFCZAREK, I should like to state that exactly as in the case of Colonel KRIECHBAUM any suspicion that he is working for the Russians via PONGER seems impossible. (From other quarters such rumors about OFCZAREK in Austria have repeatedly come to my attention; these originate with his acquaintance with Dr. Kurt WESSELY, who allegedly is active for the Russian or Hungarian intelligence service. Concerning this a good deal is said but I personally do not believe that OFCZAREK, who had employed WESSELY in his intelligence group and allegedly still employs him, knew anything about WESSELY. It could possibly be explained by a certain good nature on the part of OFCZAREK as in the case of Dr. KNOLL, the son of his colleague Professor Kurt KNOLL. This younger KNOLL is a Communist Unity Front Shop Steward in Voest and is reported to send OFCZAREK information through his father concerning this business. The senior KNOLL appears to be absolutely reliable but apparently cannot, for obvious reasons, separate himself from his son.)

"The second name which seems interesting in an intelligence connection is that of the former SB Obersturmbahnfuhrer Josef URBAN. Concerning this man PONGER had astoundingly good information. He told me two years ago that URBAN was an agent of the American, British and French Intelligence Services as well as of the intelligence service of the Austrian State Police, but that this had not hindered him from becoming intelligence chief of the Neo-Nazi group of SOUCEK. A remark of PONGER's made a long time ago made it appear to me at that time that URBAN also had connections with the Israeli

Intelligence Service. The reason for these assumptions are no longer clear to me since I didn't have any interest in URBAN, believing that he is not a man to be taken seriously.

"Several points which possibly may also be of interest I will also add here. PONGER's earlier address was Vienna V, Schoenbrunnerstrasse 47. Later he gave me the address Vienna IV, Paulanergasse 7 as the location of the firm of the Central European Press and Literary Agency, Inc. When I once asked him how an American could live in a Soviet Bezirk, he explained to me that there both offices and apartments are cheaper by half than in the Western Sectors, and anything that he has to hide from the Russians he would not keep in the 4th Bezirk. Later, in 1952, PONGER told me on his own initiative that an American officer, apparently the one who was his superior in the Officers' Reserve, summoned him to advise him to move out of the Soviet Bezirk. He allegedly gave this officer his arguments that the Soviet Bezirk was much cheaper and convinced him saying that his brother-in-law VERBER, for example, had taken years to find a decent dwelling in a Western sector.

"Another item, perhaps not uninteresting, is the following. When I first met VERBER (if I recollect correctly I have seen him altogether only twice) he had a completely swollen eye. Asked where he got it, he stated that with PONGER he had photographed striking workers near the Paulanerkirche and that both he and PONGER had been beaten up and that someone had stolen a Leica from them.

"Finally a few characteristics concerning the personalities themselves. PONGER has always seemed to me to be the prototype of the very nationally-minded Jew. According to a number of his statements he felt himself much more a Jew than an American. For this reason, he was always loyal to the Germans and always realistic about them (sic). To me he was always pleasant and humane without ever making an attempt to win my favor by any kind of special attention. Thus he never made any attempt to pay for meals when we were together or when he came on a visit did he bring gifts to my children. He was always very reasonable in the prices that he put on his photographs but not so much so that he gave up his profit. He never tried to get information from me about anti-Russian agents, as would certainly have been expected if he had been working for the Russians. That he never attempted to recruit me for the Russians goes without saying for he knew my unqualified anti-Communist orientation. He could, on numerous occasions, have attempted to approach me obliquely, perhaps for example as an alleged member of an American intelligence office who wished to build a net against Russia. In this I would probably have believed him and it would have been a good opportunity for a double agent operation. This circumstance mitigates against suspicion; that which supports suspicion I have set down above.

"PONGER's wife, whom I saw only once, impressed me as an extraordinarily clever and self-assured person. I am trying to indicate that in the marriage she is probably the dominant partner and if this is a matter of intelligence work, she may also have been the dominant member there.

"PONGER in my opinion was always the passive partner. Presumably also in sexual matters for she impressed me as being a very highly-bred and temperamental woman, whereas he appears to be the opposite.

"Concerning the brother VERBER I have only slight impressions. He appeared to be very clever, obliging, but also practical. If, for example, PONGER started on the subject of the persecution of the Jews in connection with his favorite hobby horse EICHMANN, VERBER would hush him up saying that all this did not appear to be particularly an important problem for me. VERBER was also always very witty and full of jokes.

"LAUBER impressed me as being very reserved and moderate rather than sympathetic. He demonstrated absolutely no political interest and in his presence nobody could imagine that he could be a Soviet agent. His release tends to support this assumption. It is naturally vain to develop theories whether and why PONGER and VERBER were Russian agents and in any event the trial at the beginning of March will clarify this situation. If it should happen that the accusations are true, then I am convinced that Mrs. PONGER and her brother were the driving force and indeed not from ideological grounds but for money. PONGER was ideologically not a Communist but rather an anti-conservative, that is a man in favor of the liberal, strongly Jewish direction of the Roosevelt Era rather than that of the United States of today.

"One can also imagine that this entire espionage case has been set up in certain Jewish circles in order via the trial to indicate how innocent these "new Americans" (that is Jews) are and how they have been persecuted. This theory, however, is very far fetched, although a man like PONGER would be available for such a job at any time and also possesses the necessary good connections to international Jewry.

"All of these trains of thought have been set down here in a completely unsystematic fashion and it is possible that some interesting detail has been left out in spite of my cudgeling of brains. I am ready at any time to provide further information but must again request that this case remain completely confidential and not be brought into general use. At this point I want to have it again clearly understood that I have no suspicion myself against Colonel KRICHBAUM or Dr. OFCZAREK and that these gentlemen in my opinion are completely beyond all suspicion. I have only spoken of them because as an old intelligence man I know that in such a case the most unlikely details can be of interest and not in any way to point suspicion in any direction. It would be most unpleasant for me if any misunderstanding should arise against the persons named or if indeed any investigation should be conducted."

8. Letter MAST to HOETTL, 26 January 1952. The original of a letter from Baron Heinrich MAST to HOETTL dated 26 January 1952 is in our possession. The following short paragraph pertains to the PONGER case:

"I am happy that my opinion concerning this case, which might not be entirely clear, is shared by other persons. Whether the "deposition" was well chosen, I cannot in my position judge since I do not know the people concerned, that is your contact man. I believe that I would not myself have given it to the tall guy." (Translator note: The reference to the contact man is probably to MANDL; the reference to the tall man is obscure but may refer to a friend of Anton BOEHM.)

9. Letter HOETTL to MAST, 27 January 1953. In a letter, of which we possess HOETTL's carbon copy, dated 27 January 1953, HOETTL devotes only a short paragraph to the PONGER case.

"The deposition in the PONGER case to me seems quite secure and naturally it will not reach the tall man. The release of the third arrestee makes our version of the case still more likely."

10. Letter from HOETTL to Elizabeth FRANKE, 31 January 1953. Among the letters in HOETTL's possession which were impounded, two may refer to the PONGER case. It should be noted that FRANKE is the secretary of a former colleague and superior in the SD of HOETTL, Willi WANEK, who now lives in Munich and with whom HOETTL has at least casual contact. The tone of this correspondence indicates that FRANKE is a present or past mistress of HOETTL.

"The address of Kurt you presumably found in a Munich directory? It is certainly 'our good friend' who was previously in Munich for some time and the other Kurt simply lets you hear nothing from him? Have you written to him that I should myself like him to write as a favor? Perhaps it might still work."

The other letter from Elizabeth FRANKE is dated 2 October 1952, and therefore was apparently written before HOETTL made his trip to Germany with PONGER and his friends. It has one short paragraph which may refer to the PONGER case.

"Curt P. I have just asked about LIEBHART. So far as can be remembered I already once before interviewed him with negative results. As you know, we once debated this question before the first of the year, possibly already two years ago, and I remember that at one time after that I conversed with Curt P. The exact time was some time distant in the past. In any case, I'm following up this matter."

11. HOETTL's report to Rolf E. RINGER of CIC. According to Report S-16996 CIC Salzburg dated 3 March 1953, Special Agent Rolf E. RINGER "interviewed subject in the German language in Bad Aussee, Land Styria, Austria." RINGER continues as if the report were based solely on an oral interview. Evidently during this interview, however, RINGER asked HOETTL to prepare a written report on his connections with PONGER and VERBER, for among the documents impounded in HOETTL's home was a receipt dated Bad Aussee, 21 February 1953, signed Rolf E. RINGER, which reads as follows:

"A written report of 12 pages length concerning his acquaintance with Curt PONGER, Otto VERBER, and Walter LAUBER, received this date from Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, Alt Aussee and certified herewith with signature, Rolf E. RINGER."

Also among the documents impounded in the house search is a carbon copy of a 12 page report which HOETTL states is the one he gave to RINGER on 21 February. RINGER's report S-16996 is essentially based on the report handed him by HOETTL and HOETTL's report will consequently not be reproduced here. The report parallels closely that given to Rupert MANDL.

12. Comments. From the correspondence detailed above, it would appear that HOETTL was unwitting in his association with Curt PONGER and the [] complex. It should be noted, however, that the fact that all of this correspondence was so easily accessible in HOETTL's house leads one to suspect that HOETTL intended us to capture it and from this suspicion it is a short step to the suspicion that all or some of the correspondence may have been fabricated for the purpose of giving us documentary evidence which appears to clear HOETTL of suspicion and that other more incriminating correspondence has been destroyed or hidden elsewhere. The fact that also confiscated at the same time were numerous records of HOETTL's clandestine activity which, as he points out himself, establishes his clear anti-Soviet record in espionage, albeit detracting to a degree from his reputation as a master in the trade, is consistent with the theory that the material was deliberately left in his house. It is interesting that none of the CIC reports from 1947 and 1948 were to be found among HOETTL's material, although we very strongly suspect that carbon copies of these reports exist, and in some cases, through an agent of HOETTL's named Raimund STRANGL, we have at times in the past seen carbon copies of reports which he had in previous years given to CIC Linz. The absence of the material from 1947 and 1948 suggests that HOETTL possesses another cache of material, the whereabouts of which we do not know. It is also possible that other material, including compromising evidence, may have been destroyed in the interval between the public announcement of the arrest of VERBER and PONGER and our approach to HOETTL on 19 February. It is hoped that further interrogation of HOETTL will throw some light on the validity of the documents discussed in this memorandum, although as this report is being dictated the interrogators do not have high hopes of getting more out of HOETTL than has already been gotten.

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3. USFA REQUEST [] AND [] EXPEDITE RETURN OF PAPERS "BORROWED" FROM HOETTL MATERIAL. ALSO REQUEST [] RETURN HOETTL'S HOMEWORK AND ATTACHED LETTER TO BARON MAST.

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1. Forwarded herewith are copies of a preliminary report on the interrogation of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL which was conducted in Salzburg between 25 and 29 March 1953. The interrogation was begun by [] using the name [] (see traces) who was assisted on the evening of 26 March by Mr. [] of [] who used the name [] (see traces). [] and [] interrogated on 28/29 March and throughout the interrogation lurked in the wings providing invaluable advice and bringing order into the chaos of documentary material that had been impounded at the time of HOETTL's arrest.

2. Copies of the attachment are being passed to [] and for this reason no special stress has been laid in the report on Zipper personalities or on persons closely associated with []

3. At this writing [] is inclined to offer odds of ten to nine, or perhaps twenty to nineteen, that HOETTL is not under Soviet control and was unaware that PONGER and VERBER were Soviet agents. His function in the affair may have been to act as unwitting red herring, so that if PONGER's travel in Western Austria and Germany should come to the attention of an anti-Soviet service, attention would be diverted into the channels of everybody's normal curiosity about HOETTL's activity. It is also conceivable that PONGER, who made a persistent attempt to build HOETTL into Zipper, was merely setting up an approach which was to be made at some later date, possibly by somebody else, after HOETTL had begun to function as a Zipperite. None of the interrogators believes that HOETTL revealed as little information about Zipper and other anti-Soviet activities as he claims, but at present writing we have been unable to get concrete evidence of disclosures beyond those admitted by HOETTL and reported by Wilhelm KRICHBAUM.

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Interrogation of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL: Preliminary Report

1. Purpose of Interrogation. The interrogation of Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL which occurred between 25 and 29 March 1953 had four purposes listed in order of priority as follows:

- a. To determine whether HOETTL is an active Soviet agent.
- b. To determine the extent of HOETTL's involvement, witting or unwitting, in the [] complex.
- c. To determine the extent of compromise, witting or unwitting, of U. S. and other anti-Soviet intelligence operations to hostile intelligence services.
- d. To develop information on HOETTL's present and past activities and connections.

2. Circumstances.

a. Arrest. HOETTL was met in Bad Ischl by Special Agent Rolf E. RINGER about noon on 25 March 1953 and was requested in a friendly manner to accompany RINGER to Salzburg to meet someone who wished to talk to him further. HOETTL willingly agreed to this proposal and was brought to an interrogation room on Hellbrunnerstrasse 5. [

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b. Search. [

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Also impounded were one pistol, four blank Austrian identity cards, a sum of approximately 1,265 pounds in British bank notes (issues 1935 through 1937) and a false passport issued ostensibly in Liechtenstein during the war, which bore HOETTL's picture and a false name.]

c. Interrogation. Sessions of interrogation were conducted as follows:

(1) 25 March 1953, 1400 through 1830

(2) 26 March 1953, 1000 through 1800, 1930 through 2300 (Note: This night session covered particularly HOETTL's association with PONGER and VERBER and was based on a brief prepared in G-2 operations from correspondence between PONGER and HOETTL which had been given to RINGER on a previous occasion.)

(3) 27 March 1953, no interrogation was conducted on this date.

(4) 28-29 March 1953, 1400 to 0500. This interrogation was conducted with the polygraph machine.

All interrogation after 25 March 1953 was recorded on tape. This tape is now being copied on to other tapes so that interested agencies will have a copy. A transcription is being made in Salzburg.

d. Research of Impounded Material. A team of document analysts from MIS was assigned to screen through the material impounded at HOETTL's home and office and to mark for holding that which was of interest to us. Simultaneously research was conducted on the impounded material to support the interrogation while it was going on. It was estimated that the impounded material amounted to 20,000 pages. On 28 March 1953 photographing of this material was begun.

e. Confinement.

(1) HOETTL was confined between sessions of interrogation in comfortable quarters near Salzburg. He was furnished a typewriter and paper and was asked to prepare written reports in answer to certain questions given him.

(2) From 29 March 1953 HOETTL was placed in solitary confinement in a less comfortable cell near Salzburg. He was given a typewriter and paper with instructions that he should write down anything which he thought might help him or us in a satisfactory disposal of his case. The confining authority was instructed that should he request an interview with any of his interrogators he was to record on paper anything that he wished to say and that this would be given consideration by the authorities.

3. Summary of Conclusions. The interrogator considers that, although a considerable amount of information was recorded during the process of interrogation, the interrogation nevertheless failed in its main aims. Conclusions, which will be the subject of future detailed reports, can be summarized as follows:

a. It was not possible for the interrogators to determine whether HOETTL is a witting Soviet agent. HOETTL claims that he is not a Soviet agent and points vehemently to what he affects to consider a consistent record of anti-Soviet and anti-Communist activity.

b. It was not possible to determine whether HOETTL was a witting member of the [] complex or whether he was aware that Kurt PONGER was under control of Soviet intelligence. He stated that he believed from the first PONGER's statement to him that PONGER had been a Captain in the OSS before becoming an interrogator at Nurnberg. He further stated that at no time in his association with PONGER, which began in Nurnberg

and continued infrequently through October 1952, did PONGER indicate leftist inclinations or display curiosity about HOETTL's clandestine activities. HOETTL claims that he first thought PONGER to be a Vienna representative of Amt Gehlen and that later he concluded from PONGER's conversations and interests that he had some loose connection with the Israeli Intelligence Service. He states, however, that he never considered at any time that PONGER was an active member of any intelligence service. According to HOETTL, PONGER appeared to be the least intelligent member of the group whom HOETTL met. Concerning LAUBER, HOETTL says that this man was reticent and quiet and seemed to have no particular interests in common with the others except photography. Concerning Vera PONGER, whom HOETTL met on one occasion for a period of 1½ hours, according to his own statement, he says that he formed the impression that she dominated her husband. He adds that upon learning through the newspapers that PONGER and VERBER were alleged to be Soviet agents he assumed that VERBER was the leader of the team but that Vera PONGER played an important and possibly dominant role. When faced in the interrogation with the two alternatives: that he was a witting member of the Soviet-controlled [] complex or that he was a complete dupe, HOETTL refused to accept either alternative. Being a proud man, he argued at length against the accusation that he must have been a fool to be taken in by PONGER and at the same time maintained that he never in any way tumbled to the true affiliations of the VERBER-PONGER family although he was aware that the PONGERS resided in a Soviet sector of Vienna.

c. HOETTL stated that the only persons engaged in intelligence whom he discussed with PONGER or PONGER's associates were as follows:

(1) Wilhelm KRICHBAUM. HOETTL stated that KRICHBAUM was a mutual acquaintance of PONGER and himself at Nurnberg where KRICHBAUM in his capacity as former chief of the Secret Field Police was a witness. In the meetings with KRICHBAUM, which have been reported elsewhere, HOETTL claims that PONGER took the initiative in discussing Amt Gehlen. HOETTL further claims that PONGER knew of KRICHBAUM's association with Amt Gehlen from some source unknown to HOETTL. HOETTL stated that he knew that PONGER met KRICHBAUM on occasion when HOETTL was not present but stated that he did not know what was discussed at these meetings. He added that he did not believe that KRICHBAUM is a Soviet agent but made his statement in such a tone as to indicate that a good deal of suspicion does attach to KRICHBAUM. (This off-hand or indirect type of slander was characteristic of all HOETTL's remarks concerning previous colleagues except his remarks about Anton BOEHM.)

(2) Josef Adolf URBAN. HOETTL stated that PONGER on several occasions mentioned URBAN's name to HOETTL and indicated that he was aware that URBAN is engaged in intelligence activity for some Western power or powers. It should be noted that at the present time HOETTL and URBAN appear to be enemies and that it would be natural for HOETTL to attempt to discredit URBAN by stating that PONGER had mentioned his name and thereby implying that URBAN is an agent of PONGER.

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(3) OFCZAREK, HOETTL recounted the meeting with OFCZAREK which occurred at the Wälsberg Customs Station on the Austro-German border in essentially the same terms as this meeting was reported elsewhere by KRICHBAUM. According to HOETTL, after OFCZAREK's car had departed, he and KRICHBAUM mentioned the name SCHAEFER and PONGER who had just come out of the customs office said, "Oh, you mean OFCZAREK," and then made some remark about OFCZAREK's being engaged in espionage activity because he was passed quickly through customs by the guards.

(4) Hildegard BEETZ. HOETTL stated that in a restaurant in Dusseldorf during the October trip through Germany he encountered Hildegard BEETZ who was having lunch with a party of eight or ten at a large table in the restaurant. PONGER was not present. HOETTL approached BEETZ and spoke with her for several minutes. During this time, BEETZ stated that she had recently married and that she did not wish to resume any of her previous intelligence associations. When asked about the present whereabouts of one Captain FLEX, whom HOETTL had known as an American interrogating officer, BEETZ stated that she believed FLEX to be in Berlin. HOETTL admitted that he subsequently mentioned BEETZ's name to PONGER and that PONGER appeared to know something about her.

A large number of names (50-75) were mentioned during the interrogation by HOETTL or by the interrogators. In each case that a name was mentioned the interrogator asked whether the name had been discussed with PONGER. In each case, HOETTL said either that it had not been discussed or that if it had, he did not remember. None of the names which he admitted might have been discussed were connected with the [] case insofar as the interrogator knows. In any event on such names as BOEHM, Karl HAAS, specific members of the Gehlen group and specific members of the group of Amt Blank, HOETTL stated that no mention was ever made and no curiosity ever displayed by PONGER. HOETTL admitted that he may have discussed such names as KERNMAYR, a personal enemy, and that General Erwin LAHOUSEN may have come up because LAHOUSEN was known to be a source of material for HOETTL's books. In summary, HOETTL claimed that he did not blow to Soviet intelligence anybody who is engaged in sensitive activity against the Soviets who was not already known to PONGER. Concerning Amt Gehlen, HOETTL stated that he always had the impression that PONGER knew more than he himself did and he added that both Gehlen and HEINZ were discussed only as organizations and never as personalities. He admitted that PONGER urged him repeatedly to become a member of Amt Gehlen, saying that undoubtedly Amt Gehlen was the future German Intelligence Service and giving as his arguments the fact that the Americans had spent millions of dollars building up Amt Gehlen and would never permit another group to become important in German Intelligence. When asked whether he knew that PONGER had attempted to make a connection between HOETTL and American intelligence in the spring of 1950, HOETTL affected complete surprise and stated that he had no idea that this had happened and no idea why PONGER should have made such an attempt.

Finally, it is possible that HOETTL is sincere _____ expects Mr. Allan Welsh Dulles to take personal _____ and that he is under the impression that his _____ hostile to Mr. Dulles. This fourth theory would _____ to interrogation, but the theory cannot be acc _____ HOETTL is naive about the present organization. _____ Such naivete is unlikely. In any event, the _____ in the next interrogation.

4. Future Plans.

a. Further Interrogation. HOETTL is at _____ ment, where it is planned that he will remain _____ will be reinterrogated. The decision to relea _____ until his reaction to solitary confinement can _____

b. Reports. It is planned to follow this _____ series of more detailed reports.

(1) HOETTL's reactions to the arrest _____ immediate reactions when he learned throu _____ VERBER and PONGER are recorded in part in _____ and his chief assistant, Baron Heinrich von _____ report to Rupert MANDL and his report to _____ report will be prepared covering this mat _____

(2) Personalities. The large number _____ been mentioned during the course of the _____ a separate report with HOETTL's comments _____ This report will be of some value in the _____ be of considerable value in the continuin _____ of HOETTL's activities.

(3) Assessment of HOETTL. A report _____ HOETTL as a personality will be prepared. _____ impressions formed by the interrogators, _____ HOETTL's intelligence activity and capabi _____ documents impounded.

(4) HOETTL's Correspondence with P _____ correspondence between the Central Europe _____ prepared which will include the correspon _____ HOETTL's responses to the intensive inter _____ ducted during the evening hours of 26 Mar _____

(5) Impounded Material. The materi _____ of HOETTL's house and office is being ph _____ photographs will be made available for in _____ files. In the course of time, research _____ both in Austria and in Washington, and it _____ reports will issue from this research.

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c. Press Action. Press releases have been prepared in the event that public curiosity concerning HOETTL's arrest brings pressure to bear on American authorities in Austria. If the Department of Justice concurs, it is our present desire to issue at some time in the future a press release which will implicate HOETTL directly with Kurt PONGER. The purpose of this press release is to insure that HOETTL is discredited once and for all with German Intelligence Services, and thereby to prevent his continued harassment of the United States by the processing through various channels of fabricated intelligence.

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1. PONGER PLEADED GUILTY 14 APRIL A. M. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, GANNETT INTERVIEWED FOR TWO HOURS IN DISTRICT COURT CELL IN PRESENCE OF PROSECUTING AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. RESULTS FOLLOW.

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2. RE HOETTL AND KRICHBAUM: PONGER CULTIVATED THEM ON BEHALF OF RIS FOR FUTURE RECRUITMENT AS PENETRATION AGENTS AGAINST ZIPPER. EMPHASIZES BOTH WERE UNWITTING. STATES HOETTL'S CREDIT WITH RUSSIANS LOW, BUT IN VIEW HIS CONNECTIONS BELIEVED HE WOULD RISE IN NEW GIS.

3. IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING AS HIS CASE OFFICERS. ALL NAMES ARE PSEUDOS. CLAIMS DOES NOT KNOW TRUE NAMES OR ANY ADDRESSES. MOST MEETINGS HELD AT OP APARTMENT, BEARNSPLATZ 2 or 3, THIRD FLOOR LEFT.

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

(2)(A) Privacy

(2)(B) Methods/Sources

(2)(G) Foreign Relations

A. SCHNEK, LADENBAUS; AGE 42-50, 5'6", FULLNECKED, 190 LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR GRAYING AT TEMPLES, WELL-DRESSED, SPORTY CLOTHES, JEWISH BUT NO PROMOUNCED JEWISH FEATURES. WEARS GLASSES FOR READING. FLUENT RUSSIAN. SPEAKS LENT GERMEN WITH SLAVIC ACCENT.

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B. SPILLER, IN RE; AGE 30, 5'6", VERY LIGHT BLONDE HAIR, BLUE EYES, GERMANIC TYPE, BUXOM, WELL-DRESSED. FLUENT RUSSIAN, FLUENT GERMAN AS THOUGH NATIVE OF NORTH GERMANY. NO TRACE OF SLAVIC ACCENT. STATED TO PONGER SHE RUSSIAN CITIZEN. IMPLIED SHE WAS OFFICIAL PERMANENT EMPLOYEE OF SOVIET ELEMENT ACA. LAST SEEN BY PONGER EARLY DECEMBER 1952.

C. "IVANOV", AGE 40 - 50, 175 LBS, 6', LONG FACE, MENJOU MUSTACHE, STRAIGHT BROWN HAIR, SLIM BUILD, BRITISH LOOKING, USES PERFUME. DARK CONVENTIONAL CLOTHES. GOOD GERMAN WITH RUSSIAN ACCENT. HE AND PONGER DISLIKED EACH OTHER INTENSELY, RESULTING IN SCHIMEK'S RE-INSERTION AS CASE OFFICER AFTER HE HAD ONCE BEEN RELIEVED.

D. "CHARLIE", AGE OVER 50, 5'10", 170 LBS, WHITE HAIR, DEEPLY LINED FACE, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARS GLASSES, SLOPPY DRESSER, SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH WITH HEAVY RUSSIAN ACCENT, VIRTUALLY NO GERMAN. SPILLER ACTED AT TIMES AS HIS INTERPRETER.

4. RE EXHIBIT TWO MEMO FOR [] PONGER IDENTIFIES OTHER PRISON IN THIS PICTURE AS DR. WILHELM GRUENDORFER, VIEN 2, BOECKLIN STR, "COMMUNIST"

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AGENT CONNECTED WITH GERHARDT EISLER.

5. RE EXHIBIT THREE MEMO FOR [] PONGER CLAIMS UNABLE IDENTIFY WOMAN IN PICTURE WITH HIM.

6. RE EXHIBIT SIX MEMO FOR [] PONGER CLAIMS UNABLE RECOGNIZE.

WEINBAUM and Co. (MUSE WEINBAUM)

7. RE MARIA THERESIA STR 16 OR SCHOTTERING 15: PONGER STATES NO ONE WITH ANY RIS INTERESTS LIVING THERE, UNABLE GIVE US SIGNIFICANCE THIS ADDRESS.

8. RE JOE DA SILVA: PONGER STATES HAD ASSIGNMENT OBSERVE DA SILVA IN VIEW STORY CIRCULATED BY POLISH EMBASSY THAT DA SILVA NOT TRUSTWORTHY. RASIS SUSPICIONS IS ROW OVER TELEPRESS AGENCY FOR WHICH HE AND WIFE HAD WORKED IN WARSAW. PONGER STATES HE CONTINUED TO ASSESS HIM AS POTENTIAL RIS RECRUIT BUT DID NOT RECRUIT HIM.

9. FURTHERMORE PONGER STATES BRICHACEK, KREILISHEIK, PETAR BRODI, EVA PONGER, ELLY WEINBERG, HAVE NO RIS CONNECTION ALTHOUGH ACTIVE CP MEMBERS. BELIEVES HEINZ KOLLITSCHER IS COMINFORM AGENT.

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10. PONGER STATES RECEIVED AVERAGE 2-3,000 SHILLINGS MONTH. HIS ATTITUDE EVASIVE. DETAILED INTERROGATION OF SEVERAL WEEKS PRIOR TO SENTENCING REQUIRED TO OBTAIN HIS KNOWLEDGE. DISCUSSING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH ODENVY WHO SO FAR RELUCTANT TO GIVE US, OR PRESUMABLY ODIBEX, NECESSARY ACCESS.

11. PARAS 2 AND 3, DIR () STILL VALID.

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to you if you will understand my predicament and lend me your help as requested
Mr. HEISS will come to Bavaria again in two weeks. He requests you to forward the
result of your, as hoped for, successful investigations to his wife there, whose
address is: Mrs. Luise HEISS, Bergen 1, 94 Gries, near Traunstein, Upper Bavaria.
Many thanks in advance for your efforts and best regards from Mr. HEISS

yours
Theodor WUEHRER.

ORIGINAL TEXT:

Von verschiedenen Seiten wurde mir berichtet, Radio Stuttgart haette am 13. oder 19.
d.M. um 20 Uhr in einer "Bunten Stunde" u.a. in einer mehr oder weniger witzigen
Weise von einer oesterreichischen Untergrundbewegung gesprochen, an deren Spitze
ein Dr. HOETTL und ein gewisser WUEHRER stehen sollen. Moeglicherweise hat es auch ge-
heissen, HOETTL und WUEHRER seien als Fuehrer einer neonazistischen Untergrund-
bewegung aufgekluegt. Die Bemerkung soll mit den Worten geschlossen haben: "da kann
man nur sagen: Heil HOETTL, Heil WUEHRER."

Da mein Name im Zusammenhang mit der in die Weltpresse eingegangenen "Gesprechung
von Oberweis" und spaeter im Wahlkampf in der sozialistischen und kommunistischen
Propaganda eine gewisse Rolle gespielt hat und die KPOe keinen Tag vergehen laesst,
um m.E. freie Erfindungen ueber eine neonazistische Gefahr in Oesterreich in die
Welt zu setzen, kann es mich nicht gleichgueltig lassen, wenn in diesem Zusammenhang
mein Name selbst von deutschen Sendern genannt wird. Dies waere weniger, als die
oesterreichischen Behoerden seit geraeumer Zeit die Frage unterzuehen, ob an den in
Wahlkampf ausgestreuten Geruecht ueber die Existenz einer auf deutschen und oester-
reichischen Boden wirksamen neonazistischen Wehleinorganisation namens "Spinne"
nicht doch ein Funke Wahrheit sei. Ich besitze wenig Talent zu einem Selbstnoetier
und haette natuerlich keine Untersuchung zu schauen, aber Sie werden verstehen, dass
ich endlich die Quelle kennen lernen moechte, aus der dieser Diffamierungsfeldzug
gespeist wird.

Ein alter bekannter, Friedrich HEISS, mit dem ich den Sachverhalt durchbesprochen
habe, gab mir nun den Rat, mich an Sie, sehr verhaelter Herr Doktor, mit der Bitte zu
wenden, mir Ihre Hilfe zu leihen. Herr HEISS, der grosses Interesse an der Klarstellung
dieses Falles hat, laesst Sie ebenfalls bitten, sich der Angelegenheit anzunehmen.
Mir gaenge es um die Feststellung, welchen Wortlaut die meine Person betreffenden
Bemerkungen hatten und um eine Erklaerung darueber, auf Grund welcher Anregungen die
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Gespenst des Neonazismus in Verbindung gebracht haben.

Ich bin mir darueber klar, dass ich Ihnen mit meiner Bitte sehr viel zunute. Eine Klaa-
rung der zweiten Frage koennte aber moeglicherweise auf die Spuren jener Hintermaen-
ner fuehren, die, ohne Rücksichtnahme auf die ausserpolitischen Wirkungen dieser
Brannwerfungen, ein persoenliches oder vielleicht sogar politisches Geschlecht
besorgen, das weder in oesterreichischen, noch in deutschen Interessen gelegen sein
kann. Diese Erwaegung ist es, die mich zu diesem Schreiben veranlaesst, und ich waere
Ihnen sehr verbunden, wenn Sie mir Verstaendnis entgegenbringen und die erbetene Hil-
fe zuteil werden lassen koennten.

Herr HEISS wird sich in etwa 14 Tagen wieder in Bayern aufhalten. Er laesst Sie
bitten, das Ergebnis Ihrer hoffentlich erfolgreichen Ermittlungen moeglichst bis zu
diesem Zeitpunkt seiner Frau Gemahlin zu berichten. Ihre Anschrift lautet: Frau Luise
HEISS, Bergen 1/Gries 94, bei Traunstein, Oberbayern.

Mit dem besten Dank fuer Ihre Bemuehungen im Voraus und herzlichen
Gruessen von Herrn HEISS bin ich

Ihr sehr ergebener Theodor WUEHRER.

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