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EASA-819  
6 February 1953

Chief, [unclear]  
Attention: [unclear]  
Chief of Base, Walzburg

Operational/Int. VY

SH-III - III-1

Ref: Ltr 25841 [unclear] [unclear]

1. [unclear] requested in reference, attached hereto is [unclear], part II on III-1.

2. The intelligence operation referred to in paragraphs 2a and 3 was CIC, Upper Austria's project MONTGOMERY which was headed by Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl and which collapsed sometime prior to their break with Hoettl in the late summer of 1949. The Lambach phase of the operation was an agent training school in radio for operations into Hungary. As far as known, no agents were ever trained at Lambach nor were any agents ever dispatched to Hungary; this is in keeping with the usual Hoettl tradition. Old records available on the CIC operations do not reflect III-1's role, but it is assumed he is probably correct in stating that he was used merely as an interreferee.

3. It is known that there did exist at one time a fairly close relationship between III-1 and Hoettl. This was particularly true at the time when Hoettl's de-nazification trial appeared imminent, sometime in 1948. It is felt the contact, which GAOSSBANN reports in the meantime has ceased, was to some extent a case of misery loving company, as III-1's case was coming up at the same time, plus probably a vain hope on Hoettl's part that III-1 might be able to help him in some way should the trial give indications of turning out unfavorably. Nevertheless, we have discussed III-1's former relationship with Hoettl very carefully with GAOSSBANN and have warned him to keep alive to the situation.

4. With [unclear] demise in the GAOSSBANN operation merely a matter of time, we were faced with the problem of establishing a new contact with III-1 as [unclear] had been maintaining the line to III-1 alone. It was learned that [unclear] had never actually been in contact with III-1 but had written to the latter using the pseudonym "Pat", ostensibly [unclear] boss. It was finally decided the best course would be for [unclear]

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U.S. 8346 to take over the contact with H-1 personally, without revealing that he was either "A" or the chief of the operation. This was accomplished on 19 December 1952, when [ ] introduced U.S. 8346 to H-1 under his correct identity.

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