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SPECIFIC — GROSSBAHN - CC 2

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1. The attached papers (Memoranda for the Record, 28, 30, and 30 January and GROSSBAHN Memorandum G-176) will, we hope, serve to allay fears of a major operational security situation in the Dr. Willi HOETTL - CC 2 relationship. Although final decision will be reserved pending the transcription in Vienna of the technically unsatisfactory interrogation recordings and a possible CARRIAGE testing of CC 2 in March, we feel safe in opining that no serious security damage was done GROSSBAHN by the HOETTL relationship. We also concur in conclusion on the basis of available evidence that CC 2 was not a viper at GROSSBAHN's breast, but, rather, an exceptionally naive person who, through Providence alone, avoided doing our interests serious harm. Although we do not as yet have the benefit of the transcribed interrogation and a final CARRIAGE test, we have discussed the interrogations exhaustively -- during their progress and following their completion -- with both and GROSSBAHN.

2. In view of what we are at the present inclined to view as slight damage done us by the HOETTL affair, we regard the lesson GROSSBAHN -- and we -- have learned from it as outweighing any harm done. This incident appears to have blown a draft of uncomfortably cold air though the last chink of GROSSBAHN's "I-know-my-people-thoroughly-and-am-an-infallible-master-of-psychology-in-these-matters" armor. GROSSBAHN, quite humanly, we believe, would have been less embarrassed had CC 2 turned out to be a cold-blooded penetration agent of HOETTL's than he was to discover that CC 2 was a reasonably honorable little guy who didn't tell GROSSBAHN much that he should have known simply because GROSSBAHN was aloof, chilly, and manifested no professional counter-intelligence interest. GROSSBAHN's awakening was so sudden and so complete finally that he apologized verbally to for his apology in the final paragraph of G-176 because it resembled Bolshevik self criticism. The salutary result of it all, GROSSBAHN has certified, will be more time spent by him in learning personally what makes his people tick, more emphasis on professional controls and less on Prussian discipline and the typical business executive's treatment, and a continuing written debriefing on all contacts.

3. Salzburg is deeply indebted to who, on a moment's notice,

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did as patient, sympathetic, and professional a job as we've seen for a long time. By his exceptionally competent briefing of himself, his establishment of immediate rapport with GROSSBAHN, and his astutely competent handling of the CC 2 interrogation, he appears to have transferred a sticky situation to the profit side of the ledger. We have learned something further about GROSSBAHN, GROSSBAHN has learned a great deal about control techniques, interrogation, and practical psychology, and CC 2 is apparently leaving Austria for a fairly important job in Germany with the feeling that if he ever had two friends they are GROSSBAHN and the United States Government.

Attachments.

3 Memoranda for the Record
C-176

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